



## Richard John Stone

Richard John Stone, 73, passed away unexpectedly on August 19, 2017. Suspected food poisoning turned out to be a rare parasite which led to two emergency surgeries, a stroke, and cardiac arrest. His sudden death in an otherwise healthy and energetic body (we called him the Energizer bunny) is a shock to all who knew him.

Rick was born September 8, 1943 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to William Alden Richard Stone and Lorraine Helen Jordan. He served in the Air Force from 1962-1966 as an electronics specialist in the Japanese Islands. This is where his love of scuba diving began and he considered himself the "real" Jacques Cousteau. He was introduced to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in 1969 and joined with a strong testimony that only grew stronger on this earth. He met his wife of 46 years in 1969 and they were married December 18, 1971. She was his favorite convert. □

Rick excelled at all things electronics and worked in the oil/electronics industry for 45 years. His grandkids used to say "grandpa can fix anything!" Among his many interests was traveling the globe (probably where he got that nasty parasite). His love of travel came from his love of all people around the world. He traveled to visit people, not places. Every place he went, he made a new best friend and he spread the Gospel of Christ. He was known for being able to bring up the topic of religion in any conversation. His various hobbies included being a professional clown (I bet you never knew that one), photography, scouting, bee-keeping, plumeria growing, learning foreign languages, Christmas light extravaganzas, scuba diving, family history and temple work, and missionary work. His later years were spent traveling with his wife and living for his grandkids whom he adored and supported in countless ways.

He personified Christ by always going out of his way to reach out to anyone who might need a smile or a friend. He is remembered as an active, witty, friendly, helpful, hard-working giant of a man who left an indescribable thumbprint (although he had none) on this world.

Rick is survived by his loving wife, Nannette Heinz Stone; his son, Ammaron John Stone (Tatum Hope Stone); his daughter, Sariah Mariza Stone Fuller (Steven Fuller); his brother, Bruce Stone; his sister-in-law, Audrey Stone; his brother-in-law, Ed Heinz; and 11 beloved grandchildren: Christina Nelson, Ammon Stone, Taylynn Stone, Helaman Stone, Moroni

Stone, Gideon Fuller, Garrett Fuller, Alaina Fuller, Liberty Fuller, Kallia Fuller, and Charity Fuller. He is preceded in death by his father, William Alden Richard Stone; mother, Lorraine Helen Jordan; and grandson, Amulek Stone.