



Ross Butler Stout

February 15, 1930 - October 27, 2013

Ross Butler Stout, 83, died on October 27, 2013, in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. His legacy is one of a life of service to his family, profession, church and community. Born February 15, 1930, in Siloam Springs, he was the son of Albert Ross Stout and Ethel Butler Stout.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Frances Newton Stout of Siloam Springs; son, Michael Stout and his wife, Connie of Northwest Arkansas; daughter, Donna Hillard and her husband, Randy of Ozark, Arkansas; son, Charles Stout and his wife, Tammy of Siloam Springs; five grandchildren and five great grandchildren; his brothers, Charles "Chick" Stout of Wichita, Kansas, Jim Stout of Florida; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Ross attended Siloam Springs Public Schools, the University of Arkansas, and graduated from the LSU School of Banking. He was a banker for over 50 years, serving as President of Arkansas State Bank in Siloam Springs from 1971-1994. He was a member of First Christian Church, Siloam Springs, where he served as an elder, treasurer and in many other areas of leadership. One of his passions in the last few years has been to share the love of Jesus Christ with others through his participation in the Heart of the Ozarks Emmaus group. Ross was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Siloam Springs for fifty years.

Many civic and non-profit groups benefitted from Ross' leadership and generosity. He was a member of the Arkansas Independent Bankers Association and served as their President in 1992-1993; also serving as the Director for Arkansas in the Independent Bankers Association of America from 1986-1994. He was proud to share with Cookson Hills Youth Ranch, Life Styles, Inc., and John Brown University as a board member of The Charles H. Stout Foundation. He was a Life Member of Springdale Jaycees and was awarded their Distinguished Service Award in 1966. He was a member of Siloam Springs Chamber of Commerce, serving as their president in 1973 and receiving their Pioneer Citizen Award in 2003. He was on the Board of Directors for The Main Street, Siloam Springs.

Ross was an avid golfer, being a member of Dawn Hill Men's Golf Association. He and his wife, Fran sought and played on many beautiful courses in their travels throughout the United States. He also enjoyed bird hunting, fishing with his sons, grandsons and friends.

A celebration on Ross' life will be held, 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at First Christian Church, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, led by Pastor Vance Eubanks, pastor friend from Prairie Grove Christian Church. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be his grandsons, Aaron Webb, Andrew Stout, John Hillard, James Hillard, Levi Herrin, and his nephew, Bob Townes. Visitation will be 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, October 28, 2013 at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. There will be a private burial. Memorials may be made to National Parkinson Foundation, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 5018, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5018 or to First Christian Church, 1405 W. Jefferson, Siloam Springs, AR 72761.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church
1405 W. Jefferson
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to Fran and the rest of the family. I worked with Ross for several years at Arkansas State Bank and always enjoyed being around him.*

Deanna and Mike Gregory - November 19, 2013 at 10:44 PM

“ CORNERSTONE BANK

479.253.3000 70 S. Main St. Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632 [www.sbaker@cstonebank.net](mailto:w.sbaker@cstonebank.net) *title="Click to open in a new window or tab" target="_blank" rel="nofollow noopener">www.sbaker@cstonebank.net* John F. Cross, Chairman

To the Family of Ross Stout:

In reading my Arkansas Democrat/Gazette last Monday, I was saddened to learn of Ross's passing.

Besides Ross, there were a bunch of us about the same age who grew up in banking together, such as Joe Hiatt of Charleston, Arkansas, Hayden McIlroy of Fayetteville, Burt George and Wayne Clark of Berryville, Tommy Hargis of Huntsville, and a host of others. We saw the 'good old days' in banking when all of us were younger and the pace was a lot slower. I think we have to be thankful for that, and that we were able to see and experience banking at its best, instead of what it has become today. But we have to learn to accept the things we cannot change and be content whatever the circumstances.

I brought up Ross's passing at our Board of Directors meeting yesterday, and the older directors and myself all agreed that we have lost a good man and a fine banker.

I'm still with the bank as Chairman, and am in my 58th year. I sometimes think that I'm the "Last of the Mohicans," as to the best of my knowledge, there are only two banks left in Northwest Arkansas, north of the river, that are still being run by the same families that have been operating them since the 1929 stock market crash---us and the First National Bank of North Arkansas in Berryville. I also attend First Christian Church in Eureka Springs, so I know where Ross is. Someday I will make it there, too, and see him again.

There is, however, no way that any one of us can make grief more tolerable, except through expressing admiration, of which you are already aware, and the grief is mostly impenetrable, even by friends.

However, always remember, "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, but life leaves memories no one can steal." Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

Sincerely,

*John F. Cross, Chairman
Cornerstone Bank
Eureka Springs, AR*

John F. Cross - October 30, 2013 at 02:35 PM

MC

“*Our thoughts and prayers are with the Stout family, We know the family through the First Christian Church in Springdale where they were members for many years. Ross was a very kind and generous man who will be missed. God bless your family in the times to come.*

Mary Arthur & Melanie Arthur Carroll

Melanie Arthur Carroll - October 30, 2013 at 11:20 AM

SC

“*Fran, Charlie and family,
I am so very sorry for your loss. Ross was such an amazing person. I enjoyed my time knowing him and what he did for everyone. Our prayers are with you in this time. God Bless you*

Steve, Kourtney and Kyle Cooksey

Steve Cooksey - October 29, 2013 at 09:47 PM

EH

“ *Fran and Families,
I was very blessed to have the opportunity to work for Ross, a great person, at Arkansas State Bank for several years.
God Bless you all,
Evelyn & Dell Heavener*

Evelyn Heavener - October 29, 2013 at 01:28 PM

GH

“ *I knew Ross through the Arkansas State Bank--he was always very friendly, everywhere he saw you. He was a great asset to Siloam Springs. Thoughts and prayers for the family during this difficult time. He will be missed by many.*

Georgenia Harris - October 29, 2013 at 10:06 AM

HR

“ *Johnnye Faye and I have not had very much contact with Ross since the late 1940's, but the times we did see him and his family, Ross always had that friendly attitude about him that made everyone want him to be part of the gathering. Ross will be greatly missed by his family, friends and Siloam Springs.*

Howard and Johnnye Faye (Farley) Riggs

Howard and Johnnye Faye Riggs - October 29, 2013 at 06:01 AM

CW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. He was a great man and his legacy is evident and will continue to live on for generations to come!

Clint and Jessica Woodruff

Clint and Jessica Woodruff - October 28, 2013 at 09:01 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ross Butler Stout.



October 28, 2013 at 02:39 PM

MH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Stout family. We know Donna from our days at Arkansas Tech University; she has always been one of our favorite friends from those days and are so sorry for her loss. Judging from his obituary, Mr. Stout must have been a great person and will definitely be missed by his community and all who knew and loved him. God Bless!
Micki and Bubba Houston

Micki and Bubba Houston - October 28, 2013 at 12:53 PM

TL

“ What a true gentleman and a genuinely funny man! Ross oversaw one of the most horrendous displays of golf by a group of his "adopted college sons" ever played in 1971. He will always be remembered and greatly missed. Tony L.

Tony Longinotti - October 28, 2013 at 10:36 AM

JT

“ *My thoughts and prayer are with your family during this time of loss.* ”



Jann Schoeffler Tomlinson - October 28, 2013 at 10:10 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ross Butler Stout.* ”



October 28, 2013 at 08:23 AM