

HENRIETTA & BEN STONE
As Remembered by Granddaughter Janice Stone

Henrietta Stone was born in 1896 and became a member of the church on May 9, 1937. She passed away in 1979. Ben Stone was born in 1897 and passed away in 1971. Ben became a member on October 30, 1956.

Ben served on a couple of search committees for new ministers – Rev. Kenneth Mitchell and Rev. Charles Lewis. He helped with the building committee for the new church building, worked on plans for the carillon with Frank Werschem and put in the underground sprinkler system. He even seeded, fertilized and mowed the lawn of the church with occasional help from his grandsons for several years.

Henrietta taught adult Sunday school. She served as organist for several years. It is even thought she might have directed the choir. She served in various areas of the Women's Fellowship.

In 1948 they sold their home to John Baxter, bought an apartment house in Holton and moved away from the area. In 1954 they bought Carl Stone's house in Fruitport and returned to the church in October, 1954.

Ben Stone retired from the postal service after 35 years of service on May 29, 1956. In June 1957 he was elected to the Fruitport School Board for a two year term.

