



Randall “Randy” Stone, SP5, USA

Assigned to AFVN (Broadcasting Section) in 1968-1970.

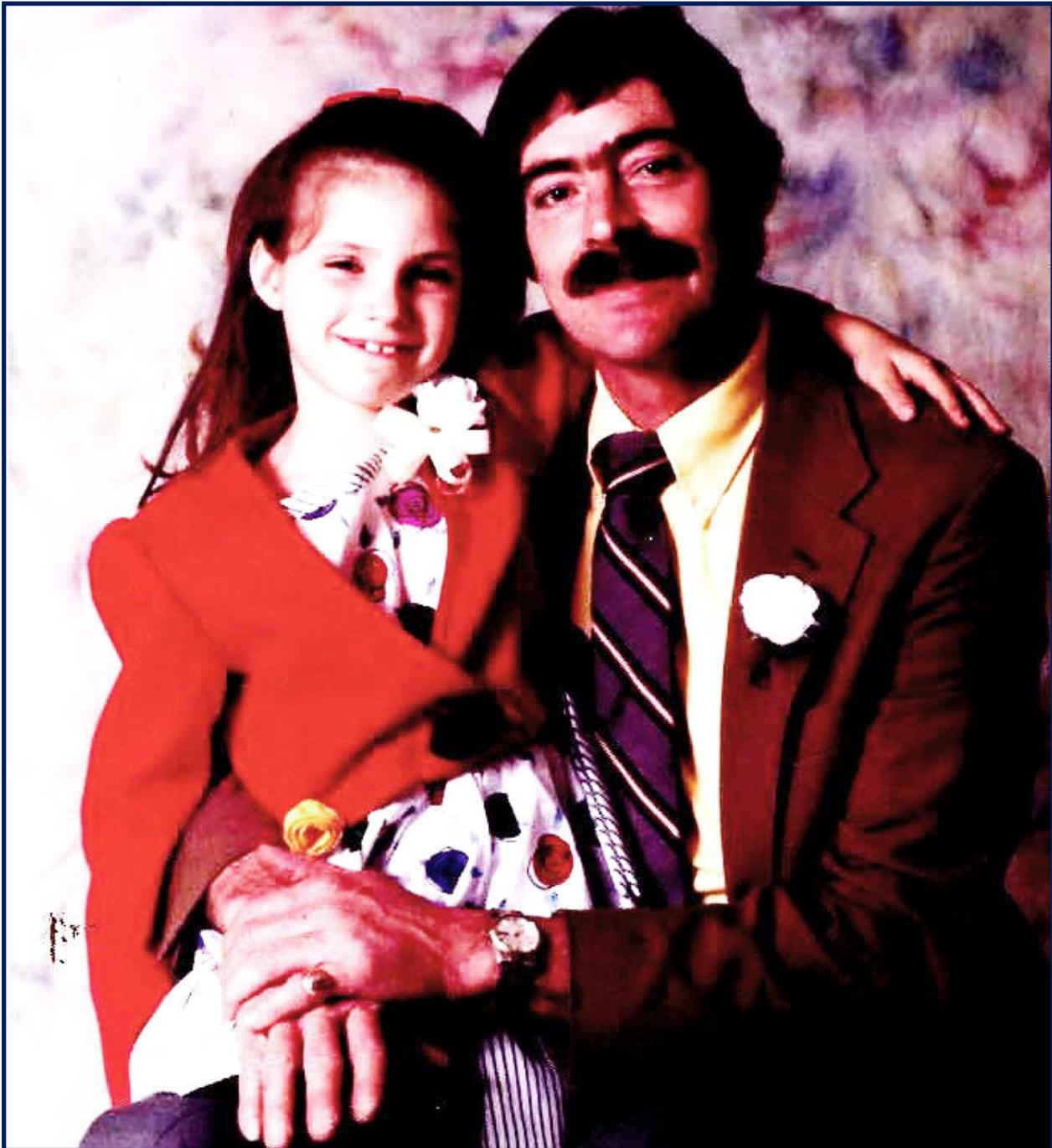
AFVN vet Randy Stone died this weekend after a long fight with cancer and a number of other illnesses. He was 68. Randy and I worked together at AFVN and he did two tours there. I'm very glad that I got to spend a while with Randy in August.

I can't tell you how bad I felt when it took at least ten minutes for him to just stand up on a walker. It looked like it took all the strength he could muster to do it. He called me a couple of weeks ago to tell me he had walked four steps on a walker—and that was the farthest he had walked since August. He was very proud of that—and so was I.

