



William Edward Stone

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It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of William E. (Bill) Stone on May 31, 2023. Bill was born and raised in Sydney, Cape Breton, he was the son of Anne (Chisholm) and Earl E. Stone.

Bill graduated from St Francis Xavier University in 1960 with his Bachelor of Arts and then his B. Ed. In 1962 He followed this with his Master of Education from the University of Maine. He taught in Sydney and came Halifax as principal of William Ross School and retired as principal of Fairview Heights School.

In 1988 he was elected to Halifax city council for what is now District 16. He served for 12 years, one of which was as Deputy Mayor.

A resident of Halifax for over 58 years, Bill loved sports and enjoyed curling, skating, bowling, swimming, dancing and more recently, playing cards and meeting people. He enjoyed his years with his wife and children at their cottages on the Bras'dor Lakes in Cape Breton and later at Seafoam in Pictou.

Above all, Bill loved his wife and family. He was very proud of his sons and the wonderful men they have become.

A member of the former OLPH parish and St Benedict parish, he served as a Eucharistic minister for a number of years and was a long-time member of the KOC.

Bill is survived by his wife of 56 years Helen, and sons Derek (Laura) Ottawa, Michael (Kelly) Halifax, sister Lorraine Casey, Riverview, NB, Brother Earl (Paula) Timberlea, and Grandsons Brandon, Anthony, Lewis, Findlay, and Gabriel. Bill was pre-deceased by his parents and his eldest son Ronald.

Cremation has taken place and a funeral mass will be celebrated at St. Benedict parish, 45 Radcliff Drive on June 6, 2023 at 12:15 pm. Donations to be made to a charity or your choice.

Condolences can be shared at www.harboursidecremation.ca/obituaries/

Family Flowers Only

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Dear Helen, Lorraine, Butch, and Bill's family.

My sincere condolences to all of you on the passing of Bill. Bill always reminded me so much of my dad Colin Chisholm. I always sent Bill and Helen a Christmas card every year to keep in touch with the cousins. My prayers and thoughts are with you as I am away in Calgary and was not able to attend Bill's memorial. Bill will certainly be missed.

Sincerely,

Joan Chisholm- Sangster (1st cousin)

Joan (Chisholm) Sangster - June 08, 2023 at 11:07 PM

PA

“ Our family sends their deepest condolences on Mr. Stone's passing. He was a wonderful man and we have many fond memories of him from our days at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Patricia Arab and Family

Patricia Arab - June 07, 2023 at 07:05 AM

DW

“ Shirley and I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Helen and family on the passing of a wonderful neighbour. We did not learn of Bill's passing until late this afternoon - June 6th and so missed the funeral service. Bill was a neighbour who always had time to stop and talk about a variety of topics no matter what either of us was involved in doing. He will be missed buy all who knew him.

David Williamson - June 06, 2023 at 03:50 PM

BB

“ Dear Helen & family, I'm sending my sincere condolences after hearing of Bills death. He is now, probably skating in Heaven to the tune, ' OnThe Wings Of A Snow White Dove' or playing bridge with friends. Bill was always busy on the dance floor as well. He will be missed by many. Betty Boudreau 🙏

Betty Boudreau - June 06, 2023 at 02:55 PM

EB

“ Sending our condolences to the Stone family. Bill was one of the first neighbour we met when we moved on the street in 1971. He will be so missed.
May the family memories help you at this sad time. God Bless.
Eugene and Dale Balcom

Eugene and Dale Balcom - June 06, 2023 at 12:35 PM

HM

“ Sorry to learn of Bill's passing. I served on Halifax Council with him for several years. My sincere condolences to the Stone family.

Harry McInroy

Harry McInroy - June 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM

GL

“ Dear Helen and family,
Our deepest sympathy for your loss. We have fond memories of Bill from the dinners/ dances at Stadacona.
Gerard & Heather Livingston

Gerard Livingston - June 06, 2023 at 07:26 AM

CF

“ Dear Lorraine, So sorry to hear of yours and the family’s loss. My deepest condolences to you all.

