



## Richard Gene Stone

June 1, 1959 - October 30, 2012

AUBURN — Rick Stone passed away Tuesday, Oct. 30. His passing was peaceful and he was surrounded by loving family and friends.

Rick was born June 1, 1959, and grew up in Tioga, Pa. He graduated high school in 1977 and first served his country by joining the Navy, where he served from 1978 until 1985. He rose to the rank of Petty Officer 2nd Class and served in both Jacksonville, Fla., and Brunswick.

He married Patti Cook in 1979, and they had a son, Christopher Stone.

He went on to marry to Cindy Wheeler on May 24, 1986, and they had five children, Kyle (engaged to Angela Bourret), Nicholas, Isaac, Rebekah and Samuel Stone.

Also surviving are his parents, Paul and Mildred Stone of Tioga, Pa.; brothers, Roger (Lydia), Roy (Rose) and Randy (Maureen) Stone; numerous nieces, nephews and in-laws; and his longtime friends, Randy and Kelly Jelliff of Tioga, Pa.

Rick was a member of Eastgate Christian Fellowship and it was that faith that saw him through his journey. He often spoke of the priorities in his life — his faith, his family, and his career, in that order.

Rick joined the Maine Warden Service on Feb. 24, 1986. In advance, he volunteered for a time with Florida Fish and Game, just to make sure Maine knew he wanted the job.

During his 26-year career, Rick received numerous awards and honors, the highlight of which was being named Warden of the Year in 2001. He also served on the Warden Service Dive Team and was its most senior member.

He also served part-time as an associate at the L.L.Bean Hunt-Fish Store.

In his spare time, Rick continued his love for the outdoors. He loved giving his children opportunities to hunt and fish, and there was nothing he enjoyed more than spending time out on the water recreating with his family and friends.

The Chief of the Maine Warden Service, Joel Wilkinson, said, "The qualities that made Rick a good person made him a good game warden." He will be remembered for being both.

Special mention should also go out to Dr. David Caldwell, and his favorite nurse, Mary Ann, for the care they gave Rick throughout his illness.

Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at

[www.lynchbrothers.com](http://www.lynchbrothers.com). STONE — Richard Gene “Rick,” passed away Tuesday, Oct. 30. Calling hours will be 2 to 4 and 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4, at Pinette and Lynch Funeral Home, 305 Alfred Plourde Parkway, Lewiston. Services will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 5, at Pineland Farms. In lieu of flowers, the public is asked to send contributions for the Stone children to the Maine Warden Service Association, 358 Shaker Road, Gray, ME 04039.

# Comments

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“ We met Rick & Cindy only once as we looked for a new yellow Lab. There was an instant connection and joy at meeting the two of them and seeing the love they had for their family and their animals (their other family!) We are so sorry for the passing of such a wonderful man and our prayers are with the whole family. May you have peace and beautiful memories.

**Bill Whelan & Christina Lyons** - December 07, 2012 at 01:19 PM

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“ To the Stone Family - we are so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. There are no words to express our sorrow but hope the comfort in knowing what a great son, husband, father, co-worker and friend Rick was will help in the coming days. Keep him alive in your hearts and know that you'll be reunited with him one day soon. May God Bless.

**John & Cheryl Mortimer** - November 05, 2012 at 12:27 PM

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“ My sincere sympathies to the Stone family.

**Sara Otis** - November 04, 2012 at 10:29 PM

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“ i enjoyed working with rick during the deer season. he will be sadly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family in this time of loss.

**steve harris** - November 04, 2012 at 09:42 PM

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“ Cindy and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are saddened with your loss. We have fond memories of Rick, knowing he was a kind and caring man who loved his family. He expressed his love and kindness to others through friendship, work, and church. Although it has been many years, we still cherish the times we spent together. He will sorely be missed. May all of you find comfort and peace in this difficult time.

**Tom and Celine Gilbert** - November 04, 2012 at 05:07 AM

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“ Thank you for your service. You were an awesome game warden and so wonderful and helpful to us. You will be missed by so many. Your passing was too soon and our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May God bless you and take you into his arms. The Couillards, Greene, Maine

**Phil and Roxanne Couillard** - November 03, 2012 at 05:40 PM

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“ Dearest Cindy, Christopher, Kyle, Nick, Rebekah and Sam and family. I was saddened to hear of Rick's passing. He was a great man and will be missed by all. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you at this most difficult time and days ahead. Memories will sustain you all. He adored his family. Sincerely Dottie Metivier

**Dottie metivier** - November 03, 2012 at 12:52 PM

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“ My thoughts are with you during this time and I'm sorry to hear of your loss. Big hugs to Sam, I am thinking of you.