The next few pages have four photos of Randy plus some comments from friends.

There is a picture of Randy taken when he was with AFVN. It is also in one of the slide shows but it is also here because his wife posted it for Memorial Day, 2016.

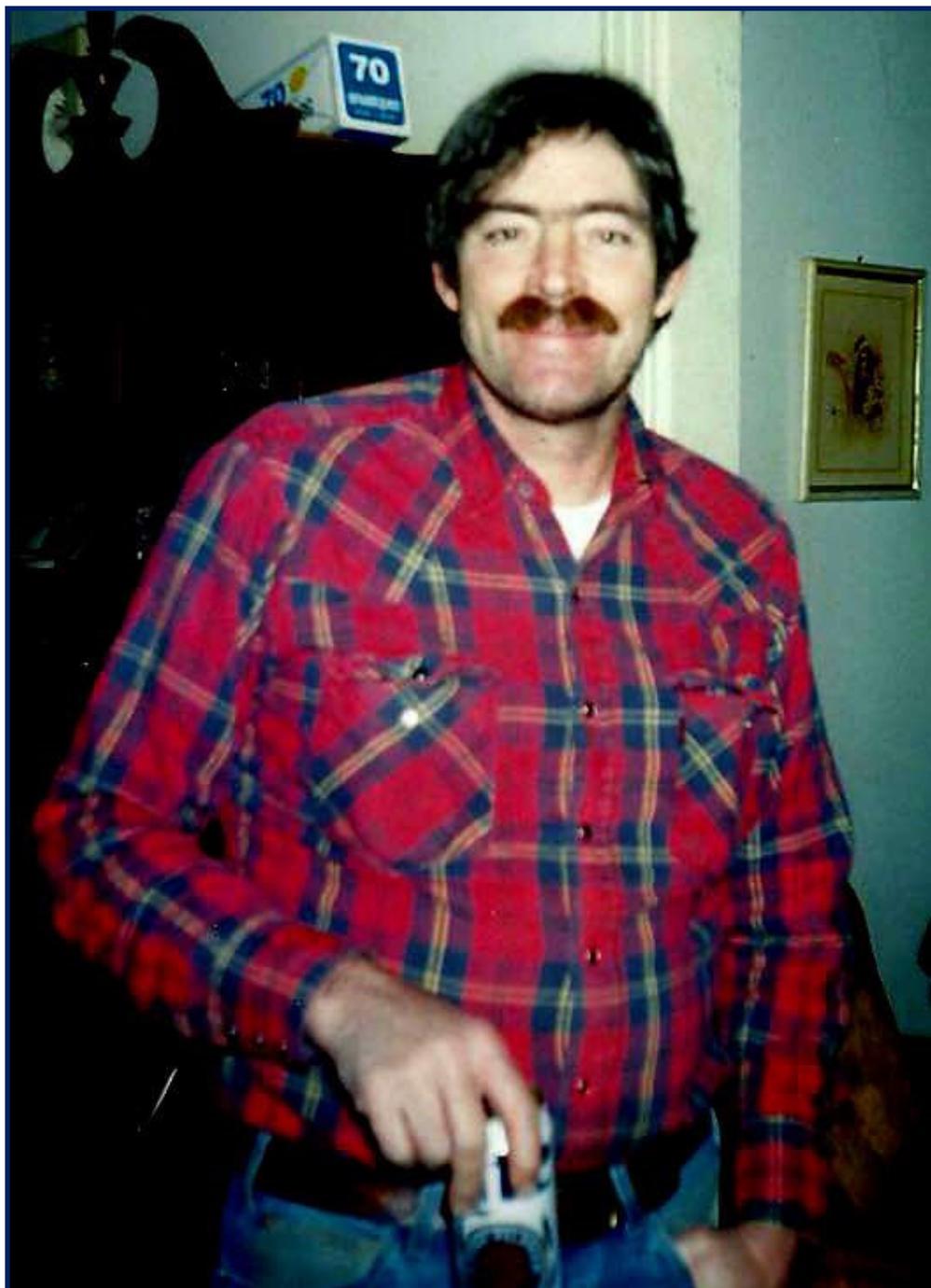




Randy with his daughter all dressed up for a Father-Daughter Dance.

[Photo furnished by Paul Bottoms,]





Randy in the late 1980's or early 1990's—Feeling Good.