Carol Fawson - June 05, 2023 at 10:14 PM

WD

“ My condolences for your loss. Thinking of Bill will always conjure up memories of Benacadie. Walter

Walter Doyle - June 05, 2023 at 07:43 AM

CD

“ Helen & Family,
Our sympathy to you on the occasion of Bill’s passing. We are out of Nova Scotia and unable to attend the Funeral Mass and will be remembering all of you in prayer.

Joe & Cathy Driscoll

Catherine Driscoll - June 05, 2023 at 07:37 AM

AO

“ Our sincere condolences to Helen and family. I remember so well your wedding day. I was a teenager then and it was such a beautiful wedding. Haven’t been in touch over the years but I have many fond memories of my older cousin, Bill. Anne (Dwyer) and Ron O’Toole

Anne OToole - June 04, 2023 at 06:55 AM

HC

“ Dear Lorraine,

My most heartfelt condolences on the passing of your brother William Edward. Through the reading of his obituary, one can only conclude that he has had a full and interesting life and career.

*Hector Cormier
Moncton, NB*

Hector J. Cormier - June 04, 2023 at 06:00 AM

BF

“ *Lots of wonderful memories of Bill as a teen in Sydney and at St. F. X along with spending time with him and Helen in Cape Breton. He was a great friend and caring man.
With love and prayers to Helen and family,
Bud and Carol Farmer*

Bud and Carol Farmer - June 03, 2023 at 08:59 PM

MS

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Helen and the family. We have very fond memories of chatting with Bill at the rink and other get together events. His memory will live on. Sincerely Muriel and Mike Salzyn*

Muriel and Mike Salzyn - June 03, 2023 at 05:30 PM

CD

“ *The Coalition for Seniors and Nursing Home Residents'Rights, Board of Directors sends their deepest and sincere condolences to the family and to Lorraine Casey. We wish everyone all the best during these difficult time's of loosing a love one. God Bless!*

Cecile Cassista, executive director - June 03, 2023 at 04:14 PM

CD

“ *Much love to Helen, Derek, Michael and families. I always remember his great laugh and the summers in Benacadie. – Chrisanna*

Chrisanna Doyle - June 03, 2023 at 04:01 PM

MF

“ *My sincere condolences Helen and family. I was shocked to read of Bill's passing. We met through Bridge at the Library in Spryfield and I believe Clayton Park. Bill referred to me as his contact to find a Bridge game somewhere and I always enjoyed meeting up with him; most recently at the game at St Peter's Church on Kearney Lake Road. I knew very little about Bill other than playing Bridge except he was always a "gentleman". May your memories of Bill keep him forever close..... Marie Fortune*

Marie Fortune - June 03, 2023 at 02:33 PM

ZP

“ *Dear Helen and family
Such a shock to hear about Bill's passing. We'll miss him at the Fairview Legion dances.
Our sincere condolences
Zoe' Phillips and Wayne Shinnars*

Zoe Phillips - June 03, 2023 at 11:48 AM

TL

“ *Sorry to hear about your loss. He was my principal in the early 80's at Fairview Heights. He was so nice.*

Tony Levy - June 03, 2023 at 11:03 AM

GM

“ To Helen and Family,

It is with profound sadness that we write this message expressing our condolences to you and your family on Bill's passing.

We were neighbours for close to 20 years. During that time, we worked together on 3 of his city council election campaigns. After my move, I was blessed that we remained good friends.

Lyn and I will never forget the wonderful times we had at the Mess with both of you. Bill was always up for a polka with Lyn.

I always enjoyed our conversations on such topics as local political happenings, cars, and TV's. I will miss all of this.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to attend the funeral service as we will be on a trip out of the Province. We look forward to seeing you upon our return.

Prayers and Blessings,

Gordon and Lyn

Gordon and Lyn McMillan - June 03, 2023 at 10:26 AM

LB

“ Dear Helen Steve and I are so sorry you have lost Bill. I have many happy memories of time we worked together at Fairview Heights. He gave Michele and I a chance to job share which was ground breaking at the time. This enabled us to spend more time with our growing families. I am sure you and the boys are proud of his many achievements. Take care and hopefully the happy memories will sustain you at this sad time.

