



SYLVIA STONE

December 28, 1926 - January 25, 2015

Sylvia Betty Stone was born December 28th, 1926 to Arthur and Minnie Friedman. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, January 27th at 3:00pm at The Louis Memorial Chapel in Kansas City, MO with burial at Mt. Carmel Cemetery to follow. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the Ruby Fleider Memorial Choir Fund at Beth Shalom, The Variety Club of Kansas City, Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy and Continua Hospice.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her husband, Martin Stone, of 50 years. She was always the writer, spending hours a day on her typewriter. This is an excerpt from autobiography she wrote seven years ago. It's only fitting her family shares her story through her own words.

As a Kansas City kid born during the depression years, I learned much later in life that times were hard and dollars were scarce. However, my experiences centered on family life in a home that included my sisters and my mother and father.

An honor student at Paseo High School, I earned a diploma when I was 16, National Honor Society and Quill and Scroll awards, then Kansas City's Junior College.

I was employed by radio station KCMO for four years. Subsequently, after marriage to Martin Stone, the next two years were spent once again writer, but this time at radio station KCKN.

I suppose it was inevitable that Martin and I would, at some time, be involved in the movie industry. During the next 50 years we built drive-in and indoor theatres leading to Mid-America Cinema. An off shoot of the film involvement were the industry trade conventions of 28 years known to the exhibitors and distributors as Show-A-Rama.

Though at times a hard one to answer, the question "what have I accomplished today that I didn't do yesterday?" re-energizes my determination to make the next day count. I recommend it to all who are seeking new and exciting challenges in life.

Sylvia was always the "host with the most;" her fridge always full, ready to throw a party at

a moment's notice. Her home she built with Martin was our home; we all grew up there, her children, her grandchildren, her nieces and nephews, no matter what, always had a bed waiting with a warm meal.

Sylvia was a force to contend with, putting herself out there, making huge leaps for women in Kansas City.

A long-time member of Meadowbrook Country Club, she was always proud of the fact she was the first woman to serve on the club's board of directors. Other organizations where she contributed her time were the Variety Club of Kansas City, Beth Shalom Sunday School, Brandeis National Council of Jewish Women and the Shepherd Center.

Her sisters Ruby Fleider and Isabelle Fremerman preceded Sylvia in death. She leaves her son, Douglas Stone, daughter Laura Sechrist (Eric), and grandchildren Jennifer Stone, Jonathan Stone and their mother, Kathy Krigel Stone, Adam Sechrist, Anna Wetherill (Joshua) and Abigail Sechrist, as well as her sister-in-law Frances Fishman and brother-in-law Larry Fleider, as well as numerous loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Events

JAN **Funeral** 03:00PM

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The Louis Memorial Chapel

6830 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO, US, 64131

JAN **Shiva** 07:00PM

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at home of Doug Stone, Please call funeral home for additional information.

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Comments



“ I met Sylvia through NCJW. She was a force for good. May her name be for a blessing.
Ellen Portnoy

Ellen R Portnoy - January 27, 2015 at 11:23 AM



“ She's always asked about my skating

amanda - January 27, 2015 at 08:42 AM



“ "All light has a source. All sources have a source.
All energy is conserved in the entropic morass of the universe.
Just now however, we can only wonder where this energy went...."

We shall forever miss Sylvia's ready smile, warm heart, and sincere interest in others.

May her memory be for a blessing. Craig and Linda Salvay

Craig Salvay - January 26, 2015 at 10:28 PM



“ Sylvia was very nice. She never seen me as just a person who cleaned her home, but as her friend. I loved the stories she was always telling, and I would often give her a massage when she was sore. She always said, life is short so enjoy your time and do what needs done. I know she did the same. She will be missed very much, the world has lost a great friend.

gislaine - January 26, 2015 at 09:52 PM



“ Michael and I send our condolences on the loss of your mother, Laura and Doug, and treasured grandmother to Abby, Anna, Adam, Jennifer and Jonathan. Abby has shared loving stories of Sylvia, a woman we are positive we would have loved. In sympathy...
Barbara and Michael King

Barbara King - January 26, 2015 at 08:24 PM



“ I have many fond memories of being friends with Laura and Doug and feeling welcome at Martin and Sylvia's home. She was a great role model for her children's friends.
Scott Krigel

Scott Krigel - January 26, 2015 at 08:11 PM



“ Dear Doug, Laura and Family,
I want to extend my deepest sympathy to all of you. Your Mom was an amazing, beautiful person. She will truly be missed and she always considered me Family even when I officially wasn't anymore. She also had a great sense of humor and I enjoyed talking to her always. A very sophisticated, Classey Lady. May her memory be forever a blessing. The boys send they're thoughts & prayers.
Love, Jill, Andrew & Keith Jacob

Jill Jacob - January 26, 2015 at 02:27 PM



“ Doug, your mom was one of a kind.
A tough but charming business woman---yet always a sweet soul which made it a pleasure to know her.
It's something I found out while working with her on various Show-A-Rama conventions and the many good times that followed.
Between you, your dad and mom I always had good friends on film row.

