



## Grace Nicole Stone

August 20, 1999 - November 1, 2018

Grace Nicole Stone of Warrenton, Virginia, died in a tragic car accident on November 1, 2018. Grace was born to David and Kelly Stone on August 20, 1999 in Manassas, Virginia. Grace was named from the God given grace that was blessed to her parents. Grace was a beautiful spirit and was a blessing to all those she interacted with. From a young age, her beautiful blue-brown eyes shined light and she had a great love for her family and friends.

Grace grew up giving unconditional acceptance to others. From a young age she loved Jesus and wanted other children to know Jesus. Grace attended many years of Vacation Bible School and then volunteered several more summers, lending both her silly and her serious sides to guiding children in learning about their faith.

Books were another lifelong passion for Grace, whose Nancy Drew collection spans an entire shelf. A Nancy Drew birthday party, Nancy Drew Halloween costumes and her own spin-off – Gracie Drew – resulted from a love of clues and mysteries and writing.

Grace relished traditions, scavenger hunts and game nights with her family, her competitive spirit growing through the years both in the living room and in the athletic arena. Growing up on the swim team and the soccer field, Grace was a lightning-quick defender who would eventually put her speed to work on

both the track and the cross-country trails.

Grace holds the Kettle Run High School record for the fastest mile. She was named most valuable athlete each of her four years on the cross-country team. Her running friends nicknamed themselves and their chat group “The Holy Trinity,” for their interdependence on each other and their respect for the sport.

Grace’s friends heard from Grace a lot, both in words and deeds. She loved gum, the color purple, and making people feel special, often by baking for them. When her mom half-heartedly scolded her for emptying the pantry of baking supplies she didn’t realize that Grace was baking for others. So Grace stocked up on brownie mix in her room. Notes, posters or showing up was just how Grace rolled. She was loyal and non-judgmental.

Industrious and responsible, Grace became a favorite babysitter and the kids loved her. Her heart for children extended beyond the ones she knew. When she learned about challenges to literacy in Africa, she used her role as Kettle Run National Honor Society president to fundraise for Build Africa’s Learn to Read project. More than \$2,000 was generated, much of it through a 5K Grace spearheaded, and a mini-library was created at a primary school in Uganda. On the back of a thank you letter from Build Africa, Grace’s teachers encouraged her to remember what following through with her vision accomplished.

Vision was never a challenge for Grace. In sixth grade, when deciding what instrument to play, her first attempt trying out a shiny tuba impressed the band teacher and that was all it took. Grace would go on to play the tuba for seven years. She kept a bucket list on her phone, hoping to visit all 59 national parks, write a book, and teach a Spanish-speaker English, among other things. She had already checked off running a marathon (Virginia Beach) and skydiving (her 19th birthday). Many of her goals centered around travel and

outdoor pursuits. The girl with her own hammock loved hiking, and summited Old Rag at least 20 times, sometimes inspired to make it before sunrise.

At the time of her passing, Grace was employed at Outback Steakhouse about a year and was a student at Lord Fairfax Community College, ready to move to the next level in seeking a degree and becoming a counselor. The mental health of young people was close to her heart. Kindness was her priority, as she wanted people who were hurting to be cared for.

Grace is survived by: her parents David and Kelly Stone; her sisters Katelyn and Amber Stone; her great grandfather J.D. Dunn; her great grandmothers Nancy Moeglein, and Mary Frasz; her grandparents Stan and Theresa Stone, and Russ and Laurie Frasz; her five uncles, four aunts, and ten loving cousins; and other family.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to two causes close to Grace's heart. Build Africa: <https://www.build-africa.org/donate> and Voices for Virginia's Children <https://vakids.org/our-work/mental-health>. Also, please visit <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/graciestone>

Grace's tragic accident resulted in medical expenses. If you would like to help, an account has been set up <https://www.paypal.me/GraceStonefund>

# Previous Events

**\*\*\*PLEASE DELIVER TO THE FUNERAL HOME, THEY WILL FORWARD TO THE FAMILY\*\*\***

NOV 5. 4:00 PM (ET)

Grace Life Community Church  
9560 Linton Hall Rd.  
Bristow, VA 20136  
<http://www.gracelifecc.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *You are not forgotten.* ”

