

OBITUARY

ROD STONE



It is with great sadness that we must inform you all that my father, F. R. (Rod) Stone (Insp. Rtd) has passed away at the ripe age of 95 years 5 months, Good Friday 3rd April 2026, Anne his wife, our mother, passed away 15th April 2022. Leaving 6 children and a multitude of grand, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

My father joined the then Air Ministry Constabulary, in February 1951 following his National Service in the RAF Police. He served at various stations during his career including Met. Office Pease Pottage, USAF HQ South Ruislip, RAF Aston Down, C.F.S. RAF Little Rissington, RAF Digby, RAF Chilmark, REME Ashchurch, RSRE Malvern and finishing at Central Area HQ RAF Stafford.

In 1951 following his joining the Air Ministry Constabulary, he served the first couple years at No3 Maintenance Unit, RAF Milton. In 1953 he was posted to the Meteorological Office at Pease Pottage. In 1955 he was promoted to Sergeant and posted to USAF HQ South Ruislip and becoming an 'established' officer in Oct 1956. At the end of 1956 he was posted to No3 MU RAF Woodcote and subsequently at the end of 1958 he was posted to RAF Aston Down, Gloucestershire. RAF Aston Down effectively closed during his time there and he was detached to RAF Kemble and later to Central Flying School Little Rissington, although we remained living in the married quarter at Aston Down. During this period he and his wife, Anne, had 5 children, 4 boys including myself, and a daughter.

In 1962 he was posted to RAF Digby, Lincolnshire and we all suffered one of the coldest winters on record, while we were living in a prefab house! later moving into a warmer, brick built MQ, it was whist here that their last son was born. In 1964 the force was renamed the Air Force Department Constabulary. In 1966 he was posted to RAF Kidbrooke in Greenwich, where he was promoted to the rank of sub-Inspector and in 1967 we all moved from Digby to a married quarter in the little village of Dinton in Wiltshire, where he served at RAF Chilmark, including the couple of satellite site associated with it, Baverstock and Dinton Sites. The Ministry of Defence Police absorbed the AFDC in 1971.

In 1973 we moved again to REME Ashchurch, Gloucestershire, as he had been promoted to Inspector, where he was the Senior Police Officer (SPO), covering stations such as RAF Quedgeley and RAF Innsworth. In 1979 he was posted RSRE Malvern, Worcestershire and remained there until his posting in 1985 to Central Area HQ Stockport and then moved with it when it was relocated to RAF Stafford.

He retired in 1988 taking Approved Early Retirement and then joined the Retired Officers Association (membership No. 123) and made several attendances to their Annual Meetings.

Rod's funeral service is being held on 30th April at 2.15pm, Hereford Crematorium, Westfaling Street, Hereford HR4 0JE

Mike Stone