



It is with great sadness to announce the passing of Retired Captain William “Bill” Boone. William “Bill” Boone passed away on Saturday, May 23rd, 2020 at his home with his loving wife of 61 years by his side.

He was hired by the Oakland Fire Department in 1958 shortly after the department decided to integrate during the 1950's. Most of his career was spent at Station 18 as a firefighter and officer and he then retired out of Station 1 as a Captain in 1986. Captain Boone was the first African American truck officer in the department.

Shortly after his retirement he and his wife, lost their home in the Oakland Hills Fire of 1991. They then relocated to a home in San Leandro where they stayed for the remainder of their lives together.

Captain Boone was an advocate for the advancement of African American firefighters in the fire service and was especially dedicated to Black women in the fire service and their success. He was one of the founding members of the OBFFA which started in 1973.

He leaves to mourn his loving wife Rose Boone. He also leaves a host of family and friends whose love for him is unwavering.



Funeral Services information will be released when they become available. If you would like to send a message of support or a story of how Captain Boone impacted your life, Rose Boone, is open to you doing so. You can send your message to obffa1@gmail.com.

May we continue to honor all those who have paved the way...” All I am I Owe I Live Eternally in the Red”!

Respectfully,

Oakland Black Firefighters Association

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