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JW

“ Sweet Kelly I don't want you to think we have forgotten you or your precious child Gracie girl. I remember when she was born. Such a young momma but one God fearing loving momma. Your smile when you meet people was the same smile on Grace. She loved others well, she was strong and Courageous. You taught her to love others as God loved her. She did that well. I loved to see how she loved her sisters so well. Her accomplishments on this earth in her short life was amazing. Even though her life was shortened the memory of her life shared by you and your family and friends encouraged all of us to be a better friend, to seek to be a better encourager, to live a life of sacrifice to help others. I for one heard her accomplishments in a child of 19 yrs and strive now to make my life one these seeks to please God by serving others in anyway I can. I thank God for putting you and your family in our path, this child's life touched so many and will not be forgotten. May you and your family find peace knowing she lived a kind and loving life and she lives on in all of us who saw, heard and witnessed her testimony even through my grandchildren. Maggie met her at 10 yrs old in the nursery during VBS and told me she was so nice to her as they worked together with the little babies. She said that she talked to her and most teens don't give a 10 year the time of day. That meant a lot to her. I am sure there are countless stories you never heard yet about the kindness your sweet Grace. May you be comforted as you read each story knowing she lived her life so well to serve others. You and your family will continue to be lifted in prayer, we love you sweet lady. Be strong in the Lord and draw from his endless power:) For you are fearfully and wonderfully created to persevere in good times and bad, well done little momma, for you created a life of precious memories of a child never to be forgotten.  
Love you my friend,  
Jeanne Whitman

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**Jeanne Whitman** - December 03, 2018 at 02:15 AM

EM

“ When I first came to the area I joined a soccer team. Grace has been on that team. She was friendly and inviting and everything I could have asked for at that time. Later on we stayed friends, she joined the club I founded in 8th grade and would always say hello to me in the halls. In high school we grew apart and would mostly exchange pleasantries, but I kept watch, and here is what I noticed...

Grace was unconditionally kind in a way that never seemed fake. She had such a way of making people feel special and heard. She was passionate in a way that most people are not. If she set a goal for herself, no one would come between her and achieving it. She loved her friends and her family so fiercely. She would do anything for them.

My heart breaks thinking about those left behind in this tragedy; I wish peace for her family and friends and I send all my love towards them.

-a friend

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**emily Morrow** - November 06, 2018 at 12:06 AM

AL

“ I did not know Grace personally but, met her in passing as Dave coached my daughter, Madelyn, in rec soccer for 8 seasons. Your whole family was always kind and generous and we were blessed to get to know all of you. My heart breaks for all of you upon hearing of Grace's sudden passing and will continue to pray for peace during this difficult time. ❤️

Love, The Lopez Family

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**Amy Lopez** - November 05, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Grace Nicole Stone.*



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November 05, 2018 at 06:28 PM



“ *I was a freshman when Grace first came into my life. It was my first year of cross country and I had joined the team two weeks late because of vacations. I didn't know anyone going into a big new school, and I didn't know anyone because I missed that bonding period of the season. I remember standing alone and having her walk over to me and exclaim "hi! I'm grace what's your name?" And for the rest of her high school career she would be there for me in moments of feeling alone. When I tore my hip freshman year, she pushed me through physical therapy stretches. She texted me on the days that went awful and told me what an amazing athlete I was and how much hard work I've done. On the good days, she wrote me notes of encouragement and told me I kicked butt. Grace always had such a big smile and heart. She always cheered her teammates on after she finished her workout, and sometimes she would run with us to push us even more. She was my Spanish tutor, and every reason as to why I didn't fail. And most importantly she was my friend. I loved having her in my life, and it breaks my heart to know that someone so selfless is gone.*

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**Katerina Rentzsch** - November 05, 2018 at 02:55 PM

PJ

“ *Patricia and Jake purchased the Joyful Memory  
for the family of Grace Nicole Stone.*



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**Patricia and Jake** - November 05, 2018 at 01:33 PM



