



## Alan "Leon" Stong

June 29, 1929 - September 2, 2015

Alan "Leon" Stong, age 86, of Huntington, died at 11:55 p.m. Wednesday (September 2, 2015) at Heritage of Huntington.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Saturday (September 12, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will immediately follow at 12 p.m. Saturday at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastors Gary Dilley and Tim Troyer officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory in Huntington County.

Memorial contributions may be made to Huntington Church of the Brethren, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana.

Leon was born on June 29, 1929 in Pymont, Indiana, the son of Roy J. and Ruth V. (Wagoner) Stong. He graduated from Lafayette Jefferson High School in 1947. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Manchester College and a Master's degree from Ball State Teachers College. He married Mary Ruth Mulligan on June 8, 1952 in Huntington, and she preceded him in death in November of 1999. Leon started his teaching career at Huntington Township High School as an English teacher in 1955 and served as Principal of Huntington Township from 1960-1965. He served as Assistant Principal at Huntington North High School from 1966-1973 and was an English teacher there from 1973-1993, when he retired from the school corporation. He was a

member of Huntington Church of the Brethren, where he served as a Deacon, sang in the choir, and taught Sunday school.

Survivors include two sons - Christopher A. Stong of Bloomington, Indiana and Thomas M. (Susan) Stong of Huntington; two daughters - Deborah A. Shenfeld of Fort Wayne and Mary Jo (wife Brier) Stong of Huntington; seven grandchildren - Jason Shenfeld, Danielle Reynolds, Jesse Shenfeld, Zachary Shenfeld, Ashley Butler, Anna Schnurr, and Rebecca Stong; and six great grandchildren. His parents and his wife precede him in death.

# Cemetery Details

## Gardens of Memory

11201 S. Marion Road 35  
Marion, IN 46952

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **12.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
(260) 356-1710  
wecare@baileylove.com  
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## Service

SEP **12.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Alan "Leon" Stong



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - September 11, 2015 at 10:27 AM



“ Mr. Stong was my principle at South Campus, Great man. He was also in my dining room. Enjoyed so much serving him, We had alot of fun Miss him. Dawn Miller.

Dawn Miller. - September 15, 2015 at 09:20 PM



“ I just saw this today. Mr. Stong was my English Lit. teacher, and one of my favorite teachers ever. I am so sorry for your loss, and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Linda Dorsey Bogner - September 13, 2015 at 05:24 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Alan "Leon" Stong.



September 11, 2015 at 02:32 PM

BL

“ 26 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - September 11, 2015 at 10:25 AM

WF

“ Wil and Lesley Kline Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Alan "Leon" Stong.



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**Wil and Lesley Kline Family** - September 11, 2015 at 09:57 AM

MW

“ I'm so sorry I missed this in the paper. I would have loved to have been there. He was my favorite teacher ever. A great Man. so sorry for your loss.

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**mary waters** - September 10, 2015 at 02:40 PM

MD

“ Mike And Paula Dillon lit a candle in memory of Alan "Leon" Stong



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**Mike and Paula Dillon** - September 10, 2015 at 12:13 PM

PC

“ Mr. Stong was one of the best teachers. May he rest in peace. And may his family find comfort and peace.



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**Penny Coble** - September 10, 2015 at 08:03 AM

JC

“ Chris and Family,  
  
So sorry for your loss.  
  
Don & Joy Conley

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**Joy Conley** - September 09, 2015 at 12:18 PM

DS

“ So sorry to hear about Leon passing. It seems when you retire, you lose track of some of your old faculty members and their families. Deepest sympathy to you all. Dede and Don Sherman

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**Dede Sherman** - September 08, 2015 at 03:09 PM

SS

“ Leon is the wisest and finest person I have ever met, Leon was a great English teacher and might hold the record of testing more adults to successfully pass the GED than any test administrator in the State of Indiana. Leon had a special gift in making each individual taking the test believe in themselves. Leon was truly a great asset to Huntington County Schools and to the State of Indiana. Steve Schenkel

Steve Schenkel - September 08, 2015 at 02:38 PM

AW

“ I was one of Leon's caregivers at the Heritage. I enjoyed his sense of humor, and he was always so friendly. One day I had a bag of licorice sticking out of my pocket and he said

" Hey, where's mine? " The next day I picked up an extra bag and brought it in for him. He said " I was only kidding, but that sure did hit the spot! " He will be missed....



Angie Wheeler - September 07, 2015 at 05:31 PM

MW

“ I have been privileged to be one of Leon's caregivers over the past 2 1/2 years. We shared lots of laughs and he was always so pleasant to talk to, I will miss him greatly.



Marcy Wheeler - September 07, 2015 at 05:20 PM

SB

“ Knew Leon from the GED Program in Huntington County. Enjoyed having lunches with him and the other 3 friends from our office. Our lunch time included Ruth Weber, Steve Schenkel, Joan Drayer and myself. Liked Leon's humor. Know how close your family was and know you will miss him so much. Thinking of you and your family!

*Sue Burnworth*

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**Sue Burnworth** - September 05, 2015 at 08:01 AM

DB

“ I have lost a great friend and brother. Leon was someone to go to for advice and to share what is going on. He had a wealth of knowledge and he was always ready with a smile and enjoyed kidding around. He was a great asset to our church. We will miss him.

*Dean and Reba Beery*

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**Dean and Reba Beery** - September 04, 2015 at 07:04 PM

BP

“ Never knew his first name was Alan. Of course it was always Mr. Stong. Don't know why but I never had to see him in his office (which was a good thing) but he was a fair and decent man. One memorable moment: once during lunch period some of us senior boys were getting rowdy in the locker hallway tussling over a pack or gum. Our smallest student was placed on top of the lockers when principal Stong walked by. He passed the hallway then backed up to see what the mayhem was all about. All he said was "Boys settle down and behave" as he walked away he said " Oh by the way get Clifford off the locker" We thought we were in for a long lecture but that was it. A great man who will be missed by all.

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**Brian J. Pressler** - September 04, 2015 at 09:05 AM