The Stone family for me means a collection of warm memories

Jack P. Poessiger
Overland Park, Kansas

jack poessiger - January 26, 2015 at 11:33 AM



“ Doug and Laura, Ronna and I were so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Sylvia was a force and she will be missed.

Josh and Ronna Garry

Josh Garry - January 26, 2015 at 06:32 AM



“ Doug, so sorry to hear about your Mom. Our condolences. May her memory be a blessing. Nancy and Bob Cohen

nancy cohen - January 25, 2015 at 08:45 PM



“ She was always, "Aunt Sylvia" to me. As a young child I recall fondly the Seders and Break-The-Fast gatherings at her house. Her events were always the best, with so much delicious food, and lots of space for the cousins to run around in. But all the time growing up, I really didn't have a clue as to how accomplished and interesting a life Aunt Sylvia had created. After I became a mother, I sought her out so that my children could know more of our extended family. It was really my first time really getting to know her. I was amazed to learn about her volunteering to help inner city school children learn to read, and her work to document Jewish and film related history in Kansas City. I appreciated her take on the interesting characters in our larger family too. She was vibrant, sharp as a tack and very engaged as a caring human well into her senior years. I felt inspired by her.

JoAnn Farb

JoAnn Farb - January 25, 2015 at 08:41 PM



“ I feel honored to have been Sylvia's friend. I learned so much from her and treasured our times together. She was a strong, influential leader and I could listen to her endless stories about Variety Children's Charity for hours. She was a Pioneer to our mission and I will hold her in my heart forever. I am better person because of my friendship with sweet and lovely Sylvia. My favorite memory will be hearing about the LOVE of her LIFE- MARTIN. I could still see the love in her eyes. What a GIFT!



Deborah - January 25, 2015 at 05:49 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss.

I cold-called Sylvia when someone suggested Sylvia could help with publicity for the Brandeis Book Sale. She invited me, a stranger, into her home and offered me cookies while we discussed the project. For years, she created and typed out stories about the Book Sale, NCJW luncheons, and Parties for the Blind which I converted to text and sent them off to the Chronicle.

However, The best part our joint effort was fetching the stories and visiting with Sylvia. She had that rare knack of making people feel special. We could talk about anything. She was like a favorite aunt. I do miss our times together.

Symie Menitove

Symie Menitove - January 25, 2015 at 04:04 PM



“ Aunt Sylvia will be missed. Steve has fond memories of Passover Seders with the family when he was growing up. The weekend we were married, Aunt Sylvia hosted a family brunch to entertain the out of town company. Always the hostess.
Susie and Steve Jacob

Susie and Steve Jacob - January 25, 2015 at 02:25 PM



“ Dear Doug...I am not sure we ever met but when I was marketing director at the jcc, Sylvia and I worked together on various projects...her wisdom was greatly appreciated and I learned much from her...she and Irene Pasternak were great friends and through Irene I met Sylvia. She leaves you a great legacy...she was involved and dedicated.

Sandy Friedman Czarlinsky - January 25, 2015 at 12:44 PM



“ To Doug and Laura,
Bernie and i want to extend our sincerest condolences on the death of your beloved mother. She was a force to contend with. She and Bernie met in Junior College and a few years later she became a member of his family when she married his cousin Martin. She welcomed me into the family when i first came to K.C. after marrying Bernie and made me feel accepted. She was a true nurturer and always ready to help.whoever needed her. She will be truly missed.

Sincerely,
Judy and Bernie

Judy Fremerman - January 25, 2015 at 12:15 PM



“ I remember many a nights my Aunt Betty and I would sit and reminisce about the good old days, and how she was such a good listener. Even though she was my aunt Betty by marriage she always treated me as if I were her own nephew. I will miss her dearly

Steve Becker



Steve Becker - January 25, 2015 at 11:23 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to all the family. I got to know "Aunt Betty" while caring for her sister, Isabelle. I remember thinking what a caring person she was. We shared an interest literature and education. I will remember her fondly. Beth Oberman

Beth - January 25, 2015 at 10:26 PM



“ Doug, Laura and family,

So sorry to hear of Sylvia's passing. What a wonderful woman, so full of life and strong. I have many, many memories of her in the film business and loved watching her handle men in the business with such ease. Nobody ever got to Sylvia she was strong and handled the business world like a real pro. It was very obvious Martin and you two were the light of her life. Ran into her shopping not too many years ago she had two of the grand daughters with her and was very proud of them.

Sorry this is so long but there are too many good things to write here. She was "show business" and I am proud to have been along for the ride.

Sincerely,
Mary and David Pickett

Mary Pickett - January 27, 2015 at 06:45 AM



“ Many, many volunteers and staff members of Shepherd's Center Central and the Adventures in Learning program remember Sylvia and how much she contributed as a volunteer, teacher, and leader. Some of our members were good friends of Sylvia's who loved her very much, while others who didn't know her as well have great memories of her. She was a lot of fun and a bright, capable, kind person! Our best wishes to Sylvia's family.
DD-Shepherd's Center Central

DD - January 27, 2015 at 10:00 AM