

William H. Slone Jr.



William H. Slone Jr. was born on August 6, 1922 to William and Alice Slone in Ashland Ky., where he was raised. He was the youngest of 12 children. On October 11, 1942, at age twenty, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served on the USS Hancock in the Asiatic Pacific arena during World War II. For his courage and service to his country Baker Second Class Bill Slone received Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific four Stars, Phillipine Liberation 2 stars and the Good Conduct Medal. Bill Slone was honorably discharged from the Navy on November 9, 1945.

Like many of his time the demands of life forced Bill from completing his schooling as a youth but after leaving the Navy he enrolled in Ashland Senior High School and on January 16, 1952 Bill Slone received his high school diploma.

Bill met and fell in love with Pickford Glover Slone. On July 11, 1942 the two were married and remained happily married for 52 years. The Slones had 5 children, Lynne, Cathy, Bill, Jeff and Judy. Pickford and Bill were blessed with 14 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. Bill Slone died on March 13, 1994 at age 71.

Bill Slone joined the Ashland Fire Department in September, 1953. He remained active in the Ashland Fire Department until 1973. During that time he attained the rank of Captain in 1965. Slone began working full time for State Fire and Rescue Training in 1973 as Regional Coordinator for Area 10. He retired from his full time position in 1985 but continued to work part time for SFRT until 1993.

Bill Slone was elected Fourth Vice President of the Kentucky firefighters Association in 1962. He served on a number of KFA Committees during his term as Vice President as he worked his way to Third, Second and First Vice President. At the convention in Louisville in 1965 William Slone Jr. was elected President of the Kentucky Firefighters Association making him the third KFA President to come from the Ashland Fire Department. In 1966 Slone hosted the KFA Conference in Ashland.

For his service to the Kentucky Firefighters Association and to the Ashland Fire Department we posthumously induct William H. Slone Jr. into the 2017 class of the Kentucky Firefighters Association Hall of Fame.

Accepting the award for William Slone will be his son Jeff and presenting the award is current Ashland Fire Chief Greg Ray.