



Louis Henry Grone III

December 2, 1937 - March 4, 2024

Louis Henry Grone III, Bonita Springs, FL, March 4, 2024, age 86, of natural causes. Lou is survived by his caring wife of thirty years, Joanne (nee Jankovic); his former wife Kay (nee Spears) and their children: Louis H Grone IV (Diane) of St Louis MO, Greg (Peggy) of St Charles MO, and Katherine Kaiman (Bob) of Old Monroe MO; three grandchildren Cory Grone, Lou Grone V (Aycid), Sally Kelly (Josh); great grandchildren Lou VI and Margot Kelly; stepdaughters Lisa Trask (nee Bompezzi; Dave) and Tracy Wunderlich (nee Bompezzi; Mike); stepgrandchildren Jason, Savanna and Braden, Natalie and Bryce; his sisters Mary Lou Golier of New Jersey, and Susan McKee of St Louis; and six nieces. Born Dec 2, 1937, in St. Louis, MO to Louis H Grone II and Mary J Grone (nee Gardner). Lou attended Chaminade Preparatory High School before studying Business Administration at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, TX. Upon graduation, Lou joined his father, uncle and cousin to help run the family cafeteria business, which was started in 1931 during the depression by his grandfather, Louis Henry Grone I, who said "well, everybody has to eat!" Lou operated Grone Cafeterias, Inc. with his cousins and sons and was president of the organization when it closed in 2004 after 73 years of proudly serving their famous homemade pies and roast beef. Many faithful customers found community and comfort at Grone's. He also served on the Board of Directors for St Johns Bank and Trust Co., as well as terms as president for Forest Hills Country Club in Chesterfield, MO and the Greater St Louis Restaurant Association. Lou and Joanne moved to Bonita Springs,

Florida in 2006 to enjoy warm weather and their passion for the game of golf at Worthington CC. He is fondly remembered for his deep kindness and gentle manner.

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Tribute Wall

MD

“ Me Grone was my boss at Grones cafeteria in 1987-89 in St. Louis, Mo. I also worked with his two sons there. Ye, he was kind and believed in me to make me head cashier eventually. We used to have a contest who could count out the coins at night.. he won. I do remember the golf on his days off... I'm glad he had a good long life... condolences to he's surviving wife and children.. Sincerely,
Mrs. Mary Davidson

Mrs. Mary Davidson - June 25, 2024 at 05:49 PM

AB

“ Our sympathy in your loss Joan.. Ann & Lyle Bentley

Ann Bentley - March 15, 2024 at 07:11 PM

JR

“ Lou Grone was a real gentlemen with a sly sense of humor, My condolences to everyone in his family. John Roedel, '55.

John Roedel - March 11, 2024 at 10:08 PM

HD

“ We lived across the street from Lou and Joanne on Sherburne Circle for more than a decade. Our enduring memory is Lou's nearly nightly driveway barbecues, beer in hand and always a warm greeting with a smile. Memories are the legacy of love.

Sincere condolences,
Heidi & Joel Douglas

Heidi Douglas - March 11, 2024 at 12:49 PM

MC

“ Kind and gentle are the two words that immediately come to mind when I think of my next door Worthington neighbor of eight years, Lou Grone. Oh how he loved to golf! And he was quite skillful at it as well. I had the privilege of golfing with him a few times when his health was better. I'll never forget the sadness he exhibited one day when he drove his cart into his garage and announced he was “hanging up” his clubs. It was painful to observe. Watching him grill his two hot dogs for lunch every day was Lou's way of keeping in touch with his neighbors! Everybody stopped by for a quick “how ya doin' Lou?” He was everybody's friend. They just don't make gentlemen like that anymore. May the road rise to meet you, Lou, and the wind be at your back (longer drives), and may the Lord hold you in the hollow of his hand.

Mary Lou Crane

Mary Lou Crane - March 11, 2024 at 11:25 AM

DJ

“ Rest in peace Lou. I really enjoyed playing golfing with him. I especially liked how Lou would show me how to read a green. Some of those greens broke up hill a lot there at Worthington Country Club and it blew my mind. You will always be in my memories.

Diane

Diane H Jankovic - March 11, 2024 at 11:04 AM

KM

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Kathleen McKee - March 10, 2024 at 11:13 AM

MB

“ *I always looked up to my Uncle Lou. He was so generous offering me a job at his cafeteria at a time when I was lost and didn't know what to do with my life. He represented to me stability for several reasons. He treated me with nothing but kindness, warmth, and respect. He was a good man with high standards, much integrity, and kindness towards all people that we rarely see these days. My phone call with him a few months ago was so enjoyable and I cherish the memory of all the things we talked about. I miss him dearly.*



Margaret Mckee Brockmeyer - March 10, 2024 at 09:57 AM

KM

“ Uncle Lou was a sweet kind man. My mother's favorite person. They were glued at the hip when they were growing up, running around the woods by their house, walking to the theater on St Charles Rock Road (just east of Brown Rd - it's still there!) to watch a double feature movie on Saturdays, walking to the corner candy store. And he gave me my first job at age 14 at Grone Cafeteria where antics with my cousin Kathy ensued. We bussed tables and giggled. He was amused by it all, I think. I was discussing with my mother, the wonderful environment created in Grone Cafeteria, and how probably so many of the older customers who went there probably depended on their trips to Grones for a sense of community and belonging with bus girls walking around the dining area chatting with people, pouring coffee, and taking their dishes. It was a very social place! There were so many weekly customers, they got to know the staff. People poured each other coffee from the free coffee stations in the dining areas. Free refills! My mom sent my dad there a few times a week and he had everyone pouring his coffee, haha. We all felt so at home there. I remember going every Sunday after church, and Lou would bring his lunch to eat with us: a roast beef sandwich and green beans. I also remember going to his house a few times to spend the night and he'd drive me there in his big car. He took me with their family on a trip in the Ozarks once. I got to visit him and Joanne in Bonita Springs a few times. He was excited to barbecue, and we hung out in his garage making the burgers. I liked reminiscing with him about the days at Grone's. I wonder if he knew how special that was for so many people. Love you, Uncle Lou.

Kathleen McKee - March 10, 2024 at 08:06 AM