**Sheryl Scribner-Rocha** - November 02, 2012 at 09:48 PM

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“ Our Prayers go out to Cinday & Kids and all the Stone family ! Always remeber there is a Garnding Angel watching over your Family in Heaven !

**Dennis & Janice Bliss** - November 02, 2012 at 09:02 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. We will take good care of Sam at school.

**Bonnie Robbins** - November 02, 2012 at 08:23 PM

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“ Cindy & family and Rick's fellow Game Wardens No words of mine will supply the comfort and the strength which these days require. To say that I was fond of Rick would merely be the echo of any and all who ever knew him. He was a man whose courage we admired, whose wisdom we respected and whose friendship we treasured. I will remember him with regard and count myself fortunate for having known him. He was a wonderful man and very proud of his family and loved his work as a Game Warden. May the love of those around you, help you through the days ahead and I hope that the great sadness and sorrow you have will somehow be

softened by the pride you must also feel. Rest in Peace Rick

**Donna Hall** - November 02, 2012 at 12:55 PM

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“ Cindy and family. My heart is breaking for you all. Rick is one of 'my kids' Love you Rick. Bev.

**Bev. Jelliff** - November 02, 2012 at 12:03 PM

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“ I want to express my sincerest condolences to you all. My thoughts and prayers continue to be with you.

**Chuck Martin** - November 02, 2012 at 11:20 AM

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“ Please accept my condolences...Rick was a very decent human being and a friend in high school. I am heartened by his confession of being a Christian and his faith..and expect to see him again on the other side of the river...Rick is home with no more pain and sorrow and he waits with Jesus for his friends and family..God Bless his family with grace and peace.

**Allan Collum** - November 01, 2012 at 08:49 PM

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“ Dear Paul And Mildred and all of Rick's family, So very sorry to hear of Rick's passing. What a wonderful tribute in the newspaper article for such a wonderful person! May it help in some way to know that friends are sharing in the sorrow. R.I.P. Rick

**Julie Preston** - November 01, 2012 at 05:32 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you in the passing of Rick. Although I have not seem him since high school I am still saddened by his passing. He was a great person.

**Sherri Foster** - November 01, 2012 at 03:47 PM

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“ Cindy and family, We are so sorry that Rick lost the battle he was fighting. Our thoughts and prayers will be with all of his family during these difficult days. We know that Rick was a man who was loved by so many and he left behind a great legacy. With love and heartfelt sympathy, Grant & Vickie

**Grant & Vickie Tracy** - November 01, 2012 at 01:19 PM

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“ My heart goes out to Cindy and all of Rick's family, friends, and fellow Wardens. I was saddened to hear that he lost his courageous battle. May all the wonderful memories help everyone through this time of sorrow. I will always remember Rick as a very highly devoted gentleman.

**Janet Silva** - November 01, 2012 at 12:12 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with Ricks family and friends. I graduated with Rick, he was a great guy. I have alot of memories that I will cherish. I am so sorry for your loss. May God help you through the difficult days ahead.

**Debbie Clark Smith** - November 01, 2012 at 10:07 AM

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“ May you all find peace in knowing God has got another angel.Our deepest condolences to all that knew this very dedicated man.Many prayers sent

**John & Wanda Chadbourne** - November 01, 2012 at 09:59 AM

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“ Our hearts are heavy as we acknowledge the passing of our "brother", Rick Stone. He will be missed by all of us. He was a wonderful friend,son,husband,father, warden and role model. Our love and prayers are with the Stone family at this time.

**Roxie & Denzel Moore** - November 01, 2012 at 08:32 AM

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“ Roger, Lydia and Family; Our hearts and prayers go out to you all. May God bless and comfort you all. It has been a very long time since I saw Rick, but it looks like he was as awesome role model (not only for Jason and myself as kids), but for everyone he came in contact with throughout his life. As we say in the Navy, "Fair Wind and Following Seas Shipmate!" R.I.P. Rick!

