



Robert D. Stone

July 12, 1935 - March 14, 2014

Sutton resident Robert D. Stone, 78, died Friday, March 14, 2014, at the Henderson Community Hospital in Henderson, NE.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at the United Methodist Church in Harvard, NE with Rev. Travis King officiating. Interment will follow at the Harvard Cemetery in Harvard, NE., with military rites by the Harvard VFW Alan Jones Post #5539. Visitation will be Tuesday, March 18, 2014, from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m., with the family present from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, NE.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed to the Robert D. Stone Memorial Scholarship or the United Methodist Church in Harvard, NE.

Robert D. Stone was born July 12, 1935, in Fairmont, NE to Leroy and Grace (Farrall) Stone.

He received his education at Sutton and Harvard Public School graduating from Harvard in 1952. He received his bachelor's degree from Nebraska Wesleyan and continued his education and received his master's degree from Kearney State College.

He married Sherol Johnson on June 24, 1956, at the Saronville United

Methodist Church in Saronville, NE. He taught at Harvard Public School, Sutton Public School and Central Community College. He taught social studies and later became a principal and guidance counselor. He also taught drivers education in various schools.

Robert (Bob) thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his family as well as watching his children and grandchildren participate in many activities. Rumor has it; he could even be seen at one or two sporting events. Bob was a devoted member of his church and he enjoyed singing, playing the guitar, playing cards and working on the farm. He was an avid coffee drinker and some would say he had perfect attendance at the Black Dog Diner and the Sutton Bakery.

He served his country in the army during the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion Post #5539, member of the Sutton and Harvard Education Associations and he held many positions in his church including Lay Leader and choir director.

He is survived by his wife, Sherol of Sutton, NE; four children, Doug and wife Shelley Stone of Sutton, NE; Kim(Stone)Hendrickson and husband Mike of Hastings, NE; Jeff and wife Jane Stone of Phillips, NE and John and wife Shannon Stone of Harvard, NE. Grandchildren, Courtney; Brittany and Reed Stone; Crystal Steinmeyer and Amie Hendrickson; Will Reeson; Garrett, Chandler, Dustin Stone and Amanda Willnow. Great- grandchildren, Grayson and Kaylee Steinmeyer and Xavier Hendrickson. One sister, Helen Simmering of Alexandria, LA; sister-in-law, Winona Stone of Fairmont, NE; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Virgil and Nadine Johnson and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Don and Wanda Keller all of Harvard, NE; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leroy and Grace Stone; two sisters,

Doris Morris and Ruth Workman; one brother, Wayne Stone; three brothers-in-law, Kenneth Morris; Wes Simmering and Norman Workman; and two grandchildren, Cody Stone and Kylie Hendrickson.

Tribute Wall

NJ

“ Please know our thoughts & prayers are with Bob's family. He was a great guy!

Nate & Debbie Jones - April 05, 2014 at 05:02 PM

HC

“ A great man has been lost. I always enjoyed talking to Bob whenever I came home to Harvard. I last talked to him last year and as always his concerns were for how our children in todays world are being educated. He was and always will be a symbol of the heart of America and the town of Harvard. We will all miss him.

Harold Cushing - March 22, 2014 at 08:50 PM

TR

“ Sherol and Family,
I was saddened to hear of Bob's passing. He was my first principal while at Harvard. He knew how to create a happy community of learners. Since then I have worked for numerous principals and am now one myself. Bob has always been a role model for me.

Tom Rust - March 22, 2014 at 08:14 AM

NW

“ I will always have loving memories of Mr. Stone. His smile was always sincere and his positive attitude touched everyone who was blessed enough to know him. He was truly a GREAT man and he will be missed but will always be fondly remembered. My thoughts and prayers go out to Sherol and his kids.

Nicolle Keller Willner - March 21, 2014 at 02:53 PM

LS

“ I came across a letter that our daughter, Jennifer had written to Mr. Stone as part of her first grade class at Harvard. The story was *When I was Brave*, and Mr. Stone wrote on the paper about the first time he was brave. The letter is now part of Jennifer's memory book and will be forever cherished. It was always the highlight of our trip back to my hometown of Sutton when we went to the bakery and Bob was there. His smile was infectious. Bob had a great impact on the lives of our children, and I know his legacy will live forever. Our condolences to Sherol, their children and their families.

Linda and William Silvey - March 20, 2014 at 06:10 PM

J(

“ Sherol and family,
With a heavy heart I send you love and prayers for the coming days and years without that special person, Bob. He brought great joy to everyone he met and especially to those of us who shared so much with him. He always had a smile and a good word for everyone. His memory and faith in the Lord will carry you through the days to come. Remember God loves you and so do we all who knew him.

Joann Norvell (Laue) - March 20, 2014 at 01:10 PM

JR

“ What a terrific husband and father you had! The condolences I've read are proof of that. Harry and Jane valued Bob and Sherol friendship during those Fuller Brush days 50 years ago and for many years thereafter. Remember visiting the farm on several occasions, with my parents, always having a fun filled day. Bob was a class act. Very sorry to see his passing. Our condolences to the entire Stone family.

