



## Ronald Wayne Stone

September 15, 1932 - August 14, 2023

Dateline; Spring Grove, Mn

Ronald (Ron) Wayne Stone, age 90 of Spring Grove, passed away Aug. 14, 2023 at

Gundersen Health Systems in La Crosse, WI

Ron was born on September 15, 1932 in Prosper, MN to Lawrence and Ethel (Rongstad) Stone.

At the age of nineteen Ron was drafted and fought in the Korean War.

Upon returning home he married Dawn Williams on June 16, 1956. The couple

moved to Spring Grove in 1960.

Ron received a degree from Winona State University and began his teaching career

in Spring Grove; later returning to Winona State University to earn his Masters Degree. In the Spring Grove School district he served as an Industrial Arts teacher

and coached the Spring Grove Lions varsity baseball and basketball teams.

He later

became the high school Principal and Athletic Director. He served in these roles

for many years before his retirement.

In addition to his dedication to education, he was actively involved in community organizations including Legion Post # 249, Tweeten Memorial Hospital Foundation, Syttende Mai committee for its yearly parade, Lions Club and Commercial Club. In retirement he started and ran Stone's Awards and Engraving, which allowed him to continue his passion for recognizing the achievements of students and others. He engraved the plaques on Veteran's flag cases for years.

He is survived by his loving wife Dawn of Spring Grove, and their children Debbie Stone Nelson and Reid (Carol) Stone. Grandchildren; Andrea Dyreson, Jacob Jennings, Caitlin Stone, and Ryan Stone, and great-grandchildren Aubrey Jennings, and Aria Dyreson, and his brother LeRoy Stone.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services for Ron will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday Aug. 18, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Spring Grove. Pastor Lane Zaffke will officiate. Private family burial will be in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Spring Grove Athletic Boosters-Stone Memorial Fund would be greatly appreciated.

Roble Funeral Home of Spring Grove is assisting the family with

arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Hwy 44  
Spring Grove, MN 55974

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
203 E. Main St.  
Spring Grove, MN 55974  
trinity@springgrove.coop

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ I feel bad that I was not able to make it to Ron's Celebration of Life. I had a doctor's appointment (cancer related) in La Crosse at 10:00 that morning.  
I had the great fortune of working with Mr. Ron Stone in my capacity of Supt of Schools in Spring Grove (I had that position from 1985-2010). Ron was a great human being, a super Secondary Principal, and most importantly, a friend. He left a great legacy in Spring Grove School. I, as well as my wife, Mary Lou, send my/our very best to Dawn and the family. - Jim Busta

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**Jim Busta** - September 03, 2023 at 06:39 PM

MR

“ Mr. Stone was professional, fair and consistently set a fine example for Spring Grove High School. Moreover, he was the kind Dad of my good friend and his daughter, Debbie.  
Later. when my parents purchased and lived next door, Ron and Dawn was wonderful neighbors! My sympathies to the Stone Family,  
Mary (Swenson) Rettig

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**Mary Lynn Rettig** - August 28, 2023 at 07:05 AM

JB

“ Ron Stone was the high school principal when I was hired as superintendent at Spring Grove Public School in 1985. He was a great man and great principal that I so enjoyed working with for many years until his retirement.  
I extend our thoughts and prayers to the Stone family.  
- Jim & Mary Lou Busta

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**Jim Busta** - August 18, 2023 at 12:18 AM

“ A kind man and dedicated educator.



*I probably have shared the following story a thousand times but i feel that it warrants telling one more time.*

*I was late for class the first three days of my junior year and each morning I would go to the high school office to get a pass to be allowed into class and all three days Mr Stone was the one signing my pass. Finally on the 3rd day he brought me into his office and asked, “Roxann, what are you going to do when you graduate high school, if you go to college you need to get up for class, or if you decide to get a job right away, you are going to need to get to work on time”. So I said, Mr Stone, I am really trying but I’m just not a morning person. And that I hope once I get to college I will have grown out of sleeping in. So he then asked , what do you want to be, and I said a teacher and he started to laugh saying “well you need to get to school before your students.”. Then he offered to call me each morning to wake me and make sure I got to class on time. Well, I didn’t want to be rude and say “no, please don’t call me”, so instead we agreed he would call me each day.*

*Each day for 2 years that kind and caring man called me at 7:45, saying, “good morning Roxann, and I would say, good morning Mr Stone.” Then he would say, “see you at school.” And if would say “I’ll see you at school Mr. Stone”. And almost every morning he was waiting by the door to greet the students and I think to make sure I got to class. That 10 second conversation each morning prevented me from being late every day, avoiding detention and missing practice.*

*I think of him fondly and think how dedicated and selfless he was. Very few educators would go out of their way to make sure their student got to class on time.*

*I spent 14 years as a school board member and I had the opportunity to help a student by calling her each morning to make*

*sure she got to school in time. Let me tell you it takes some dedication.*

*Thank you Mr Stone!*

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**Roxann (Lund) Zimprich** - August 17, 2023 at 01:18 AM

JW

“*Ron was truly a scholar and a gentleman. I was fortunate to find him as a professional colleague in my years in Spring Grove. His calm and steady student focused leadership was a huge asset in his role as high school principal.*

*Condolences to his family from Deborah and me.*

*Fondly,*

*Joe Wemette*

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**Joe Wemette** - August 16, 2023 at 01:12 AM

BS

“*Debbie, Dawn and Reid, my sincere condolences to you. “Mr. Stone” was truly one of the good guys. I feel fortunate that he welcomed girls into his shop and taught us skills I still use. I think about him every time I’m doing a woodworking project—he was so patient and truly empowered us. His smile showed he genuinely cared for his students, too. He left a positive impact on so many in SG and will be remembered and missed. Hugs. Beth Dvergsten Stevens*

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**Beth Stevens** - August 15, 2023 at 11:31 PM

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**Carol Stone** - August 15, 2023 at 09:37 PM

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**Carol Stone** - August 15, 2023 at 09:31 PM