



## Stanley Huston Class of 2018

Stanley Huston graduated from Oroville High School (OHS) in 1957, played basketball, baseball and was a member of Block O all four years. He was captain of the varsity basketball team as a senior and that same year was named to the Sierra Foothill All-League Team. Stan was a member of the OHS auto club as a junior.

After high school, Stan went to work for the Operating Engineers Local 3 working on various construction projects throughout Northern California. He later worked 24 years for the Butte County Public Works Department in the Sign and Paint Department, retiring as the Foreman of Traffic Control. Stan was said to have developed large books of maps showing every road in the county for which he was responsible. His shop was said to have been neat as a pin as was the equipment under his command.

Former Butte County Director of Public Works, Clay Castleberry, wrote, *“I have known Stan for at least 50-60 years and I have followed his contributions to our community with pride for the work he has done. He and I even worked together many of those years. When he passed on, I even learned more of his community efforts with amazement.”*

Stan’s life was pretty much described by his dedication and service to his beloved Oroville and Thermalito. He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church all of his life, his parents being charter members. During his life he served there as a board member, elder, and deacon. He drove the Sunday school bus, was youth director and Sunday School superintendent. He organized and coached the church basketball and softball teams and assisted in the Inter-Church bowling league. Retired Pastor E. E. Smith writes in his letter of support, *“Stan had great wisdom, whether it was with adults, youth, or children.”*

He served with honor on the Board of The Thermalito Water and Sewer District (TWSD) for 16 years, as well as on the Sewage Commission-Oroville Region Board that oversees the sanitary sewer needs for the Greater Oroville Area. Jayme Boucher, TWSD general manager wrote, *“Stan helped foster numerous infrastructure upgrades throughout the District exemplifying a fine steward of the community’s resources. He took part in the sourcing and completion of the District’s water treatment plant upgrade. He served with grace and integrity, he truly was an inspiration to this community.”*

The Thermalito Union School District (TUSD) was another beneficiary of Stan’s public service, where he served as a trustee in the District for 12 years. Retired TUSD superintendent Rick Light, wrote, *“Stan was Mr. Oroville. He took pride in the area, its rich history and its contribution to Butte County and the state. Having lived his entire life in Oroville, he was able to share useful and interesting information for the betterment of the board’s decision making. He had nothing but praise for the community.”* Stan was an integral player in three of TUSD’s major developments, The Nelson Avenue School Gymnasium, The TUSD Office Complex on Grand Avenue and the Modernization Projects at each of the District’s four schools.

Being a lover of sports, Stan gave 17 years to the Thermalito Little League (TLL), where he coached the Thermalito Cardinals to many championships, and coached numerous All Star and Tournament of Champion teams. When not coaching and teaching kids, he helped build a new snack bar and was always working to maintain the playing fields and other TLL facilities.

Along with all of the above, Stan found time to be a member of the Golden Feather Model A Club and the California Chrysler Products Club. He also held membership in the “Men Who Built Oroville

Dam Club”.

Stan was also known for his vegetable gardening skills where he was acclaimed a Master Gardener for his tomatoes and onions.

His quote that he lived by, *“Give it all you got, every chance you got, to give it all you got.”* That summarizes Stan Huston’s view of life!

Stan passed away December 2, 2015 and was married to his high school sweetheart Mary Ann for 58 years. At age 22, he built the home they lived in together, less than one mile from his birthplace. It was his only residence as an adult.

Stan’s living family includes Mary Ann, their children Rick, Pam and Kenny, five grandchildren including two sets of twins, Melissa and Jason, Becky and Stanley, and Mary. Siblings are Harold, Barbara, Mary, Darrell, and several nieces and nephews.