



## Raymond Earl Sloan

July 18, 1925 - August 29, 2018

Raymond Earl Sloan was born on July 18, 1925, in Dallas, Texas at Parkland Hospital. Born to Annie Lee and William James Sloan, he was the youngest of four children. At the age of three, Earl was the victim of crossfire, when a rock was thrown at his sister; missed her and as he defended her, hit him in the eye. The loss of sight in one eye never slowed him down as he lived a full and active life.

The Sloan family attended First Baptist Church, Pleasant Grove; a church that he and his brother, Bill, physically helped build. After graduating in 1943, from Pleasant Grove High School, Earl enlisted in the Texas State Guard and after six months enlisted in the United States Army. After discharge from the Army, he enlisted in the National Reserve for an additional two years of service. The time spent in the service formed his life-long love for his country.

He had previously met Violet Bell John at First Baptist Church. They married in November 1948, and he graduated from SMU in 1949. Earl and Violet had two children: Virginia Elaine and Leonard Ray. After 56 years of marriage, and the birth of one great grandchild, Violet went to be with her Lord in June of 2005. Earl found his second love with Nancy Earline Norris and they were married in October 2007. Their eleven years of marriage were blessed by God, with many friendships and family love.

Earl is preceded in death by his dad: William James; older brother: Howard White; mother: Annie Lee; older sister: Nell Grace; great grandson: Sloan Hodges; great granddaughter: Ava Violet Hodges; wife: Violet Bell; and son-in-law: Charles Hodges. Earl is survived by his wife: Nancy Earline; brother: William "Bill" James, Jr.; daughter: Virginia Hodges along with her two sons, Nathan, his wife Beth and two great grandchildren, Andy, his wife Adrien and five great grandchildren; son: Leonard and wife Jane, and their daughter Briana, her husband Carlos and two great grandchildren; cousin: Maurice Williams and wife Vangie; cousin: Kenneth Williams and wife Barbara; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and adoring friends.

Earl would want you to know that his first love was for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;

his second love was for his country; and last, but certainly not least, was his love for family and friends.

Funeral services will be held 1:00pm Thursday, September 6, 2018, at First Baptist Church – ML Jones Chapel, 610 S. Goliad St., Rockwall, 75087, with Pastor Steve Swofford and Pastor Jesse Crouch officiating. Interment will follow at 3:30pm at Restland Cemetery, 13005 Greenville Ave., Dallas, 75243. Family and friends will be received Wednesday evening at The Gathering at Rest Haven Funeral Home – Rockwall Location from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

# Events

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**SEP** **Gathering** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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The Gathering at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rockwall Location  
2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087

**SEP** **Funeral Service** 01:00PM

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First Baptist Church Rockwall, ML Jones Chapel  
610 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087

**SEP** **Interment** 03:30PM

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Restland Memorial Park  
13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX, US, 75243

# Comments

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“ Bobbie Huskins lit a candle in memory of Raymond Earl Sloan



**Bobbie Huskins** - October 02, 2018 at 02:33 PM

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“ Earl was a “Prince” of a man. I’m very grateful to have known him.  
Jerry Wimpee

**Jerry Wimpee** - September 06, 2018 at 08:17 AM

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“ Karon and I are former neighbors of Earl. I learned early on he could take it and push it right back at me and more. We had a great time "slighting" one another, but always in jest. Then we would catch up on the news, and end with a friendly "slight." Good natured little digs, all in fun, mind you. When he and Violet moved away we stayed in touch, though infrequently.

We reconnected with Earl and Nancy at FBC. In the interest of fairness, it was Earl that started the slights coming my way again. He was always sympathetic and complimentary of Karon. Complimentary because she earned it. Sympathetic because she was exercising extreme patience with me. Earl knew that and used it to his advantage. I simply could not keep up. We had a great time together. It was always a great way to start a Sunday morning. Always a smile and a chuckle. Always optimistic. We always left with more information than we came in with, particularly in regard to family. There will always be a great story to tell on Earl. Like the time he wanted me to chop down two of my trees. The only two big trees I had. And I did it.

We will miss Earl. He was our friend. He will not be forgotten.

**Karon and Boyd London** - September 05, 2018 at 01:03 AM

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“ Just as when my own dad died, I feel with the loss of Earl that a significant and loving part of my childhood has moved to an eternal existence with the Lord, not moved from my heart. Earl and Violet were my second set of parents as I was in and out of their homes so often from age six to 18! Memories of Earl will remain dear to me and

I will miss his love, his humor and him calling me by an affectionate nickname since childhood! My heart warms to know that my parents, Violet, Earl, Chuck and many other loved ones from our Colonial Family await us in glory. Heaven gets sweeter every year.

**Sharon Dumas** - September 04, 2018 at 07:21 PM

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“ Nancy Sloan sent a virtual gift in memory of Raymond Earl Sloan



**Nancy Sloan** - September 04, 2018 at 07:17 PM

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“ RIP, Mr. Sloan. You and Mrs. Sloan were so sweet to all the kids. Loved you both dearly and know you will be missed by so many.

**Susan Perdue** - September 04, 2018 at 05:44 PM

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“ Sharon Fox lit a candle in memory of Raymond Earl Sloan



**Sharon Fox** - September 04, 2018 at 12:27 PM

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“ Mr. Sloan was a sweet man and a wonderful neighbor. Frank and I loved to see him working in his yard. His dry wit and kind nature were a wonderful combination. We will miss his waving to us most mornings as we were on our way to work and he was out for his morning walk. God bless you, Earl, and bring peace to your family and friends.

**Rhys O Ford** - September 04, 2018 at 10:05 AM



“ May you Rest In Peace, Mr. Sloan. I will always remember the kindness you and Mrs. Sloan showed to us Hawthorn girls. And the same kindness never faltered as we went on to Hood, Samuell and places beyond. Thank you, kind sir, for all you have given.

**Vickie Cook** - September 03, 2018 at 06:32 PM

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“ RIP Mr Sloan! May God Bless you, Virginia, and your family!!

Coy Morgan

**Coynella Morgan** - September 01, 2018 at 11:32 PM

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“ Earl and Violet were special friends. They truly represented the phrase “to know them was to love them”. I’m so sorry at his passing as he was indeed the poster child for the greatest generation. Yet, I rejoice in the 93 years he had with family and friends. Surrounding you all in love and prayer.

**Darlene Reed** - August 31, 2018 at 08:55 PM

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“ What a joy to have known Earl. I greet every Sunday at First Baptist —Rockwall and when Earl and Nancy would walk in, he would always make me laugh with an off the wall comment. I will miss him immensely. My condolences to Nancy and his family.  
TJ Barber

**TJ Barber** - August 31, 2018 at 01:54 PM

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“ When I lived at Lakeside Village, Earl would come over and we would play golf. This happened on several occasions. Once we played a tournament together and that was the most fun I ever had. To be playing with a man like Earl. I remember when I was a teenager he would talk about golf and I thought, I'm going to play golf one day. Rest in the loving arms of our Lord Dear Friend. Say hello to Violet .  
Ginny Corder

**Ginny Corder** - August 31, 2018 at 01:53 PM

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“ We love Earl. For those of you who never experienced a trip with Earl and Nancy, you have missed out on an adventure. Always fun, always waiting to see what Earl's next story would be. Wow, he had a story for every occasion. Nancy and I would put Dick and Earl together on the plane or in the car and just let the two of them talk to each other into the next millennium. And we would just roll our eyes. Always a gentleman in every way.

Our love to Nancy and the Sloan family,

Jane and Dick Clark

**Dick and Jane Clark** - August 31, 2018 at 10:32 AM