Lorraine Bezanson - June 03, 2023 at 10:03 AM

DF

“Cathy and I are greatly saddened to hear of Bill’s passing. We met Bill and Helen through dancing, mainly at Chiefs’ and Petty Officers’ Mess at Stadacona, and also Fairview Legion. He always had ideas for improvement, and was happy to share them with others. It’s clear from his life’s history he was a mover and shaker. It was the same on the dance floor; he loved to waltz or jive with Cathy at Fairview. His cheery countenance will be sadly missed. We extend our deepest condolences to Helen, and Bill’s family. Rest in peace faithful servant.

Des Writer and Cathy Fifield - June 03, 2023 at 08:10 AM

ES

“I worked with Bill at Fairview Heights Elementary for many years. He was always very kind to me and understanding of some of my situations. Bill was known for being frugal and he enjoyed the teasing he got from "the annex teachers". He was a good soul and may now have some peace.
To Helen; thank you for your devotion to your husband.

elaine sharp - June 03, 2023 at 07:48 AM

ES

“Many are my recollections sitting in the kitchen discussing and resolving the issue of the world! Bill wanted to make a difference in the world and maybe our discussions facilitated a positive change. He will be missed!

Earl Stone - June 02, 2023 at 12:09 PM

Laura Stone

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Laura Stone - June 02, 2023 at 09:24 AM

Laura Stone

What a fun day at Halifax's Gay Pride Parade with Poppy!

Laura Stone - June 02, 2023 at 09:23 AM

MF

Very sorry to hear of Billies passing . I remember Billie from our time at Sydney Academy. He was a really nice person and it was a honour to have known him . My deepest sympathy to the Stone family and Lorraine .

Mary Lou (Cruickshank) Florian

Mary Lou (cruickshank) Florian - June 03, 2023 at 07:10 AM

LM

Much sympathy to you Lorraine, Helen and family. I didn't know Bill but having read the obituary I feel he was a pretty great person and will be missed dearly. Hugs to everyone.

Lyn MacNeill

Lyn MacNeill - June 04, 2023 at 07:40 PM

JH

My deepest condolences to the Stone family on Bill's passing. He was a classmate of mine at both Sydney Academy (Class of 1957) and St FX. Always enjoyed his jovial smile and chats whenever I saw him either at the hockey games or elsewhere. My prayers are with you at this difficult time. May he rest in peace.

John Hawrylak - June 04, 2023 at 07:50 PM

Laura Stone

“ *Laura Stone lit a candle in memory of William Edward Stone*



Laura Stone - June 02, 2023 at 09:23 AM

Laura Stone

“ *Dear Poppy,
We will miss you dearly. We loved our memories with you at the cottage, playing cards around the old oak table in the kitchen. We got to stay up extra late and drink pop!!! You loved to tease and were a stickler for following the rules. Thank You for those memories and for giving us our Dad. Our Dad always wanted to make you proud and to let you know he was doing okay in Ottawa. He loved when you asked him for advice on computer stuff. We appreciate the hard work ethic you passed on through to your kids and the importance of family. We will all take good care of Nanny. Love, From The Stone Boys: Lewis, Findlay, and Gabe.*

Laura Stone - June 02, 2023 at 09:05 AM

BM

My condolences to the family-- of Bill's passing --- I knew BILL in High School when he attended Sydney Academy ---- always a gentleman and always laughing -- a pleasure to know -- All the best to his family and keep smiling BILL -- LOVE AND PRAYERS --- BETTY BRUCE MACNEIL--Sydney

BETTY MACNEIL - June 03, 2023 at 10:25 AM

JC

Dear Helen

We were sad to hear of Bill's passing. We remember him from OLPH and now St Benedict parishes. Also Bill was very active in city politics and pleasant to talk to. Our condolences to you and your family.