“ To the Stone family,

*My name is Karissa McDonald and I ran XC/track with Grace at Kettle Run. I was a grade below Grace and joined the xc team as a freshman. Despite how terrible I was at the sport, Grace never failed to lift me up with words of encouragement and support. I mean I was so bad at running it was laughable, but yet Grace never cared, she just told me to keep going, because she knew I enjoyed the sport. Our team was such a close knit family and Grace was the glue. I remember always watching Grace run and cheering her on as she dominated every course. Everyone adored her.*

*I have countless memories of my friendship with Grace. From insane bus-rides to invitationals, to sports banquets, to our incredibly fun and laughter filled xc sleepovers. I am so blessed to have shared so much time with her.*

*Though I never expressed it nearly enough, Grace was always someone who I admired and looked up to. She was my friend, peer, teammate, but she was also a role model to me, and I am sure to many many others. Her drive that she carried through every aspect of her life was so amazing. She never gave up. Beyond that, she was one of the most generous and thoughtful people I have encountered.*

*To her parents, thank you for raising such an incredible woman who touched so many peoples lives, more than you will ever know. I am so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you and your family.*

*To Grace, thank you for being such a positive impact on my life, for always believing in me, and being kind to every one. You will be missed. I miss you.*

*With warmth and love,*

*Karissa McDonald*

**Karissa McDonald** - November 05, 2018 at 11:40 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Grace Nicole Stone.*



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November 05, 2018 at 11:29 AM



“ *Bobbi Jo, Eddie and Jarrett Miller purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Grace Nicole Stone.*



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**Bobbi Jo, Eddie and Jarrett Miller** - November 05, 2018 at 11:28 AM



“ *Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant was purchased for the family of Grace Nicole Stone.*



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November 05, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ *Your LifeNet Health Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Grace Nicole Stone.*



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**Your LifeNet Health Family** - November 05, 2018 at 10:49 AM

KJ

“ *David and Family, My sincere condolences to your family. Praying that God's peace that passes our human understanding floods your soul in the days ahead.*

*God Bless, Kim Jaramillo (LifeNet Health)*

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**Kim Jaramillo** - November 05, 2018 at 10:45 AM



“ *David & Kelly,*

*My name is Mackenzie and I ran XC with Grace at KRHS. It pained me to hear of her passing. It still pains me that I lost a XC mate and a lively spirit. Not only was Grace an amazing runner, but she was also a beautiful and kind human-being. I reflect positively on our time and experiences together. Through this time I hope you know you and your family are not alone. You have support from all angles, know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,  
Mackenzie Morris*



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**Mackenzie Morris** - November 05, 2018 at 10:45 AM

SD

“ David & Kelly;  
*It is hard to find words to express my overwhelming sadness for your loss. Just know that my love, and the love and sympathy of thousands will help you through this time.*  
*I had the privilege to know Grace from a baby to her adult life. She was a beautiful young woman. I saw her pursue her passions of sports, friends, & family. She will be missed, but never forgotten. I love you both always!*  
Uncle Steve

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**Stephen Dunn** - November 05, 2018 at 10:28 AM

RM

“ My dearest Kelly,  
*I could never find any words to attempt to take this huge pain away. I just want you to know that I love you and will be praying for strength and peace for your heart. I did not have the chance to meet your Gracie but got to see all the pictures and adventures you shared on Facebook and she seem like an amazing daughter and human being. May God keep her resting until you see her again. My heart and prayers are with you and your family. All my LOVE,*  
Roxanna Molina

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**Roxanna E Molina** - November 05, 2018 at 10:11 AM

HV

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Grace's family and friends, especially her parents; our hearts are breaking for you. Our son CJ and Grace attended Midland Christian Academy together many years ago and we can remember Grace coming to our house for CJ's birthday party one year. May God watch over her family and keep them in His comfort.

