



David and Sally Bone

March 25, 1941 - May 28, 2024

Sally Lee Dale Bone's life was characterized by a love of her horses and dogs; of crafts and sewing; of music and performing; and of her family and friends. Sally passed away in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on May 28, 2024, just over one year after she lost her beloved husband of more than 60 years. She was born March 25, 1941, in Hugoton, Kansas, to Marion L. Dale and Cloris L. Harbaugh Dale. The family spent most of Sally's years in Southwest Kansas, primarily in Garden City, where she attended the local high school before her family moved to nearby Hugoton for her Senior year in 1959. An active and popular student, Sally played French horn in the band, sang in the choir, acted in school plays, helped produce the yearbook, and participated in the Kayette leadership organization – as well as being a frequent party hostess.

After high school, Sally studied music education at Wichita University (now Wichita State U.), where she was active in the Delta Gamma sorority, the acapella choir, and the Army Blues, the women's auxiliary unit to the ROTC cadet corps. Sally was also named "Staff Sweetheart" of the men's Pershing Rifle ROTC drill team, a title that took on a deeper meaning when she became engaged to ROTC cadet David McKay Bone. They were married on June 17, 1962, in Sally's hometown of Garden City.

Sally enthusiastically took on the role of Army Wife, as David began his nearly 23-year military career with his first post at Fort Riley, Kansas. Thereafter came many relocations for the young couple, with David quickly rising to the

rank of Lt. Colonel and taking assignments in Pennsylvania, Texas, France, and Belgium. (David also served two tours in Vietnam.) Adjusting to the frequent moves was certainly taxing, but one of Sally's most memorable trials during the army years was the hectic forced withdrawal of U. S. military from France, as ordered by Charles de Gaulle in 1966. It fell on Sally, along with the other wives, to navigate the evacuation of the families – which was made more challenging with the Bones' newborn son in tow! That said, Sally enjoyed the chance to see the world, especially Europe. She was fluent in the French language, which was helpful during their time there and in vacation visits later on.

After Col. Bone honorably retired from service in 1984, the couple settled in scenic Woodland Park, Colorado. Their homestead had a spectacular view of Pikes Peak and a large stable/arena building where Sally raised horses and where their dogs could run free. Other hobbies also took up much of Sally's time. She performed with Sweet Adelines, an international women's singing group known for its lavish acapella productions, often touring with her award-winning local group. Sally leveraged her love of sewing – instilled early on by her mother – into the job of costume designer for her singing troupe. She often loaded up her panel truck with her many sewing and craft creations to sell at local craft shows, as well. Sally loved her family and enjoyed hosting clan gatherings at their home and serving as tour guide on vacations to Europe and elsewhere.

Sally is survived by her son Jeffrey McKay Bone (Mary Jane) of Colorado Springs; and granddaughter Madeline Bone & grandson Connor Bone, both of Colorado Springs. She is predeceased by her husband, her parents, and her younger sister, Donna Dale.

The world lost a great man when Lt. Col. David McKay Bone, USA (Ret), passed away at home in Woodland Park, Colorado, on May 19, 2023.

Throughout his 84 years, Col. Bone lived a life full of love for his family, his country, and the great outdoors. David was born August 26, 1938, in Wichita,

Kansas, to Waldo LeRoy “Roy” Bone and Mary Barackman Bone, whose loving home he also shared with his sisters Helen Jeanne and Kathie. The family moved briefly to Coffeyville, Kansas, but spent most of David’s early years in Wichita, where he graduated from Wichita East High School. During his time as a student at Wichita University (now Wichita State U.), David was active in ROTC, including the Scabbard and Blade and Pershing Rifle organizations. There he met and became engaged to fellow cadet Sally Dale, and they were married in 1962 in Sally’s hometown of Garden City, Kansas.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree from WU in 1961, David began a nearly 23-year career of distinguished service to our country in the U. S. Army. He attended the Army’s Command and General Staff College and quickly rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel. After short stints as Armor Officer and Quartermaster Officer, he spent sixteen years of his career specializing in Tactical Intelligence and Counterintelligence, and earned numerous awards and citations, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Combat Infantryman Badge, and multiple Bronze Stars. His career took him and his family across the world, with assignments in Kansas, Pennsylvania, and Texas, as well as Vietnam (2 tours), France, and Belgium. The latter included a key post at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Mons, Belgium. Col. Bone honorably retired from service in 1984.

An avid history buff, David loved reading military histories, researching his genealogy, and visiting historic sites in the US and Europe. He was proud of his Scottish heritage and was a member of the Clan Mackay Society. David loved the outdoors, especially fishing – favorite angling spots included Kansas, New York, and even Canada. He loved tinkering with his fishing boat in his barn during the colder seasons, as well as simply enjoying a glass of wine and the remarkable view of Pike’s Peak from his deck. Travel was a happy pastime for David and he often took along his extended family on trips

across the country and in Europe. His deep love for his family was evident, even during competitive rounds of “31”, a favorite card game.

Col. Bone is survived by his son Jeffrey McKay Bone (Mary Jane) of Colorado Springs; granddaughter Madeline Bone & grandson Connor Bone, both of Colorado Springs; and sister Mary Kathleen Bone Keller of San Dimas, Calif. He is predeceased by his parents and his older sister, Helen Jeanne Bone Lair.

A memorial service will be held for David and Sally at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at Countryside Funeral Home in Howard, KS, with inurnment to follow in Grace Lawn Cemetery.

Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home, 206 E. Washington, PO Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349

Cemetery Details

Grace Lawn Cemetery

Howard, KS 67349

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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