

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



CRAIG (EJ)
EDWARD
Stone



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Our hearts are full of gratitude for the expressions of love extended by family and friends. Your acts of kindness were shown during our grief through calls, texts, visits, requests for help, and especially prayers. All have been a much-appreciated source of comfort and strength for us all. Thank you all for all the love you've showered on our family during this difficult time. We pray that your troubles be less, your blessings be more, and nothing but joy come through your door.

— The Family of Craig (EJ) Stone

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November 16, 1979 - May 4, 2026

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

VISITATION: 1:00 PM | SERVICE: 3:00 PM
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H I S T O R Y

Craig Edward Stone was born to Craig Smith and Bonnie Stone-Gray on November 16, 1979, in Kansas City, MO. On Monday May 4, 2026, he was called to meet his Lord and Savior. Craig was introduced to Christ and baptized at an early age. He remained strong in his Christian faith and walk in life.

Craig was educated in the Kansas City Public School District and received his GED. Craig was an iconic figure and owned multiple businesses in the Kansas City area including Stack Baby, Rolling 20's Street Gear, Ardella's Philly Cheesesteak Company, KC Mini Mart and Accessories, The Big Ole Sandwich Shop, and managed The Snack Shop. He was the founder and CEO of Rhymocide Records. He had a love and passion for restoring old school vehicles. In his free time, he enjoyed spending time with his family.

Craig was preceded into death by his paternal grandparents (Luther Smith and Virginia Warren-Smith) & maternal grandparents (Carl and Ida Maynard), and his only sister Kimberly Stone.

Craig was an incredible man that was dedicated to his family, a wonderful father, a beloved son, a loving uncle, and a great friend to many. To cherish his memory, Craig leaves behind his parents Craig Smith and Bonnie Stone-Gray; children Lashayia Melson (Kansas City, MO), Nyajah Thomas (Atchison, KS), A'Lashaya McGowan (Atchison, KS), Kayla Robertson (Raytown, MO), Erikah Smith (Atchison, KS) Craig Stone Jr. (Winter Haven, FL), Mylan Stone (Raytown, MO), Cahron Stone (Raytown, MO); three grandsons and five granddaughters; his brothers Kevin Smith (Rashida) of Kansas City, MO and Richard Brown (Tela) of Kansas City, MO; and his companion of love of six years Keara Austin; three uncles, a host of nieces, nephews, and other extended family that will greatly miss his presence, wisdom, kind-hearted nature and love.



ORDER
 OF SERVICE

Visitation

Soft Music and Slideshow

Processional - Soft Music

Opening Words and Prayer

Pastor Brent Barton

Acknowledgments

Mrs. Lattia Moore

Silent Reflection

(reading of the obituary)
 and Slideshow

Reflection of a Legend

Evangelist Margo Haywood-Newsome

Fond Memories

(2-minute time limit please)

Words of Comfort

Pastor Brent Barton

Recessional - Soft Music