



# Earl Stone

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**E**arl Stone, age 77 of Madison Heights, Michigan passed away on December 25, 2020 at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, Michigan. He was born on February 28, 1943 in Highland Park, Michigan to Taft and Jessie (maiden Goodman) Stone.

Beloved Husband of Polly for over 56 years. Dear Father of Sharron (Paul) Reiner and Ronnie Stone. Grandfather of Shawn (Victoria) Reiner and Jonathan (Megan) Reiner. Brother of Charles (Barbara) Stone.

Earl served as President of the Madison Heights Little League Baseball for the past 34 years. He was the Manager of the Pee Wee Blue Jays, Farm Pirates and Pony Cardinals. He oversaw the building of the baseball complex at Page Middle School in Madison Heights. He was known throughout Madison Heights as Mr. Baseball.

He was recognized by the State of Michigan for his accomplishments in Youth Baseball and also received many awards locally for his achievements with the Madison Heights Little League Baseball program, including Citizen of the Year. Earl also served on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in Madison Heights.

Earl retired from GM Truck & Bus Pontiac as an Experimental Engineer.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 31st from 10:00 am to 11:30 am with the Funeral Service at 11:30 am at Hopcroft Funeral Home, 31145 John R. Road, (1 block North of 13 Mile Road, West side of John R. Road), Madison Heights, Michigan. Burial will be at Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley, Michigan.

In Lieu of Flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Madison Heights Little League Baseball or the Michigan Animal Rescue League.

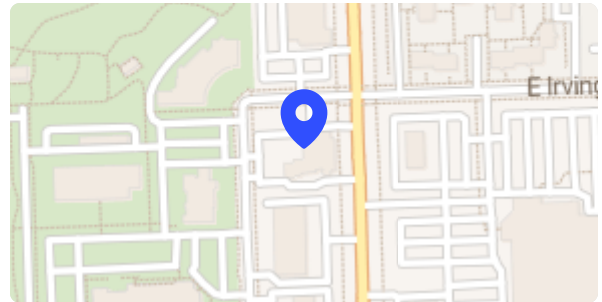


### Visitation

 **Thursday**, December 31, 2020

 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM ET

 **Hopcroft Funeral Home-Madison Heights**  
31145 John R. Road, Madison Heights MI 48071



### Funeral Service

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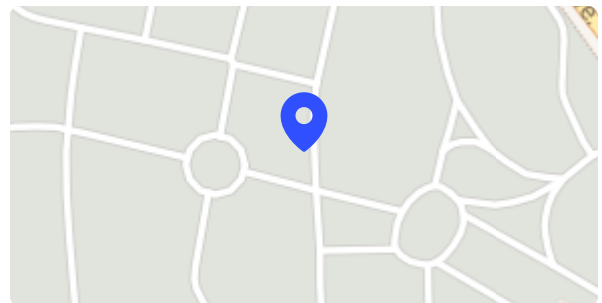
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### Cemetery Details

 **Roseland Park Cemetery**  
29001 Woodward Ave, Berkley MI 48072





## Tribute Wall

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CK

**Charles & Joanne Kelly** lit a candle in honor of Earl.



December 31 at 7:05 PM

BM

**Bryan Masterson** posted:

Polly, Sharon, and Ron, we are very sorry for your loss. Earl Stone, your husband and father was a great man. There are just too many good memories of our families together to list. It's hard to find people with the great qualities Earl possessed. He was patient and kind especially with the all the players he coached and mentored. Earl was very thoughtful and dedicated. This shows in his 3 plus decades dedicated to improving youth baseball in our area. Not always a man of many words, Earl was definitely a thinker. He put thousands of hours into problem solving at the baseball field and finding a way to get things done. I enjoyed every minute of my childhood with my family at the ball field. The world and baseball has lost a man that can't be replaced. I'm glad I had the chance to run "wild Earl's party store" and earn the nickname "ice-man". Earl you are forever in our hearts. May you rest in piece and eternally run the bases with the angels. Love, Bryan Masterson and family

December 31 at 6:15 AM

BA

**Barb** posted:

Most people when they think of Earl will think baseball -rightfully so. His dedication to the players, their supporters and the complex will be his legacy. But when I think of Earl I picture 3 beautiful rottweilers. He was dedicated to baseball but I know his first love was his girls. If I saw him on the road, his "shadow" was supervising his driving. If I saw him at the complex, his best friend was by his side. If the Rainbow Bridge does exist, there was one happy reunion on December 25, 2020! To Earl, Sanora, Reese and Stoney-in my heart I believe you have been reunited. Be happy, never will you be separated again. Barb

December 30 at 6:18 AM



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**Ryan Masterson** posted:

Polly, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Earl was always good to me and my family, so happy to be apart of his life. His stick with a drill bit to pick up trash was a classic, it just seems like yesterday I was picking up trash for \$2 dollars and a slurpee and candy bar. He spent so many hours with me showing me how to pitch and teaching me to throw a curve ball. May he rest in peace and join my dad in heaven to continue their friendship. Love Ryan Masterson and family.

December 29 at 3:23 PM



**Debrah Fitzgerald** December 30 at 5:46 AM

So very sorry for your loss I know how much he was loved by Sharron Shawn Jonathan and Paul He is with The Good Lord and all your loved ones that have gone before him know the peace that you will be seeing him again ,,,,Love to all Deb Fitzgerald and Family



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Earl by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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