

When “Taps” Is Blown For Me

When my last hitch is ended,
and this weary, time-worn clay
is shrouded with old Glory
and forever laid away,
Will those who soldiered with me,
for a moment cease their glee
to bow their heads in sadness
When “taps” is blown for me?

Will they march behind me then,
and with sad and silent tread,
take me to my moss-grown bunk,
in the barracks of the dead?
Or shall I pass unnoticed
to my earth tent O’er the lea,
with but the moans of echoes
When “taps” is blown for me?

Many mortal souls have fled,
many better souls than I,
to face the great court martial,
in Headquarters upon high,
Yet their passing has but been
as the roaring of the seas,
somehow I hope for more,
When “taps” is blown for me?

I picture in my dreaming
dear Old Glory floating high,
and the hush of waiting men,
‘Neath a lovely summer sky
and the roaring of the volleys
and the echoes from each tree,
then bowing of each head.
When “taps” is blown for me.

In Loving Memory of
Thomas Carl Stone PhD

November 25, 1932 – October 1, 2022

Prayer Service

*United Church of Christ
Chamberlain, SD*

7:00 p.m., Friday, October 7, 2022

Funeral Service

*United Church of Christ
Chamberlain, SD*

10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 8, 2022

Officiating

Rev. Jim Oleson

Music

*Mel Hargens – Pianist
Patti Juhnke – Soloist*

Casketbearers

*Jason Stone
BJ Bauer
Troy Whitley*

*Joshua Miedema
Max Whitley
Bill Ziegler*

Military Graveside Rites By

*American Legion Potter Post No. 3
VFW Post No. 6436
Chamberlain, SD*

Interment

*Riverview Cemetery
Chamberlain, SD*

*Everyone is invited for lunch & fellowship
in the church basement following the committal services.*

Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD



Thomas Carl Stone PhD, age 89 of Chamberlain SD passed away on October 1, 2022 at Sanford Chamberlain Medical Center.

Thomas was born on November 25, 1932 in Wagner SD, the second child of Carl H. and Ida Belle (Barkley) Stone. He attended Kennedy #2 through the eighth grade and graduated from Wagner High School in 1950. He attended Southern State College 1951-53 graduating with an Associate Degree in Automotive and Auto Body Mechanics. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in August 1953, served in Germany as a wheel vehicle mechanic and was discharged in June 1955.

He married the love his life, Elaine Ruth Thaler on July 12, 1955. They were blessed with two children Clifton and Wendy. After their wedding he worked for two years as an auto body technician/shop foreman. He then returned to college and completed his BS degree in August 1959. He taught in Chamberlain High School for four years during which time he completed his Master's degree at Colorado State University. In the fall of 1963, he joined the faculty of Southern State College (USD/S), Springfield SD. He helped develop the Voc-Tech Teacher Education program and served as the first full time Professor in the program. He advanced to Chairman of the Vocational & Industrial Education Division and served as the Dean of the College from 1974-84. While at Southern he continued his education and earned a PhD in Administration and Supervision of Voc-Tech Education in 1969 from Colorado State University.

In 1984 he moved to Southeast Community College, Milford NE and served there as the President/Director until he retired July 1, 1995. In 1996, he was awarded the American Technical Education Association's Outstanding Service Award and in Sept. 2010 he was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame. During his career he received many other awards and served on several local, state and national committees. He was a life member of the American Vocational Association and served as the Regional President of the American Technical Education Association.

He is survived by his wife Elaine, children Clifton (Cathy), Wendy (Kevin Nelson), grandchildren Josh (Rachel) Miedema, Michelle (BJ) Bauer, Jason (Amber), great grandchildren Wiley Bauer, Temple Stone, Alistair Miedema and Scout Stone, Brother Merle (June), Sister Lois (Eugene) Carda, Elaine's sisters Frances Ramsdell and Jean Heida.

He was preceded in death by his parents Carl and Ida Stone, in-laws Frank and Mable Thaler, sister Thelma and brother-in-law's, Reo Meyer, Leon Thaler and Leonard Thaler.