Pat and Jim Clancy

Jim Clancy - June 03, 2023 at 11:06 AM

BT

So sorry to lose such a wonderful man. He was a great dancer and i so enjoyed the fast jives with him. Rest in peace my friend. Prayers to you Helen and family.

Bette Tomlinson - June 03, 2023 at 12:09 PM

ME

My condolences to Bill's wife and family. It was always great seeing and speaking with Bill at the senior skates at either LeBrun in Bedford or the Centennial Arena in Fairview. We may not have solved the world's problems but we would have if the world had listened. Bill will be remembered in my prayers.

Mike Edwards

Mike Edwards - June 03, 2023 at 12:25 PM

LC

I have met a lot of really nice people in my life but I can't remember meeting anyone nicer than Billie Stone. He was my friend when we played softball in the Sydney Wolfcub League (on opposite teams), and we were friends as education administrators many years later. Condolences to all family members and friends. Rest in peace Billie. Well done.

Lloyd Campbell - June 03, 2023 at 08:06 PM

AM

Helen and family, we were saddened to hear of Bill's passing. We wish to offer our condolences and prayers for your dearly departed. I met Bill many years ago at Fairview Heights School when I was a substitute teacher. He gave me many long term positions. He was a great Principal and I enjoyed working with him. Merlin met Bill through the Knights of Columbus at OLPH Parish. All our children went to Fairview Heights and knew Mr. Stone as their Principal during their Elementary years. They still speak of Mr. Stone with the utmost respect. May the memory of his life well lived bring comfort and peace during the difficult days ahead.

Ann and Merlin MacAulay

Ann MacAulay - June 04, 2023 at 04:57 PM

WM

Our sincere condolences to Helen and family on the death of Bill. We always enjoyed talking to Bill at skating events and the dances at the NFLD club and Fairview Legion. He was our go to person to call to know where the dances were. He was very easy to talk to, especially if you were from Cape Breton.

Keep your memories close to your heart!

Bill & Melissa Macneil

william MacNeil - June 04, 2023 at 07:30 PM

MM

My sincere condolences to Helen. Bill was a good friend to my mother Edie Muise. I remember Bill having a cup of tea in my mom's kitchen on more than one occasion. I know that she enjoyed his visits and I valued his advice when she was hospitalized. Unfortunately I cannot attend the funeral as I am out of the province. Marg Muise

Marg Muise - June 04, 2023 at 10:43 PM

DB

I met Bill when he was city councillor and also serving as Deputy Mayor. I was responsible for police service from Herring Cove to Bedford. We had contact on many issues that came to Bill's attention. He was always reasonable and sincerely concerned for the citizens he served. He was a pleasure to work for on behalf of his community. Later (in retirement) we had many chats at Saint Benedict church.

We know this kind man is at peace.

Blessings to the Stone family

Kay and Don Boudreau

don boudreau - June 05, 2023 at 11:35 AM

JM

Doug and I want to express our deepest sympathy ,Helen, to you and your family.May your faith and the love and support of your family and friends bring comfort to you in the days ahead.

*Sincerely,
Doug and Jane Maynes*

Jane Maynes - June 05, 2023 at 12:37 PM

MD

Helen and family,

I am writing to express condolences to you and your family on the passing of your late husband, Bill. As Swan Cres. neighbours in the 70s and early 80s we have many fond memories of interactions especially involving our sons.

We send blessings for the coming days.

Sincerely in Christ,

Marion & Leo Dorey

Marion and Leo Dorey - June 25, 2023 at 03:51 PM

JC

*Dear Helen, I was at the Fairview Legion on Friday night and a gentleman approached me asking if I knew of Bill's passing? I did not! I am very saddened to hear this news. I first met Bill at the skating rink and we used to chat. Over time, we would meet at dances and we would jive together. Bill always had a smile for me. Thank you for sharing this fine man, he will be missed . Love and prayers, sincerely,
Janice Coyle*

Janice Coyle - August 12, 2023 at 06:03 AM