

# Obituaries

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## Burton 'Bud' Stone

Burton "Bud" Stone, the former president of Deluxe Laboratories who was known as a "godsend" to cinematographers, died April 18 of natural causes at his Los Angeles home. He was 80.

Stone was widely recognized in the motion picture industry for the leadership role that he played for more than two decades. In 1996, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences board of governors presented him with the John A. Bonner Medal of Commendation "in appreciation for outstanding service and dedication in upholding the high standards of the Academy."

Stone had a special appreciation for the role that cinematographers play in the art and craft of filmmaking. He was a driving force of the annual American Society of Cinematographers Outstanding Achievement Awards since its inception in 1986, and he served for 17 years as co-chairman of the industrywide committee that drives that event.

After a stint with the U.S. Navy, he became an assistant film editor before working his way up through the ranks of management at several film labs in the New York area. In 1976, Stone was named president of Deluxe Laboratories in Hollywood, staying atop the company until his retirement in 1994.

A SMPTE Life Fellow, Stone received the Citation for Outstanding Service to the Society in 1977 for his long service to the New York Section and numerous contributions to the National Conferences held in New York. He was also the recipient of the SMPTE Presidential Proclamation award in 1991, for his dedicated involvement within the motion picture industry.

Stone also served as president of the technology council of the Motion Picture and Television Industry; was a member of AMPAS, the Hollywood Television & Radio Society; and was on the board of directors of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

Stone received the Ken Mason Inter-Society Award at ShoWest in 2001, when he was also inducted into the ShowEast Hall of Fame. He was awarded fellowships in the British Kinematograph Sound and Television Society.

Stone is survived by his wife Judy; children Jeff, Ron, and Barbara; six grandchildren; and his brother, Ed.

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## Roderick T. Ryan

SMPTE Life Fellow and industry veteran, Roderick T. Ryan, passed away on October 11, 2007. He was 83 years old.

Ryan, who retired from Kodak in 1986 after 40 years of service, began his career as a World War II naval photographer and was among the cameramen who photographed the atomic bomb tests in Bikini Atoll in 1946.

Ryan made many technological contributions to the motion picture industry. He was honored by the Academy in 1981 with a Scientific and Technical Award for application of the Prostar Microfilm processor from motion picture title and special effects production. In 1990, he received a special commendation from the Academy "for outstanding service and dedication in upholding the high standards of the Academy," and was also the recipient of the 1999 Gordon E. Sawyer Award. He authored numerous books and textbooks, including "The History of Motion Picture Color Technology," which was published in 1977 and is a key textbook on the subject.

A member of SMPTE for over 50 years, Ryan served as Governor, Treasurer, Vice-President of Photoscience, and Vice president of motion picture affairs. He joined the rank of Fellow in 1964 and was awarded the Herbert T. Kalmus Memorial Award in 1978 for his continual substantial contributions to the color film printing and processing systems.

Ryan was an Honorary Member of the American Society of Cinematographers and a Fellow of the British Kinematograph Sound and Television Society.

Ryan is survived by his children, Tom, Nancy, Trisha, Eileen, and Richard; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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