



Delmer Durwood "Jack" Stone

July 18, 1937 - July 18, 2011

Delmer Durwood "Jack" Stone, 73, died July 16, 2011, in Anadarko. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in First Baptist Church of Anadarko. Burial will follow in Memory Lane Cemetery under the direction of Smith Funeral Home. He was born July 18, 1937, to Delmer and Minnie Stone in Byars. His parents divorced, and his father married Fay E. Fullerton on Sept. 6, 1942. She and his father raised him together. Stone graduated from Capitol Hill High School in Oklahoma City and earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee in 1959. He married Margaret Jean "Peggy" Gunn on Aug. 14, 1959, in First Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. Stone began his career in journalism as an intern in the advertising department at The Anadarko Daily News. After graduating from OBU, he returned to the Daily News before going to the Tulsa Tribune, where he covered the police beat. He worked there for seven months before returning to Anadarko, where he worked for 38 years at the Daily News. He retired as executive editor in 1996. His column, "The Cornerstone," appeared in more than 7,000 editions of the Daily News. Stone was inducted into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame in 2010. He won the Oklahoma Press Association's Beachy Musselman Award in 1973. The award was established in 1969 to recognize and encourage quality journalism in practice, education and research. Other awards included the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety Jerry Marx Memorial Award, the Anadarko Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Service Award, the Boy Scouts of American District Award of Merit,

Kiwanian of the Year for the Kiwanis Club of Anadarko, a number of Oklahoma Press Association awards for his writing and several Anadarko Junior Chamber of Commerce awards. He was a member of the OBU President's Council, the Oklahoma Baptist Historical Society, the University of Oklahoma school of journalism advisory board and First Baptist Church of Anadarko, where he served in many positions over the years, including deacon, Sunday school teacher, librarian, moderator and member of many committees. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserve. His hobbies included fishing and drinking coffee with his friends at Indian City Lanes bowling alley. He was predeceased by his parents, Delmer and Fay Stone. Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Debbie Stone of Catoosa and Greg and Teresa Stone of Anadarko; one daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Scott Wilson of Stillwater; four granddaughters, Jessie and Jackie Stone of Catoosa and Jordan and Kiersten Stone of Anadarko; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jerry and Audrey Stone of Naples, Fla., and Jim and Sharon Stone of Oklahoma City; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Anadarko Student Center, 700 W. Petree Road, Anadarko, OK, 73005. Laura (Stone) Wilson Condolences may be sent to the family at smithfuneralservices.com.