



Stewart "Stew" Thomas Rynone

June 28, 1943 - April 22, 2021

Stewart "Stew" Thomas Rynone, 77, of Goshen, Arkansas passed away peacefully on April 22, 2021 at his home. He was born on June 28, 1943 in Newark, New Jersey to Catherine and William John Rynone, Sr. Stew grew up in Irvington, New Jersey. He graduated from Irvington High School, where he was in the Chess Club, Wrestling Club, and played in the Orchestra. He attended and graduated from Arkansas Tech University, where he met many lifelong friends and the love of his life, Dixie. They married and as he likes to joke around and say, "have been together for 54 year, 7 of the best years of his life." While at Arkansas Tech he played on the football team. He earned bachelor's degrees in Political Science and History. Stew later went on to earn a master's degree in Geography at Memphis State University. After graduating from Tech, Stew went into the Army and served his country in the Vietnam War, earning a Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal, as well as putting in his heart a desire to help his fellow Veterans, which he has done. After the war, Stew worked for Calgon as a soap salesman, selling to factories and hospitals all over Arkansas, Mississippi, and West Tennessee. He met many a friend on these travels. While living in Cherry Valley, Arkansas, Stew became mayor one week when out on the road working and the mayor retired, and the other alderman voted him in. As mayor Stew improved the volunteer fire department, built a park, added a library to city hall, and planted Cherry trees in town. Stew had three girls and was very proud of them. After Cherry Valley, Stew and the family moved to Heber Springs, Arkansas. He went to

work for Dubois and worked for them for a couple of years, before starting his own businesses, System Services and DRC. With System Services and DRC, they built and cleaned water cooling towers, sump tanks, and heat exchangers, as well as providing water treatment services, all over the state of Arkansas and some of Texas. Upon retirement, Stew sold his businesses to family friends, which are still going strong today. He is proud of the growth it has gained, and all the lives touched. In addition to work, Stew enjoyed his favorite hobbies, which included fishing with friends, traveling all over the world, gaining and using his private pilot's license, fixing up old antiques and authoring his book *On the Up Escalator Loving Life*. Stew has always loved helping people and all the close friends he has made. He loves each of his friends and family dearly, and always loved a good story and a good visit.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Catherine and William John Rynone, Sr. Those left to cherish his life are his beloved wife of 54 years, Dixie Dale Rynone; daughters, Cherie Bright (Rudy), Michelle Nelson (Saint), and Cindy Magee (Corey); grandchildren, Dean, Daisy, Wyatt, Summer, and Waylon, all of which he adored; brother, William "Bill" Rynone, Jr.; sister, Junith "Sis" Whitehead; nieces, Blythe and Kris; other family and their kids, Randy, Clarinda, Gale, Bob, Twyla, Othenile, and many other family members; and friends that are like family, Robin, Frank, Jason, Kelly, Denny, Derrick, Brandon, Brad, Rose, Mike, Scott, Johnny, David, Jackie, and many more. He will live on in his smart observations, amazing stories, sense of humor, caring nature, and the countless stories we all have. He will be greatly missed but we will all be reunited one day.

Visitation will be held from 5 PM to 7 PM on Friday, April 23, 2021 at Sisco Funeral Chapel. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at First Southern Baptist Church of Goshen under the direction of Sisco Funeral Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Fayetteville National Cemetery

700 Government Ave.
Fayetteville, AR
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/fayetteville.asp>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 West Meadow
Springdale, AR 72764
(479) 751-4577
siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.siscofuneral.com>

Funeral Service

APR 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Southern Baptist Church of Goshen
716 E Bowen Blvd
Fayetteville, AR 72703

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart "Stew" Thomas Rynone

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stewart "Stew" Thomas Rynone.



April 27, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ I worked Stew at Calgon. At a training/meeting, Jay Swindle (sales rep for Stew) and Stew attended. Stew went to restroom and Jay addressed the group, he stated: “ Stew is very conscious of his baldness. So PLEASE limit your comments to him!!” When Stew returned from the restroom he was wearing a black shag wig. The group lost it. What a great sense of humor!!! Dave Sheets

Dave Sheets - April 24, 2021 at 03:24 PM



“ It was such a joy to know Stew and be neighbors. The best memory was at Christmas each year. He and Dixie would stop by the house with a plate of goodies. After chatting for a few minutes, Dixie would look at Stew and say "are you ready".... and they both would sing "We Wish You A Merry Christmas". It was wonderful! He will be greatly missed by all!! Rest in peace... Mr. Blue Eyes! Love, Tom & Lynn Reed

Lynn Reed - April 23, 2021 at 06:02 PM

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Stew was my Boss with Calgon corp out of st Louis. I lived in Memphis. He was the best boss I've ever had. So sorry Dixie!

LARRY FAIRCHILD - May 02, 2025 at 06:45 PM

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“ *I will always remember Stew's persistent, stern, but encouraging words to me that I should return to college and earn my degree, and he checked in with Dad and Mom on my progress as well. And when I say stern, his delivery was always with a smile on his face, but i knew he meant it. At 54 years old I'm starting my Junior year...thank you Stew. My heart goes out to Stew's family, and I consider it a sincere blessing to have known him.*

Britt Bullock - April 23, 2021 at 05:54 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stewart "Stew" Thomas Rynone.*



April 23, 2021 at 05:20 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Stewart "Stew" Thomas Rynone.*



April 23, 2021 at 03:24 PM

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“ Allan & Terecia Magee purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Stewart "Stew" Thomas Rynone.



Allan & Terecia Magee - April 23, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stewart "Stew" Thomas Rynone.



April 23, 2021 at 11:17 AM

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“ Randy, Clarinda, Randall, Mike, Sam and Olivia purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Stewart "Stew" Thomas Rynone.



Randy, Clarinda, Randall, Mike, Sam and Olivia - April 23, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stewart "Stew" Thomas Rynone.



April 23, 2021 at 09:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Stewart "Stew" Thomas Rynone.



April 23, 2021 at 08:48 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Stewart "Stew" Thomas Rynone.



April 23, 2021 at 08:35 AM



“ *Reflections of Glory Wreath* was purchased for the family of Stewart "Stew" Thomas Rynone.



April 23, 2021 at 03:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Stewart "Stew" Thomas Rynone.



April 22, 2021 at 10:06 PM