



## Joe Frank Stone

December 24, 1956 - October 3, 2021

Joe Frank Stone was born on 12/24/1956 in San Antonio, TX, the youngest child of Celia Miller and David Stone. He passed away on 10/03/2021, in Austin, TX. He was preceded in death by his father David A. Stone; step-father Larned Runnels; brothers Chip Runnels and George R. Stone.

Joe grew up in San Antonio and attended Harlandale Schools, before moving to Abilene, TX, where he graduated from High School. He was a member of Boy Scouts of America and Harlandale Methodist Church. Joe resided and worked in Austin, TX but traveled extensively every chance he got.

Joe loved life and nature and was an avid outdoorsman. In his spare time he enjoyed hiking, boating, camping and had a soft spot for all animals. Joe never met a stranger and was always the first to lend a helping hand. He had many special friends and will be missed by all.

He is survived by his mother, Celia M. Runnels, brothers David Stone, Jr. (Bonnie), Roy N. Stone (Cathy), Michael Runnels (Heidi) and sisters, Amy K. Stone, Alice Jeanette Stone and Gwyneth Stone Lane (Rick), as well as many nieces and nephews, and a large extended Stone, Miller and Runnels family.

Visitation will be Friday, October 15, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service to begin at 12:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels

South. Interment to follow at San Jose Burial Park.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in his name to the Sierra Club, the National Wildlife Federation or your local no-kill animal shelter.

# Cemetery Details

## San Jose Burial Park

8235 Mission RD  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 923-0272  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **15**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Joe Frank Stone.*



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October 11, 2021 at 12:10 PM



“ *Joe was a great guy. He will surely be missed by everyone that he knew. May the Lord comfort his family & friends & give them peace.*  
*Debbie Mathis*

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**Debbie Mathis** - October 10, 2021 at 11:44 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. We were childhood friends, we lived in the same neighborhood, and several of us from walked home from school together. I attended Harlandale schools with Joe, beginning at Wright (Huff) Elementary and all the way to Harlandale High School. We both worshipped at Harlandale Methodist Church, attending the same sunday classes. It seems like just yesterday, I had spoken with him on the phone in regards to our very first elementary school class reunion. He could not attend, yet we had a good time reminiscing over our childhood antics. RIP.*

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**melanie wright syma** - October 10, 2021 at 07:35 PM



“ Joe was a very kind man. I grew up seeing him once a year at our family reunions where he'd always offer up to make BBQ once we left the original destination. He was funny, caring, and a darn good skip bo player. Joe and I played against my sister and brother in law, it was funny because Joe didn't realize we were winning drastically only because he carried the team. I love you always Joe, thanks for being apart of my family.

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**Kesha Broadway** - October 10, 2021 at 09:17 AM

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“ Oh Joe! I can't believe you have left us! Strong & healthy you were! I'm taking care of your babies: Missy Moo, Spanky, Flaco & Andy - they all miss you horribly! I try to stay upbeat for them... You rescued every last one of your pets! Of your 3 dogs, Katy was a Katrina rescue - wish I remembered Sadie & Cassie's stories... I pray that you have reunited with all the pets who have gone before you, at The Rainbow Bridge.

You had a heart of pure gold! An active member and volunteer of your Church in Austin, also the Sierra Club. Volunteered with the Balcones Canyonlands Preservation Society. Your contributions to SO many causes has inspired me to give as well...

You loved to travel, and would have loved to go with you, but I took care of your furbabies instead! Favorite places were Ft. Davis area camping, and recently visited the McDonald Observatory. You JUST got back from a trip to your beloved Colorado! I'm glad you got to witness it's beauty one last time! You also loved trips to Ft.

Lauderdale, Florida. You told me of your younger days, when your work took you around the world!

You helped me SO much Joe! When straight line winds snapped a huge limb off an elm tree out front, and it was threatening to fall on my house, you figured out how to bring it down safely and then you did! When I fell and broke my hip, then spent 3 hours butt walking my way to the phone - I texted you. You were on your way to work, but turned right around to help me! You helped take in my 14 foot tall Schefflera tree, before it could freeze - so many times! You even cut my grass for me when I couldn't get my mower going! You took care of my furbabies too, and dug graves for those I've lost, and cried with me. They all loved you so much! During hospital stays and when I would travel - you were there for them!

We got together usually once a week. I'd cook up a big meal and we'd chow down and shoot the breeze! We shared a love of very hot and spicy food! Joe loved his family! When he went to his family reunions, he would spend days BBQing brisket, sausage and ribs to take, but always saved a plate for me. Many times he brought me plates from family dinners including Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas - his doing this meant so much to me!

*Joe was a workaholic and dreamed of retiring... I'm sorry you never had the chance to retire Joe!*

*Joe LOVED his mama more than anything! Every week he would make the drive from Elgin to San Antonio to visit, help her, and love on her! I love Celia too and wish her peace with cherished memories of her beloved son Joe. HUGS!*

*You were my bestest friend out here Joe! I will miss you SO much!! Your winning smile, your care and compassion, your love of nature and animals - I could go on and on!*

*All my love and sympathy to his family and friends! I share in your sorrow...*

*RIP my dear friend Joe!*

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**Jake Jacobson** - October 09, 2021 at 07:55 PM

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**Jake Jacobson** - October 09, 2021 at 07:53 PM