

In Memory of

Marvin Boyd Stone

March 13, 1938 - July 10, 2017

Obituary

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MARVIN BOYD STONE

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Friday, July 28, 2017

I have some great memories of Stoney, we were very good friends in the day and he actually lived in my condo for a few months while in transition. He was a great guy and a great friend. RIP our friend, I shall see you again one day!

~

Brenda Clifton-Routt,
Clovis, California

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

God bless you Marvin...

Awe... a moment of silence here as I reflect...

When Fresno got their Eagles, I was the first Crew Chief to run the F-15. When I climbed up into that big intimidating machine, I asked God to please help me not screw up. I was really worried I would. Then I called Mach on the hand held radio for clearance to run. After a yell back from Mach "your clear to run," and before flipping that switch with shaking hands, I wished you could have been there, coaching me along over the radio, in your confident calming voice. Telling me "your gonna be alright son."

Back in the "Stoney" days, Mach was called Job Control. Marvin was always there, playing puppet master and crunching maintenance time figures and getting the mission lined up for the next day. He always worked the thread through a needle, doing it without ever making anyone upset at the end of the night. He always had a way of getting us to get the work done with a smile towards quitting time. What a great mentor and leader. This is my reflection of you.

I'll light up a stogie for you Marv. Gonna crack open a Solberana beer from Panama and toast your life. I think you would have liked that. You were loved by many of us, and will always be deeply remembered and missed. God speed to you my friend.

God bless you,

Billy

~

Billy Ferreira,
Clovis, California

Monday, July 17, 2017

I always thought of Stoney as the voice of "mother earth" on night flights in the F-4 days. I was a young flight doc at that time and had most of my F-4 time as after hours night flights (never mind crew rest). After bouncing around in the red glow of the back seat during a night flight it was always nice to hear Marvin voice come on to the radio as we headed home in the otherwise hollow darkness. God Bless you Stoney for all you did to protect us fliers. Doc. "Buffy" Carveth

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William Carveth,
Fresno, California

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Sunday, July 16, 2017

May you rest in peace Mr. Stone. I learned a great deal from this man!

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Mike Tucker,
Columbia, Maryland

Sunday, July 16, 2017

I started in 1978,(26 yrs old), and it was clear who was in charge, Marvin Stone! From his tower, there in the corner of the hangar, was "The Man" who made it his mission to provide jets to the fighter squadron. Of course, "so said Col Benton". I loved to engage him. Always up beat, and personable. His wife left way to soon, now Marvin Stone has transferred to the great job control in the sky. God Bless you Stoney. You were one of a kind...

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Gordon Jones,
North Las Vegas, Nevada

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Sunday, July 16, 2017

I referred to Marvin as "Marvelous". He had a huge impact on many people and he was one of my earliest influences and teachers at the 144th. I spent many an hour sitting with Marvin listening and absorbing the life lessons he was generous enough to share.

I learned much from him! I'm sure he is smoking one of his stoggies with his feet up and sharing stories.

~

Rick Newsom,
Fresno, California
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Saturday, July 15, 2017

Marvin Stone was a fixture at the Fresno Air National Guard for decades and touched the lives of many. He will be remembered for his skills, dedication, and incredible sense of humor. You could always count on a good laugh when you were around Stoney. He was known around the base as Marvin, "Stoney", and "Rock". As the voice of "Stone Control" -- which was the nickname we used for Maintenance Control when manned by Marvin, and which was the place where pilots and maintenance folks called in on the radio to coordinate aircraft maintenance related issues -- Marvin choreographed the multitude of people and assets that kept flight operations running smoothly at the base. There, he would assign aircraft discrepancies to the appropriate maintenance shop, move aircraft around the ramp and hangar, and keep all pertinent parties "in the loop". Stoney did all this skillfully and seamlessly and with a dose of his unforgettable humor . He will always be remembered as one of the central figures of the Fresno ANG 'family'. Losing Stoney has left a big hole in all our hearts, but we can take solace in knowing Marvin is reunited with his dear wife, Dolores. Rest In Peace, friend.

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Jim McNab,
Valdosta, Georgia
Saturday, July 15, 2017

Stoney was an amazing man, both at work and on the golf course. We are all fortunate to have known and learned from him.

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Paul Ketchum
Friday, July 14, 2017
Becky and I send our sincere condolences

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Bill Youngs,
Lillian, Alabama
Thursday, July 13, 2017

Back in 1978 when moving from Boston, many of my early memories involve Marvin, not only on the mx radio but mostly at the Base Club. What a personality and a good man!

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Jamie MacKay,
Beverly, Massachusetts

Thursday, July 13, 2017

I learned many things from you Stoney, and not all work related. May you Rest In Peace with your loving wife Dolores.

Richard Rodriguez

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Richard Rodriguez,
Fresno, California
Thursday, July 13, 2017

Marvin , was a great friend , and mentor to me , except on the golf course. I will miss him. Mike Clarke

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