[Photo furnished by Paul Bottoms,]





Ray Bottoms with Randy on August 26, 2014 with Paul Bottoms, just days before Randy was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma cancer. He fought it to the very end , never giving up.

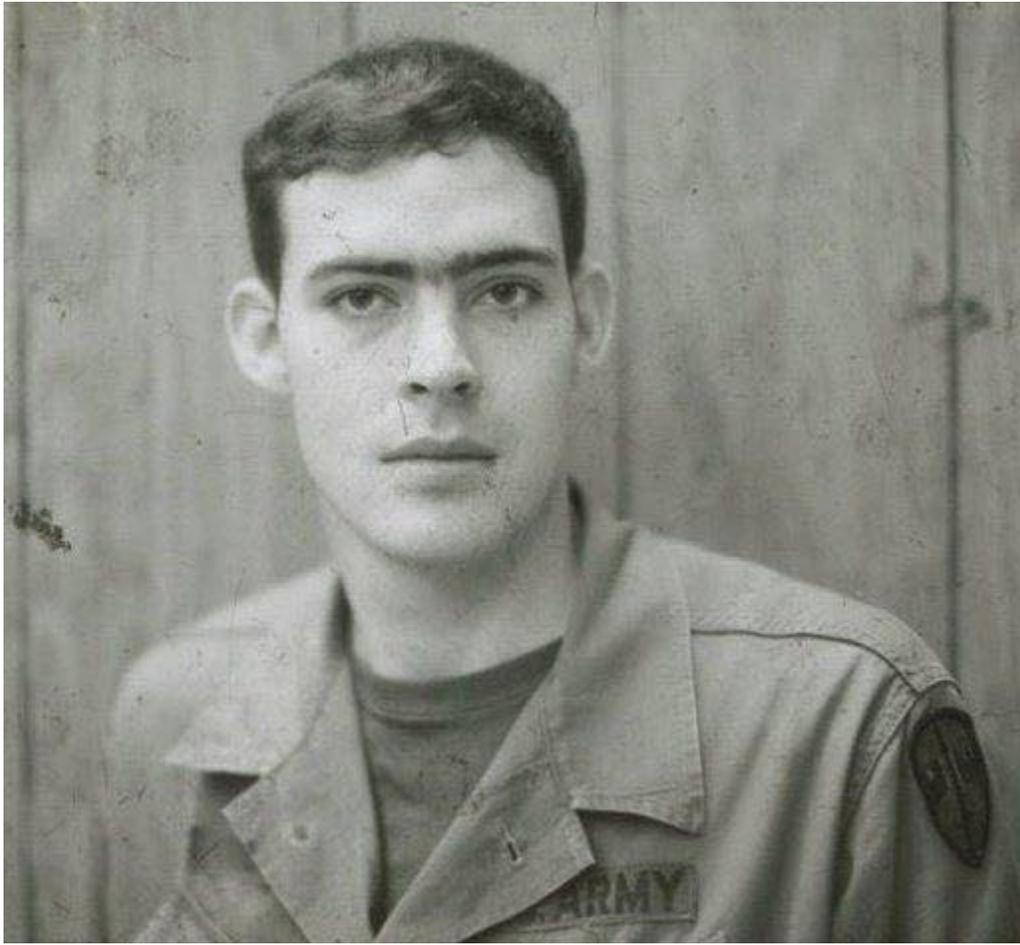
[Photo furnished by Randy's wife, Melinda,]





Randy with his dog. Taken in 2014 or so.
[Photo furnished by Paul Bottoms.]





Randy when he was with AFVN.





--Comments from Others--

From Michael Kumm on March 9th, 2015:

Rest in Peace, Randy.

From Ken Kalish on March 9th, 2015:

Today is apparently already in high seas. We will miss Randy and Ken. Personally, I had allowed myself to slip back into the "we are 21 and immortal!" mindset. Lead on, Randy. Get some good color shots for us, preferably of Bob Hope performing.

From Forrest Brandt on March 10th, 2015:

Amen, Ken. His has been a long winter.

From Garry Brill on March 10th, 2015:

It was so good to spend some quality time with Randy when he was at our 1st [i.e., 2012] reunion. He will be missed, and those memories from our time spent in Saigon become more precious.

From Ray Profeta on March 10th, 2015:

So sorry to hear about Randy. I talked to him at our Memphis reunion he said he had a picture with me! Guess I will see it in another life! Rest in peace!

