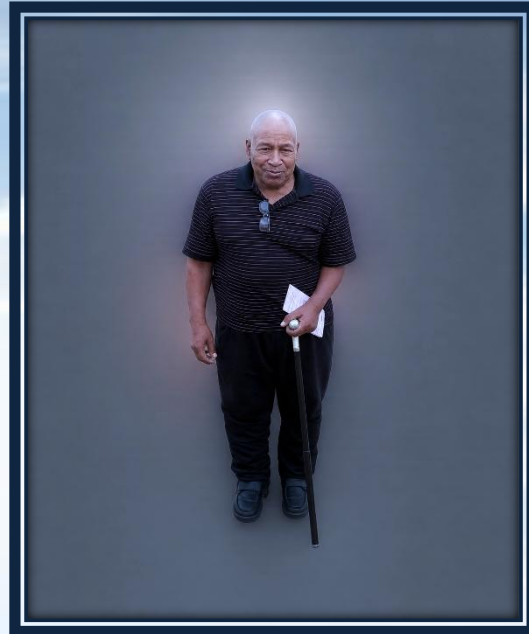


This Is Not Goodbye

Alex Sparrow



I did not want to leave you
It was just my time to go
I know your heart is breaking
So, I need to let you know
That although can no longer see me
I'll be forever by your side
I promise time will numb the pain
And help dry the tears you've cried
You can reach me in your memories
Just think of me, I will be there
In your dreams, we can visit yesteryear
Where we didn't have a care
Please carry on and live your life
I beg of you to try
Just know we'll meet again one day
As this is not goodbye

Pallbearers

Nathaniel Howard

Michael Jordan

Jerome Smith

Flower Attendants

Nieces & Friends

Acknowledgements

The family of the late **William Alvin Stone** wishes to express their sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to all who have extended love, support, and kindness during this season of sorrow. Your prayers, comforting words, and acts of compassion have brought us strength, peace, and solace during this difficult time. We are deeply grateful for the overwhelming outpouring of love shown by our family, friends, and community. Your presence at the service, phone calls, messages, flowers, meals, and thoughtful gestures have been a source of comfort as we navigate the loss of our beloved William. To those who have shared stories, cherished memories, and heartfelt tributes in his honor, we thank you for helping us celebrate his life and the legacy of love, faith, and wisdom he leaves behind. Each memory shared has reminded us of the profound impact he made on the lives of so many.

Although words can never fully express the depth of our gratitude, please know that every act of kindness and every prayer have meant more to us than you could ever imagine.

With love and appreciation,

The Family

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Alvin
STONE

JULY 26, 1953 — MAY 24, 2026

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026
12:00 PM

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A Life Remembered

William Alvin Stone, affectionately known to many as "Dollar Bill," was born on July 26, 1953, in Crawford County, Georgia, to the late Alvin Stone and Mattie Lou Stone. On God's appointed time, William peacefully transitioned from this earthly life, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, service, and cherished memories.

At an early age, William accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and united with Usher's Temple Church in Fort Valley, Georgia, where he began his lifelong journey of faith.

William was the eldest of seven children and proudly embraced his role as a big brother. He shared a special bond with his siblings: Ulysses Stone, Betty Small, Cathy Schofield, Gloria Stone Robinson, Stevie Stone, and Jerry Stone.

A bright and ambitious student, William graduated with honors from Hunt High School in 1971. He later attended Fort Valley State University, where he developed a strong interest in Criminal Justice. William possessed a natural curiosity and an eagerness to learn that followed him throughout his life.

In 1975, William proudly answered the call to serve his country by joining the United States Army. His military service reflected the discipline, dedication, and commitment that characterized his life.

William was truly a "jack of all trades." He enjoyed capturing life's precious moments through photography, hosting family cookouts, reading, gardening, attending concerts in the park, and spending quality time with those he loved. His warm smile, storytelling, and easygoing personality made him a joy to be around. Whether lending a helping hand or sharing words of wisdom, William touched the lives of many.

In 2001, William married the love of his life, Joyce Brown Stone. Their marriage was built upon love, friendship, faith, and mutual respect, creating countless treasured memories together.

William was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Mattie Lou Stone, and two beloved brothers, Stevie Stone and Jerry Stone.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Joyce Stone of Jacksonville, Florida; his son, Alvin Stone (Shalanda) of Hampton, Georgia; his granddaughter, Al'Niyah Stone of Hampton, Georgia; and his grandson, Rodrick Collins, Jr, of Hampton, Georgia.

He also leaves behind his bonus son, Lorenzo Hunter of Atlanta, Georgia; and dear family members Flora Hunter, Debra Knight, and Dorothy Holloway, all of Atlanta, Georgia.

William's legacy continues through his loving siblings: Ulysses Stone (Pat) of Warner Robins, Georgia; Betty Small (Quintin) of Warner Robins, Georgia; Cathy Schofield (Jeffery) of Centerville, Georgia; Gloria Stone Robinson of Fort Valley, Georgia; and Minnie Booker of Byron, Georgia.

He also leaves to mourn his passing a devoted uncle, Willis Stanton (Susie) of Stockbridge, Georgia; sister-in-law, Glenda Davis of Fort Valley, Georgia; bonus children: Dametra (Carlos), De'Vonn, Corry, and Dametrius, all of Jacksonville, Florida; and godchildren: Jade Hollis of Fort Valley, Georgia; Mendez Hollis of McDonough, Georgia; Quandre Elliott of Fort Valley, Georgia; and Tameika Mangham of Warner Robins, Georgia.

William was blessed with many lifelong friendships that became family. He leaves cherished memories with his devoted friends Florine Ezell, his beloved neighbor; Shirley Von Hollis, Harriett Howard, Nathaniel Howard, Gloria Lane, Diane Meadows, Amy Oates, Jerome Smith, Ben Williams, Carey Wootson, and his extended family of friends from the Spalding Street Neighborhood.

William's life was a testament to faith, service, love, and perseverance. He leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and friends who will forever cherish his memory.

Though he is no longer with us in body, his spirit lives on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. His laughter, wisdom, kindness, and unwavering love for family will never be forgotten.



Order of Service

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Donald Williams

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament.....Rev. Kimberly Dugger

New Testament.....Min. Brian Gibson

MUSICAL SELECTION

Minister Corey Stubbs & Sis. Sherri Wilder

WORDS OF REFLECTION
(2 minutes)



MUSICAL SELECTION

Minister Corey Stubbs & Sis. Sherri Wilder

EULOGY

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