

Bill Christian Stoner

July 6, 1943 - May 12, 2025

Bill Christian Stoner, 81, of Corsicana, Texas, passed away peacefully on May 12, 2025, at UT Southwestern Medical Center, surrounded by his loving family. Born on July 6, 1943, to Clarence Moody Stoner and Evalyn Ruth Stoner in Grand Prairie, Texas, Bill lived a life rich in service, dedication, and love.

A proud graduate of Keene High School in 1961, Bill furthered his education at the University of Texas at Arlington before answering the call to serve his country. In 1964, he joined the Army and served as a Medic at Kenner Hospital in Fort Lee, Virginia, where he took great pride in his ability to find veins on the first attempt. He was honorably discharged in 1966, carrying with him the values of service and compassion that would define his life.

Bill's entrepreneurial spirit shone brightly from a young age. At just 14, he began drilling water wells with Stoner Drilling, a family business that would grow and thrive under his leadership. In the late 1970's the company expanded from solely the water well business in Keene into the oil business here in Navarro County. His dedication was recognized in 2006 when he received the National Ground Water Association's (NGWA) prestigious Ross L. Oliver Award, followed by the Life Member Award in 2011. Bill served on the Board of Directors of the NGWA since 1990, serving as President in 1997, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to his profession and community. Bill was a member of the Texas Ground Water Association from 1977 through 2025. He served on the Board of Directors, including President in 1986 and 1987.

Beyond his professional achievements, Bill cherished the time spent with his life partner, Merry "Su" Morris. Together, they traveled the world and enjoyed countless dinners with their close-knit group of friends. Bill was also the founder of the Navarro County 100 Club, reflecting his deep commitment to supporting local law enforcement and first responders.

A true animal lover, Bill had a special bond with many beloved dogs through the years, ending with Lady, who chose him and only him.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Evalyn Stoner, and his siblings, Nancy Gail Hagood and Clarence Moody "Junny" Stoner. He is survived by his devoted life partner, Merry "Su" Morris; his sister Lynda Nell Bunch; his son Tom Stoner and wife Rosie, along with their children, Eric and Elisabeth Stoner; his son Blake Stoner and wife Amy, and their daughters, Olivia and Claire Stoner; and his son Brett Stoner and wife Amber, and their children, Braxton and Asher Stoner.

Visitation with the family will be held on Friday, May 16th, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Funeral services will take place on Saturday, May 17th, at 3:00 PM at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home with Daniel Harper officiating. Interment will follow on Sunday, May 18th, at 11:00 AM at Keene Memorial Park Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers include Don Denbow, Mike Dowd, Leroy Goodson, Mickey Hillock, Curtis McNeese, Eric Meyers, Ernest Rylie, Jerry Watkins, Frank Wheelock, Ronny Willis, Lowell Hudson, and Hartley Young.

In lieu of flowers donations should be made to the Navarro County 100 Club.

Cemetery Details

Keene Memorial Park Cemetery

301 Pioneer Dr
Keene, TX 76059

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Funeral Service

MAY 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside

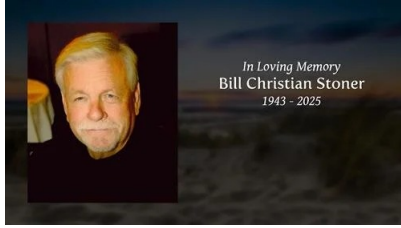
MAY 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Bill Christian Stoner



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - May 22, 2025 at 10:56 AM

EN

“ Extending sincere condolences to the Stoner family. I met Bill many years ago through the NGWA and always looked forward to seeing him at the annual convention. He will greatly missed and I will always remember his fantastic sense of humor and that Texas drawl! May he rest in peace forever.
With Sympathy,
Eric Neubecker

Eric J Neubecker - July 07, 2025 at 11:29 AM

CA

“ Cordelia Albritton lit a candle in memory of Bill Stoner



Cordelia Albritton - May 19, 2025 at 05:19 PM

MS

“ Martha and I joined the Denny's breakfast group about 3 years ago. Bill was the last one to arrive so we waited to order until he got there. I enjoyed visiting with him and discussing current events and politics. He always had an interesting and intelligent viewpoint on most everything!
He will be greatly missed,

Marilyn Schmidt - May 16, 2025 at 04:59 PM

TA

“ Texas Groundwater Association purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Bill Christian Stoner.



Texas Groundwater Association - May 16, 2025 at 01:57 PM

TA

“ Texas Groundwater Association planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bill Christian Stoner.

Texas Groundwater Association - May 16, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bill Christian Stoner.



May 16, 2025 at 01:49 PM

MR

“ I shared many a day playing gin with BILL and Don Marret. The banter between us was extremely enjoyable. We were often joined by Frank Dunn , Frank Wheelock and others. Bill was a good, honest and caring person. It was a honor to call him friend. Mike Russell

Mike russell - May 15, 2025 at 05:48 PM

LS

“ Mr.Stoner was a genuinely great person. He was my customer for over 20 years and i always enjoyed helping him. I pray for his family during this time. He will be missed by so many



Latosha Spence - May 15, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Bill Christian Stoner.



May 15, 2025 at 10:25 AM

DB

“ Daphne B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bill Christian Stoner.

Daphne B. - May 15, 2025 at 07:44 AM

JW

“ Jack and Patsy Ward purchased the *Rose Remembrance* for the family of Bill Christian Stoner.



Jack and Patsy Ward - May 14, 2025 at 09:53 PM

JW

“ Jack and Patsy Ward planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bill Christian Stoner.

Jack and Patsy Ward - May 14, 2025 at 09:53 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Bill Christian Stoner.



May 14, 2025 at 03:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bill Christian Stoner.

May 14, 2025 at 03:06 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Bill Christian Stoner.*



May 14, 2025 at 02:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bill Christian Stoner.

May 14, 2025 at 02:49 PM

AB

“ *Served almost 30 years with Bill on the TGWA Board, enjoyed his friendship and his professional leadership, Bill will truly be missed by everyone who is involved in the Ground Water industry, praying for his family & healing. Alan Brison, B&B Water Well*

Alan Brison - May 14, 2025 at 02:14 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bill Christian Stoner.*



May 14, 2025 at 11:21 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bill Christian Stoner.*



May 14, 2025 at 09:11 AM



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