



## Rev. Dr. Henry Jon Stonie, Sr.

October 1, 1931 - May 17, 2022

The Reverend Henry Jon Stonie, Sr. died in Hampton, New Hampshire on Tuesday, May 17th. He was 90 years old.

He received his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology at Northeastern University in 1953; a Bachelor of Divinity at Andover Newton Theological School in 1957; a Master of Art in Sociology at Boston University in 1959, and a Doctorate in Education in 1972.

Henry joined the faculty at Emerson College in Boston while attending Boston University. He held the position of Chair of the Humanities and Social Science Department for twelve years until his retirement at the age of 70 in 2002. In 1998, he took a sabbatical to teach at Kaunas University in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Henry served six years as minister of Christ Church Unitarian in Dorchester. In 1967 he served as warden of Hampton Falls Congregational Church in Hampton Falls, New Hampshire, and was their weekly minister during the summer season. He also served on the Board at Union Chapel in North Hampton, New Hampshire.

He married Mary Jo Czarick on July 8, 1961. It was in the late 1960's when they built a home on the beach on Ocean Boulevard next to a rental property, the Dory In. He served on the Hampton Zoning Board for over ten years.

Henry Stonie is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Mary Jo, his two sons Dorian and Henry Stonie, Jr., Cathy (Ogawa) Stonie, and Carlos Soto-Chaves. He is also survived by his two grandsons, Matthew Kai Stonie and Morgan Joe Stonie.

He will be forever remembered for his sense of humor and dry wit.

Private burial will take place in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

# Cemetery Details

## **Bellevue Cemetery**

170 May Street  
Lawrence, MA 01840

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Dr. Henry Jon Stonie, Sr.*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *We will remember Henry as sower of good word, fun and laugh. He always had to say something nice and encouraging. Henry had capability to create a joyful atmosphere around him. So, he will remain in our hearts and our minds as loving and incredibly warm person.*

*Our condolences to his wife Mary Jo, his sons Dorian and Henry Jr., and his entire family he loved.*

*Jodkonis family from Kaunas and London*

**Laimis Jodkonis** - June 26, 2022 at 03:02 PM



“ *The many dinners at Christ Church were so fun. I remember the Christmas ones and you played Santa Clause and the Easter Egg Hunts. There are so many fun things I remember. I'll miss you Henry. My condolences to everyone in the family.*

*Diane Barnes*

**Diane Barnes** - June 06, 2022 at 06:23 PM



“ *May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.....Wendell*

**Wendell C. Ring** - June 01, 2022 at 02:15 PM



“ I got to know Henry Stonie during my tenure as the Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Boston. Henry had been a longtime and much beloved member of the faculty at Emerson College, and was a regular guest preacher for us at FBC Boston when I was away. And in time, I started becoming one of the regular summer season preachers at Union Chapel in North Hampton, New Hampshire where Henry served on the Board of Trustees.

One of my favorite parts of annually preaching at Union Chapel was Henry and Mary Jo inviting me for lunch afterward at their beach house in Hampton, which they'd built and expanded over the many years since they purchased the vacant lot in the late 1960's. Their multi-level beach house was their lifelong labor of love, and it was stunning. Lunch was lobster, out on their grand veranda overlooking the ocean, up on the third or fourth floor. It was beautiful.

In 2013, their grandson provided an interesting post-lunch entertainment: Matt Stonie, a nutrition major in college, had entered the world of competitive eating and was in training for a competition coming up in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He showed up with bags and bags of 100 soft tacos from Taco Bell, and he planned to eat them, in front of us, in 15 minutes or less. Without question, an unusual end to the annual elegant lobster lunch with the Stonies.

Postscript: Matt "Megatoad" Stonie, age 30, is now ranked #4 in Major League Eating, and famously won the 2015 Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest, dethroning 8-time defending champion Joey Chestnut. His YouTube channel has over 15.8 million subscribers, with his most viewed video having been viewed over 126 million times.

Rest well, Rev. Dr. Stonie. You led a remarkable life and had significant careers both in education and in ministry. And you provided me with one of the most memorable lunches of my life!

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Stephen Murray - May 31, 2022 at 11:03 AM

BG

“ *A special teacher, a special friend and a special person.*  
*Bonnie Glovin*

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**Bonnie Glovin** - May 29, 2022 at 10:38 PM

MM

“ *Dorian and family - so sorry to learn of your Dad's passing. What a wonderful person he was and led a long and fulfilling life. He was loved and admired by many and we wanted to know we share in your grief. Deepest Sympathy from Mary and Bruce Mahar.*

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**Mary Elaine Mahar** - May 29, 2022 at 09:57 AM

MC

“ *Henry, you now become your father His spirit lives on in you. Of that I am convinced.*  
*Let your many memories bring you peace.*

*Maureen Cullen*

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**Maureen Cullen** - May 27, 2022 at 09:54 PM

JA

“ *Henry worked hard to build the humanities division of Emerson. He was much loved by his colleagues and friends. He and Mary jo seldom missed a chance to support the institution.*

*Jackie liebergott*

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**jackie** - May 27, 2022 at 08:12 PM

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“ *I am certain that Rev. Stonie has taken his rightful place among the angels and is smiling on you. He was a kind and gentle man. Rest in Mercy's Arms.*

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**Sheila Nudd** - May 26, 2022 at 04:55 PM

ML

“ *i will surly miss you and looking for all the misplaced things that walked away from around your chair. Henry, Dad. Mr. Stonie RIP 🥰  
Mary*

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**mary lambert** - May 26, 2022 at 02:47 PM