*The Vanek Family (Chuck, Holly, and CJ)*

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**Holly Vanek** - November 05, 2018 at 09:54 AM



“ *Earth hath no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. We are remembering you & honoring the memory of Grace. So sorry for your loss. May God Bless The Stone family.*  
*Mark and Cheryl Kenny*

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**Cheryl Kenny** - November 05, 2018 at 08:51 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grace Nicole Stone.*



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November 05, 2018 at 08:50 AM



“ *Kelly and David,*  
*Words cannot even begin to express to you during this time of loss and grief!*  
*We've always been states apart and I didn't have the opportunity to get to know Grace, but I am certainly touched by so many comments of others, that her life impacted so many. The testaments of her involvement in the lives of others and doing what she could in her young life, shows what a loving, caring, compassionate and giving daughter you both raised.*  
*She may be gone, but the years she was meant to live remain behind, the birthdays, the holidays, the last days of school—they all remain, circled in a calendar you hold deep inside your heart.*  
*I am very thankful that I had the opportunity to meet her and spend a few moments talking with her at Rebekah's graduation. Please know that our hearts are aching for you and that we are praying for you as you get through each moment of each day.*  
*I love you!*

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**Sally Evans** - November 05, 2018 at 08:25 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Grace Nicole Stone.*



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November 05, 2018 at 08:22 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Grace Nicole Stone.*



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November 05, 2018 at 04:23 AM



“ *Grace was a shining example of great character and benevolence. I had the privilege of knowing her at Kettle Run High School. Even though I never got to know her very well, I always noticed what an amazing young woman she was. She was always an incredible presence, wherever she was. I remember how much we appreciated her humanity and friendliness on the swim team. I remember how she sacrificed to help others as a leader in the National Honor Society. Thankfully, I still remember the few conversations we had. She was always kind and truly had a heart full of compassion.*

*Grace, thank you for all the kindness and energy you brought to me and countless others during your life. May you rest peacefully.*

*- a friend*

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**Joseph Fisher** - November 04, 2018 at 11:10 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Grace Nicole Stone.*



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November 04, 2018 at 10:45 PM



“ *Dear Mr. and Mrs. Stone & family,*

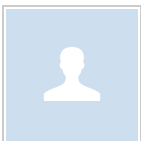
*We are very saddened by the news of Grace's passing. We were fortunate to have known Grace while - as President of Kettle Run's Honor Society - she did a wonderful job of coordinating the honor students' volunteer work for the Vint Hill Dog Park. She was a lovely young woman who will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time*

*From,*

*Ken, Ellen, Kristin & the Vint Hill Dog Park community*

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**Vint Hill Dog Park** - November 04, 2018 at 10:25 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Grace Nicole Stone.*



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November 04, 2018 at 09:54 PM

CC

“ Even though I never knew Grace personally, my daughters did. In elementary school, my daughter frequently had play dates with her sister Kaytlyn. When I would drop off Emma, Grace was always kind and nice to me. When I would pick my daughter she was always playing dolls or doing arts & crafts with the littler girls. She was also in my older daughter’s track team in 9th and 10th grade. My heart goes out to Grace’s parents, David and Kelly. I wish them peace in healing through their horrible and life changing loss.

*Cheryl Cockerill*

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**cheryl cockerill** - November 04, 2018 at 09:03 PM

SG

“ Someone so special will never be forgotten,  
Happy times with you I will never regret  
All those memories will live on forever  
In my heart I will never forget .

*May the Lord bless and comfort Laurie ,Kelly and the rest of the family during this time of grief.*

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**Sheryl Gardner** - November 04, 2018 at 08:59 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Grace Nicole Stone.



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November 04, 2018 at 06:49 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Grace Nicole Stone.



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November 04, 2018 at 06:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Grace Nicole Stone.



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November 04, 2018 at 06:08 PM

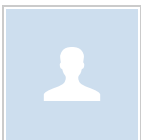


“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Grace Nicole Stone.



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November 04, 2018 at 06:07 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grace Nicole Stone.



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November 04, 2018 at 05:26 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grace Nicole Stone.*



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November 04, 2018 at 05:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Grace Nicole Stone.*



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November 04, 2018 at 04:04 PM



“ *Sweet Grace, I barely knew you yet you accepted me into your world as your Uncle Steve's wife like I had always been a part of your big beautiful family! I met you at your Highschool graduation party, where I watched and enjoyed seeing you delight in the comfort of having so many around you supporting your goodbye to high school and welcoming the future you were preparing for. My heart is broken for the sadness of your family losing such a precious member of the family. To everyone close to Grace and to those who barely knew you, it is clear that you made your mark in the hearts of everyone. Rest easy sweet Grace.....love Aunt Diana*

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**Diana Dunn** - November 04, 2018 at 11:01 AM