

Area civic leader, businesswoman Zella Stone dies

Zella Harvey Stone, a longtime local resident and owner of an Upland funeral home, died Monday at San Antonio Community Hospital.

A funeral director, the 81-year-old Mrs. Stone was a native of Valton, Wis., and an Upland resident 57 years. Prior to that she lived in Ontario for 17 years.

Mrs. Stone served on the Upland Planning Commission for 18 months, after which, she was the first woman appointed to fill an unexpired term on the City Council.

She was later re-elected and served an additional four years on the council.

She attended San Antonio Grammar School, Chaffey High School and Chaffey Junior College.

Tweed and Zella Stone opened the Stone Funeral Home at 329 E. Ninth St., Upland, in October 1929.

Mrs. Stone later managed the corporation, serving as president.

She was involved in all levels of Business and Professional Women's Club since 1931. She served as a local club president; San Orco District president; state president; national convention chairman; and national personal development chairman.

Mrs. Stone was instrumental, as a board member of the national BPW, in getting attention for the Equal Rights Amendment in 1960.

She was an active member and officer of the Upland Chamber of Commerce. She has chaired the winning team known as "The American League" at the time funds were being raised to acquire and develop Upland's Memorial Park.

Mrs. Stone also initiated the Sister City program and became the first president of the Upland Town Affiliation Association.

As a councilwoman she helped establish the Upland Civic Center; a new fire station in northwest Upland; revitalize the



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downtown Upland business section into the "Town Center"; the Architectural Commission; and promoted removing the utility wires off Euclid Avenue.

She also was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Upland; Upland Chapter 346, Order of the Eastern Star; and Chaffey Community Republican Women's Club.

She was past president of the Orange Belt Funeral Directors Association. She was charter president of the Upland Town Affiliation Association.

She is survived by her son, E. Harvey Stone of Upland; two grandchildren, Brad Stone of Upland and Denise Shaver of Ontario; and two great-grandchildren, Laura Shaver of Ontario and Amanda Stone of Upland.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church of Upland. Interment, Bellevue Cemetery. Friends may call at Stone Funeral Home Wednesday from 5-8 p.m.

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**IN FOND MEMORY OF A
GRACIOUS LADY, ZELLA**

**LOVED AND RESPECTED BY ALL ASSOCIATED
WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY-SISTER
TIES BETWEEN UPLAND AND MILDURA.**

**HER ENTHUSIASM AND FRIENDSHIP
WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED**

**AUDREY TSCHIRPIG,
PRESIDENT & MEMBERS,
SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION
MILDURA, AUSTRALIA.**

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**THE CITY OF MILDURA PAYS TRIBUTE
TO AN OUTSTANDING AMBASSADOR OF
THE CITY OF UPLAND**

**THANKS TO ZELLA, OUR BONDS OF
FRIENDSHIP EXTEND BEYOND THE HISTORY
WHICH WE SHARE IN OUR FOUNDING BY
THE CHAFFEYS**

**HER TIRELESS SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP
WILL BE REMEMBERED IN THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE RESIDENTS OF UPLAND,
U.S.A., AND MILDURA, AUSTRALIA.**

**OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO FAMILY AND
FRIENDS,**

**THE MAYOR, COUNCELLORS AND CITIZENS
OF MILDURA, AUSTRALIA**