



## Danny Stonestreet

September 21, 1947 - February 18, 2025

Danny D. Stonestreet, former Nashville A-List session and road musician, passed away peacefully at Maury Regional Medical Center in Columbia, TN on February 18, 2025.

Danny was born on September 21, 1947, to Carlos and Pauline Stonestreet. He was raised by his Maternal grandparents Frank G. & Janie V. Stone of Keene TX. He grew up and attended the First through Twelfth grade in Keene where he learned how to play piano, at the early age of four. In 1964, at the age of Sixteen, he won the Paderewski Gold Medal, which was given to him by the National Guild of Piano Teachers.

After Graduating High School in 1966, he started playing and performing professionally on recordings and on the road through 1969, and again from 1971-72. He played for Southern Gospel Greats, The Blackwood Singers, The Blackwood Brothers, The Galatians, JD Sumner, The Stamps Quartet, and many others.

In 1969, his talented piano playing caught the eyes and ears of Country Music and Nashville TN.

Off and on from 1969-85, Danny played on recordings and on the road for some of the biggest artists of that time such as, Merle Haggard, Conway Twitty, Donna Fargo, Lacy J. Dalton, Stonewall Jackson, and many, many

others. He was nominated for Musician of the Year in 1977 by the Country Music Association and in 1980 by the Academy of Country Music. Danny met his second wife, Portia, in California in 1971 and married on June 20, 1973. Together they had three children. After coming off the road in the Fall of 1985, they packed up and moved to Las Vegas, NV.

There, they formed a very successful five-piece band called, "The Stonestreet Band".

From 1985-92, they were one of the top-rated Showroom and Lounge bands in Las Vegas. In 1996, they decided to move back to Nashville, where Danny started playing piano in Gospel and Country Music sessions again.

In 1999 & 2001, he recorded two very successful piano albums with some of Nashville's top session and orchestra musicians. Danny and Portia continued to live in, and around Nashville with a brief stop in Memphis. They were married for 53 years, until Portia's passing in 2016. After, Danny stopped performing publicly and doing sessions. He moved back to Columbia, TN, and officially retired. Other than an occasional church service, and recording sessions with his son Shane, Danny lived out the rest of his life in Columbia. Spending quality time with his kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Portia, of 53 years. He is survived by their 3 children, Traci Kirkpatrick of Ft. Worth, TX, Shane Stonestreet of Porum, OK, Robyn Webster and Husband Dee Webster of Columbia, TN. 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Unfortunately, Danny did not have Life Insurance, so we will not be having a public funeral.

In Lieu of flowers, we are asking for donations so we can give our amazing Dad a proper burial by using [CLICK AND DONATE LINK](#) below.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/give-danny-stonestreet-a-loving-farewell?qid=685e50a7a4fb7d8c6498eec30b177fcc>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Reflecting on Memories created a Tribute Video in memory of Danny Stonestreet*



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**Reflecting on Memories** - February 19, 2025 at 12:54 AM

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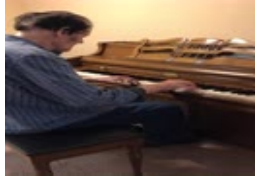
*Love this so much. Miss him.* ❤️❤️❤️

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**Aleeya Robledo** - June 22, 2025 at 10:47 PM

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“ My children and I had the blessing of getting to know Mr. Danny when we visited him once a month back in 2021-2022. We just recently learned of his passing and wanted to share our condolences. He had such a great sense of humor and we always enjoyed getting to see him. He spoke so fondly of his children and grandchildren. We loved hearing the stories he shared about all the greats he had the opportunity to play with over the years. On one of our visits, he was in the middle of reassembling a piano he had been given. The next time we came, he invited us in to hear him play and it was such a special treat! He was a gift. Even though we only knew him for a short time, our memories of him will be something our family always cherishes.



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**Susan** - February 20 at 08:20 PM

“ To the Danny Stonestreet family,

*I look back on how many people have enhanced my life through the years. I think back to all of the music that Danny and I played together, and have to admit that he inspired me to play the piano and taught me my first gospel licks and runs. I made a trip to see Danny in Tennessee this last September and we had our final prayer together and I saw the tears as we said our goodbyes and knew that it might be our final time to see each other.*

*It is hard to know of the grief that each of the family must be going through at this time. I not only wanted to give my condolences to each family member, but I wanted to make a special web page and tribute movie that could start to bring some healing to each of Danny's family and his many many friends. I invite you to watch the tribute movie and share this website to your friends that knew Danny.*

*Danny will still remain in our hearts forever and hopefully this memorial website will help start many people on the path to healing. Just know that each of the names that are signed on this Tribute Wall, and the messages written, are all penned in love. These words speak of the simple fact that Danny and his music continues to live in the hearts of the many people and family he left behind.*

*It has been my experience that people heal much faster when they can come together and celebrate a life, and share their experiences and memories. I invite you to share a special memory, condolence message, upload your favorite photos and movies. Feel free to explore the E-bereavement resources that are available to each one who is mourning.*

*I know that the family could use some \$ help with the funeral expenses, and there is a link in the Obituary section to help with expenses on GoFundMe in Lieu of Flowers.*

*Someone has penned the words, "The greater the love, the greater the loss". Danny had a special love for his family and friends and it is comforting to know that you will see those smiles and feel those hugs again.*

*Sincerely,*

*Chaplain Roger Rustad*

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**Roger Rustad** - February 21, 2025 at 11:51 AM

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*Danny was a wonderful man and an amazing talent. He will be missed. Sending prayers and love to his family.*

*Tammy Stokes*

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**Tammy Stokes** - February 24, 2025 at 11:55 AM



*I have fond memories of Danny from our days in Keene Texas. Our birthdays were only days apart and we enjoyed singing in our mixed quartet with Nancy my sister and Myrle Kennedy. His grandma would get us kids together at her house and would take us to churches as far as Waxahachie to sing. Loved going to see The Blackwood brothers, Statesmen and other quartets. I will always treasure these memories. Hope to see Dan in the New Earth, sooner than we know.*

*Alvin Norman*

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**Randy Travis** - February 28, 2025 at 07:17 PM



“ 34 files added to the album Memories Memories Album



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**Reflecting on Memories** - February 18, 2025 at 11:41 PM