



## Zane C. Stites

June 23, 1934 - May 4, 2014

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“He is gone from us but present and at peace with the Lord.”

Zane Stites entered into eternal rest on May 4, 2014, with his family at his side. He was born on June 23, 1934 to Chet and Ethel Stites in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Zane graduated from Stillwater High School in 1952 and entered Oklahoma State University where he played collegiate football. He interrupted his education to join the Army and served 17 months in Korea as a staff sergeant beginning one month after his marriage to Susan Collins in February 1955. After returning home, he and Susan settled in their hometown of Stillwater as Zane reentered OSU. Their first child, Karen Elizabeth, was born in 1958. Following his graduation, the family moved to Amarillo, Texas and their son, Timothy Zane, was born in 1961.

Zane held jobs in Amarillo and Dallas before entering the banking business in Clovis, New Mexico under the tutelage of Everett Musick and then followed him to Corsicana for a position at State National Bank. He became President of Corsicana National Bank (now Community National Bank & Trust) in 1968 and rose to Chairman of the Board, officially retiring in 2000 but continuing to serve as Chairman for several years. The bank grew under his leadership, and his philosophy that every customer was important built a generation of community-minded bankers and helped local businesses succeed. Zane took his role as a community leader seriously, serving on the Corsicana Industrial

Foundation, YMCA board of directors and as Kiwanis president. The Corsicana Navarro County Chamber of Commerce recognized him with the Arthur J. Keeney Award for outstanding community service. Zane served as a trustee of Navarro College for 16 years during a period of tremendous expansion. He was also a dedicated community volunteer, coaching the Little League baseball team, American Reds, for 16 years, filming Corsicana High School and Navarro College football games, refereeing high school football, and driving for Meals on Wheels, Food for Fitness and Road to Recovery.

Zane was a man with many interests. He was an avid sportsman, playing golf courses in all 50 states, snow skiing and making many friends along the way. Zane was a self-taught woodworker and made many pieces of furniture for his children and grandchildren, as well as items for church auctions and school organizations. Annual family road trips all across the country were a Stites tradition, building many memories. Following retirement, he and Susan enjoyed traveling and attending Elderhostels at many locations. He was faithful to his church, First United Methodist in Corsicana, where he sang in the choir, was a member and periodic teacher of the Friendship Sunday School Class for 48 years and served on the Administrative Board and numerous committees.

Zane is survived by his loving wife, Susan, of 59 years, his daughter Karen and husband Les Leskoven, his son Tim and wife Ann, his beloved grandchildren Andrew Young and wife Haley, Bobby Scott, Catherine Young and Russell Stites, his great granddaughter, Hadlie Elizabeth Young and his step-grandchildren Laura Leskoven and Andrew Leskoven, as well as many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Geoff Collins and wife Carol and his sister-in-law, Lana Stites. He was predeceased by his parents, his in-laws Helen and Geoff Collins, his brothers Carol, Gary and Max and his sister, Linda Goodner.

Pallbearers are Andrew Young, Bobby Scott, Russell Stites, Greg Stites, Dr. Richard Sanchez, Homer Wasson, Rod Goodner and K.C. Wyatt. Honorary pallbearers are Don Bowen, Everett Musick, Otto Baker, Board of Directors of Community National Bank and Trust and members of the Friendship Sunday School Class.

Zane's family would like to acknowledge the loving care given by Dorothy Anderson, Tori Cobb, Tammie Jackson, Larry Dixon, Johnny Wright and Debra Woods during his last illness. They also appreciate the kindness of Santana Ovalle, Family First Hospice, Trisun Nursing Home, Dr. Kent Rogers and the second floor nursing staff at Navarro Regional.

Visitation will be at Griffin Roughton Funeral Home on Thursday, May 8 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Services will be held on Friday, May 9, at 2:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Corsicana, with Reverend Connally Dugger, Reverend Mike Alexander and Reverend Jay Frazee officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of Corsicana or the Alzheimer's Foundation.

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Memorial Park

5400 West State Highway 31  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
(903) 872-2191

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 8. 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](mailto:info@griffin-roughton.com)

## Funeral Service

MAY 9. 2:30 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
320 North 15TH Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110

# Tribute Wall



“ Zane C. Stites

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ May God grant to the family rest and peace during this time of your loss may His Holy Spirit dwelling around and about you ,see you through the days to come as we know the days will be empty he will comfort you and never for sake you.

Alison Humann - May 09, 2014 at 11:45 AM



“ We just wanted to let you know how very saddened we were to hear of Zane's death. He was such a wonderful man and meant so much to so many. He was a good friend to me and I thought the world of him. Your family will be in our prayers. Don and Jean Ann Paschal

DonPaschal - May 08, 2014 at 05:03 PM



“ I just want to let the family know my prayers are with them. He truly will be missed. I appreciate all he did for me and my family. It's a great loss for the community as well.. Thanks, Mr. Stites, love ya, Darlean.

DARLEAN BREWER - May 07, 2014 at 07:50 PM

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“ If everyone could leave a legacy as significant as Mr. Stites did, this world would be a much better place. His son honors his memory by keeping all of those principles alive and well at the same bank that flourished under his leadership. Prayers to all of the family.

Ashley Hanna - May 07, 2014 at 10:44 AM

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“ So sorry to the family for the loss of such a great man. He will be greatly missed. I came back from Southeast Asia in the summer of 1970. Mr Stites gave me my first loan that same year. I will never forget that time. William Bryan Collier

William Bryan Collier - May 07, 2014 at 09:52 AM

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“ It was a pleasure meeting Mr. Stites. I enjoyed his company during my short time as his Hospice Aide. It made my day to walk in and see his smile. God Bless.

April Martin CNA  
Family First Hospice



April Martin - May 06, 2014 at 10:01 AM

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“ A true Texas Legend for our time. He will be missed but never forgotten by those who knew him as a friend, a family man and a business colleague. What a great competitor! Our thoughts our with you Stites family. Sincerely, Terry Fauble

Terry Fauble - May 06, 2014 at 08:14 AM

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“ *my prayers are with zane Stites Family he was loved by family Friends and His Community Randallglennhughes*



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**randallglennhughes** - May 05, 2014 at 09:22 AM

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“ *Many years ago I worked for Mr. Stites at Corsicana National Bank he was a wonderful family man. I have had great respect for him. Corsicana has lost a amazing man. Tim I am praying for you and your family. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Connie Estes** - May 04, 2014 at 06:46 PM

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*Tim and family, Sorry for your loss..My life was just one of many your father impacted. He was a great coach, mentor and roll model. May God Bless you and your family in these times of sorrow.*

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**Paul Kasprzyk** - May 06, 2014 at 01:28 PM