Jim, Sue and Harry Rust - March 18, 2014 at 09:18 PM

MT

“ Please accept our sincere thoughts and prayers to the family.
Marv & Karen Tessman

Marvin & Karen Tessman - March 18, 2014 at 05:39 PM

BB

“ While I never knew Bob personally, it is obvious he was a special man. It is never easy to lose anyone close to you however you still have your memories and I pray they will comfort you in your sadness. Please also remember to turn to your family and friends for support. They will surround you with the love and support you need. It is very special to have had such a loved person in your life. God bless your whole family.

Billie Dee Baumert - March 18, 2014 at 10:39 AM

KR

“ Brian claims to have only been spanked by Mr. Stone once:) but, said it was done with complete kindness and justice. I having a feeling he spent more time with him than most, so his words should be greatly valued! Mr. Stone was generous to everyone with his kind words, jolly laugh and smiles. He always remembered your name and was interested in what you were doing. Few people in the world are consistently the same everyday, no matter what. That is what Mr. Stone offered to me, while I was a student in Harvard... I could count on him to be there and to be happy. His family too, had the same kindness and smiles. Our prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of your husband and your father. The world was a better place because Mr. Stone was in it. God bless Mr. Stone.

Kelli and Brian Redinger - March 18, 2014 at 08:30 AM

WB

“ Although I've only known Bob for a short time, I learned what a kind, caring and wonderful man he was. He always had a smile and kind words to say and would even laugh with us from time to time even when he wasn't feeling his best. I was blessed to be able to care for such a wonderful man. He touched my life and my heart. You're all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of the loss of a very loved man by many. May you rest in peace Bob and know that we all love you. My condolences to Sherol and all the family. God Bless You All.

Wanda Brewster - March 18, 2014 at 08:00 AM

DY

“ Our thoughts & Prayers are with you all at this difficult time. With Sympathy. Though nothing can bring back the hour of splendor in the grass, of glory in the flower, we will grieve not, rather find strength in what remains behind. May knowing you're in the hearts and thoughts of others help you and yours through this time of sorrow. Although its difficult today to see beyond the sorrow may looking back in memory (and there is lots)help comfort you tomorrow. Condolences to Sherol, Kim, Doug, Jeff and John and your families. God Bless.

Dean and LuDella Yost - March 17, 2014 at 01:54 PM

GM

“ We will miss seeing Bob on our visits to Harvard. Gary will surely miss the times he spent on the golf course with Bob and the guys. Our condolences to Sherol and the entire family.

Gary and Vicki McDonald - March 17, 2014 at 01:09 PM

AT

“ Absolutely the kindest man we have ever known. He was a friend to everyone he met. Andrew and Tristan knew he was a great sports fan and supportive of everyone on the team! We are blessed to have known him. Our prayers to all of the family for the loss of this great man. Be blessed by the bountiful memories of him!

Alan and Cheryl Brown, Ashley, Andrew, and Tristan - March 17, 2014 at 10:32 AM

HS

“ I will miss seeing Bob in Brown's all the time getting his coffee and roll. He always had a smile on his face and always asked how I was doing. He was a great man and he will forever be in my heart. Rest In Peace, Bob. <3

Hannah Schutte. - March 16, 2014 at 08:13 PM

LR

“ One of the best men a person could know. Always a good word and his smile and laugh were infectious. So many memories going back to when I was in school but even better as I grew older he always asked about my family and loved to share about his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed at all the ballgames.

Linda Reichert - March 16, 2014 at 05:59 PM

JH

“ Bob was a sincerely--kind and friendly person to all people. We were bless to have know him. My sympathy to his family. Janis Hinrichs

Janis Hinrichs - March 16, 2014 at 06:41 AM

BK

“ It was never a terrifying experience if you were sent to the principals office when Bob was your principal. He didn't chew you out or yell, but rationalized and tried making you understand all with a smile on his face. At least that's what I was told since I never had to go there. Bob will be missed by many, and he made an impact on probably more people than I will ever know. Rest in peace Bob.

Bob Kirkpatrick - March 16, 2014 at 06:24 AM

CJ

“ Bob was a friend to all. Always a smile on his face and a warm greeting for all. It always meant a lot to know he remembered those he had worked with in his years in the school system. He positively influenced many young people thru those years. He would always ask how our children were doing and what they were up to. It seemed he never forgot a name of any of his students. All who knew him were blessed by his kindness & friendship.

Connie and Charlie Johnson - March 15, 2014 at 06:35 PM

GM

“ Bob was the best uncle and role model anyone could possibly have. Our hearts go out to all of our Nebraska family. His legacy is the basic goodness that showed through in everything he did. His spirit will always be with us and we will miss him dearly.

Greg & Audrey Morris - March 15, 2014 at 03:01 PM

CJ

“ Mr Stone was a good man and treated everyone with such fairness and friendship. My High School days were blessed with his influence. My condolence to the family and prayers for your peace.

Charles Jacobson - March 15, 2014 at 07:08 AM

KV

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Kurt Voorhees - March 15, 2014 at 04:06 AM

RF

“ *Memories of such a great man. Knew him from Sutton growing up and from living in Harvard. This man had a smile that saw good in everyone! God blessed the Heavens with his presence of Bob Stone! Our condolences to his wife Sherol, their children and their families.*

Roy and Linda Longoria & family - March 14, 2014 at 08:22 PM