

OBITUARY

Fred J. Boston

Birth: Jan. 28, 1908
Hinton
Caddo County
Oklahoma, USA

Death: Nov 30, 1986
Oklahoma City
Oklahoma County
Oklahoma, USA

Fred J. Boston, Oklahoma City, was born January 28, 1908, in Hinton Oklahoma, and was the eldest son of Joe and Sylvia Boston. He attended high school at Hinton High School and Shinn's Business College in Oklahoma City and Dagues Business University in Wichita Kansas.

He was married to Opal Skeen March 13, 1937. He was the owner of Fred Boston Real Estate Investments which consists of real estate, bank investments, oil investments, stocks and other investments and business management. He was the owner and developer of Boston Estates and the President of Flex Time, Inc. He was also serving his fourth five-year term as Chairman of Public Employee's Relations Board of Oklahoma. The first term was appointed by Governor Hall, the second term appointed by Governor Boren, the third term appointed by Governor Nigh. Mr. Boston purchased a majority interest in City National Bank, Oklahoma City, in 1968, and served as Chairman of the Board until he sold in 1976.

He served in many capacities in the campaigns and administrations of former Presidents Truman and Johnson, former Senator Mike Monroney and former Govenor Raymond Gary. Chairman of the Truman-Barkley Club, Northwest Oklahoma, Chairman of Mike Monroney for US Senate, Northwest Oklahoma. He served five years on the Civil Service Commission in Enid and eight years on the Governor's Economic Development Commission.

Mr. Boston was active in ownership and management of several automobile dealerships and served for 36 years as a Director of the Oklahoma Automobile Dealer's Association and served as it's President in 1952. Affiliated with Smith Motor Company, Oklahoma City, 1928-31, Straus Young Ford 1931-33, New Car Retail Automobile Business in Enid, Oklahoma City and Purcell from 1933-78. Former Chairman of the Board for the American Bank of Roff, Chairman of the Board of Pontotoc County Bank and Board of Directors for the Capitol Trust Funds, Inc., Boston Rader Estates Inc.

He was a partner with Dexter Pruitt Company of Ada, Board of Directors of Central Airlines, now Frontier Airlines, from 1950 - 1964, in charge of state and national affairs the last four years. He was a member of the Board of the Highway User's Federation of Oklahoma, serving his 29th year as Chairman. He was a three-year member of the National Highway User's Federation in Washington D.C. He was a past member of the Board of Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, Enid Chamber of Commerce, organized the first Junior Chamber of Commerce in Capitol Hill in 1935, and was their first President.

He was a member of the Board and Executive Council of American Cancer Society, Okla Division and was serving his 35th year. He was a seven-year delegate to the National American Society, New York City, 2-year member of the By-Laws Committee, 2-year member of the Financial Committee, New York City, and a member of the Director's Divisional Representation Committee, New York City. He was a 55-year Mason, member of the Siloam Lodge, the KCCH Scottish Rite Temple, Guthrie, past President of the Enid Shrine Club, past President Enid High Twelve Club, past President Enid Scottish Rite Club and member Shrine India Temple, Oklahoma City.

Mr. Boston served five years on Police Civil Service Commission, Enid Oklahoma. Served eight years as a member of the Governor's Economic Development Commission, first appointed by Governor Raymond Gary, the second term by Governor Howard Edmondson. He was a member of the Men's Dinner Club, member of the Economic Club of Oklahoma City, past member of the State Annual Conference United Methodist Church.

Survived by his wife, Opal of the home; two daughters, Joan Cameron and Judy Fuller of Oklahoma City; one son, Joe Fred Boston Jr. of Enid; 4 grandsons, Joey Ray Cameron, Kenny Fuller, Kit Fuller and Jody Boston; 2 granddaughters, Jovette Boston and Tina Cameron, and 1 great grandson, Justin Cameron; 3 sisters, Bedia Cash, Marie Elliott and Sylvia Pierce, all of Oklahoma City; 3 brothers, Glen Boston of Watonga, Bill Boston of Roswell New Mexico and Johnny Boston of Oklahoma City; 2 cousins, Lloyd Rader of Oklahoma City, and Dean Rader of Weatherford; many nieces and 1 nephew.

He will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him. Services will be at the Hahn-Cook/Street & Draper Chapel at 3pm, Tuesday, December 2, 1986, with interment in Rose Hill Cemetery.

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Services Set For Former City Banker

Services for former Oklahoma City banker J. Fred Boston, 78, will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Hahn-Cook, Street & Draper Funeral Home chapel. Boston died Sunday. (Nov 30, 1986) He was chairman and president of City National Bank between 1963 and 1975. His business ventures have been compared to a "Horatio Alger" success saga.

He was born into a farm family near Hinton and came to Oklahoma City in 1925 to attend business college. He operated an automobile dealership from 1928 until 1940, when he moved to Enid, where he was in auto sales until 1962. He returned to Oklahoma City, working as a business consultant.

He was a founder of Central Airlines and served on its board for 17 years, until it merged with Frontier Airlines. In 1968, Boston bought controlling interest in City National and oversaw its move to its location at Robinson and Park Avenue and its growth to one of the city's largest banks. He sold his interests in 1975.

Boston served several terms as chairman of the Oklahoma Highway Users Conference; was an eight-year member of the Governor's Economic Development Commission, and chaired the State Public Employees Relations Board. He was president of the Oklahoma Automobile Association.

He held offices in the state Democratic Party and was Gov. Raymond Gary's campaign chairman.

Boston is survived by two daughters, Joan Cameron and Judi Fuller of Oklahoma City; a son, Joe Fred Boston II, Enid; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild; three sisters and three brothers.

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