



## Dr. James M. Sloan III

July 8, 1930 - May 23, 2018

Dr. James M. “Jim” Sloan, III died on May 23, 2018 in Asheville at the age of 87.

He was a native of Gastonia, North Carolina, born July 8, 1930, the first son of James M. Sloan, Jr. and Frances Robinson Sloan of that city. He attended public school there and then went to Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina on a partial athletic scholarship. There he played on both the football and golf teams and graduated in 1952 with a BS degree in pre-med. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. Close family ties to Davidson had drawn him to Davidson. He then attended Duke University Medical School, Durham, North Carolina, where he received his M. D. degree in 1956. While at Duke he was elected to AOA, an honorary medical society of national prominence.

His internship was at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana, under both the LSU and Tulane medical School sections. Following this he enlisted in the U. S. Navy and served two years as a physician with the 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He was stationed at the U. S. Naval Hospital there.

After his military service was completed, Dr. Sloan went to the Huey P. Long Hospital in Alexandria, Louisiana, for a one year family practice residency. Following this he opened his medical practice at Gibson Hospital in

Enterprise, Alabama before moving to Asheville, North Carolina in 1961 and began the practice of family medicine on Tunnel Road, opening the East Asheville Medical Center which ultimately included Dr. Harry Summerlin and Dr. Roger James. He practiced there for 38 years before his retirement in 1998. In 1976, he served as a short-term medical missionary in Nigeria, West Africa, under the Western North Carolina Methodist jurisdiction. He was active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization and was a team doctor for Owen and Reynolds High Schools.

Dr. Sloan received a Mead-Johnson fellowship in family medicine, was a member of the Buncombe County and North Carolina medical Societies, The American Medical Association, The American Academy of Family Physicians and the Southern Medical Associations along with the North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians. He held several positions in those groups.

He was a member of Central United Methodist Church where he taught the Senior High Sunday School group for many years and served on other church related boards. Following retirement, Dr. Sloan served on several non-profit boards among which were: Life after Cancer, Pathways, The Snail's Pace, Building Bridges and Centurion House. He was the first Board Chairman and helped start what is now Asheville Christian Academy in its infancy. The old school campus was placed on land deeded to Dr. Sloan by Captain Robert Reece of the Asheville Police Department. His grandfather had stated that that land was to be used only for the glory of God; and indeed it was!

An avid golfer since his high school days, Dr. Sloan was a member of the Country Club of Asheville and cherished the competition that the game afforded against such former "greats" as Arnold Palmer, Mike Souchak, Doug Saunders and several Walker Cup players. He was an active N. C. Seniors Golf Association player. Childhood friends will remember him as "Slimey" Sloan.

His greatest love, however, was for his family and for The Lord Jesus Christ. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Elizabeth "Joanna" Sloan and their children, James M. Sloan, IV and his wife, Rhonda of Charlotte, Joseph A. Sloan and his wife, Heather of Troutman, Thomas A. Sloan and his wife, Mary of Asheville and Stephen C. Sloan and his wife, Jeryl of Asheville; eight grandchildren, Sarah, Adam, Cate, Mary Beth, Joshua, Noah, Luke and Grace; brother, Sam R. Sloan and his wife Suzanne of Montreat; nephew Ross and niece, Barrett. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sarah Christine "Christy" Sloan.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held 3:00 PM, Sunday, June 3, 2018 at Central United Methodist Church, 27 Church Street, Asheville. Dr. Robert Blackburn, Jr. will officiate.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the Christy Sloan Memorial Scholarship Fund, Davidson College, 405 N. Main Street, Davidson, NC 28035.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

Central United Methodist Church  
27 Church Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. James M. Sloan III*

---

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *WHEN OUR SON, JOSEPH WAS AT UNCA, HE SAID, MOM I FEEL AS IF MY BRAIN IS SPLITTING. A CALL TO DR. SLOAN JOE WENT IN TO SEE HIM AND WHEN JOE CAME HOME - HE WAS SMILING. DR. SLOAN TALKED TO JOSEPH, TOLD HIM HE KNEW IT WAS EXAM TIME AND TO TAKE A BREAK, GO FOR A WALK, AND BE HAPPY - THE STRESS MELTED OFF JOSEPH AND HE DID ABSOLUTELY GREAT ON HIS EXAMS THANKS TO DEAR DR. SLOAN. OUR WHOLE FAMILY LOVED DR. SLOAN AND IN MEMORY HE WILL ALWAYS BE A HERO. CONDOLENCES TO JOANNA AND HIS FAMILY, THANKS FOR SHARING THAT WONDERFUL MAN WITH US. CONNIE M. SCOTCHIE*

---

**CONNIE SCOTCHIE** - June 07, 2018 at 10:28 PM

LM

“ Dr. Jim was the absolute epitome of what a family doctor should be. He was my family's personal physician for many years, and was my doctor for 25 years. In my opinion, Jim was the best doctor I have ever known and going to his office was like seeing family. A friend once told me Jim was the best diagnostician he had ever known.. My daughter, who lives in another state, always compares her doctors there to Dr. Sloan, saying there will never be another like Dr. Sloan. There are so many ways he helped us raise our children through childhood & teen-age years, offering to make house calls if needed. When I went to him for an office visit, sometimes visibly worried about my problem, he would Look me straight in the eye, put his hands on my shoulders, and say "Pal, we' ve been together for years, and etc, etc. He was the kindest doctor with the best bedside manner, who truly cared about his patients. I have really missed Jim as my doctor, but I am so glad he was my friend. He lived his life as a Christian man of faith, who was such an example to all who knew him....a good and faithful servant.

---

**Loren Moore** - May 30, 2018 at 02:28 PM

BW

“ Condolences to all of the family at this sad time of his passing on. I had the pleasure of knowing him a long time and being around two of the pleasures of life, golf and Asheville Tourists games, Jim was good at both.

*Billy Warlick*

*Lauretta Warlick*

---

**Billy Warlick** - May 29, 2018 at 12:34 PM

KT

“ When I worked at Mission Dr. Sloan was the kindest doctor to the medical staff. Now working in WF where he was a regular visitors and I worked with his son Steve, he still was the kindest fellow. I will miss him coming in. My heartfelt prayers and condolences for your family. Kay Taffer

---

**Kay Taffer** - May 29, 2018 at 12:29 PM

DS

“ Have had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Sloan for many years. My favorite memory is of him coming into the bank for lollipops. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends.

---

**Diana Slagle** - May 29, 2018 at 11:02 AM

PP

“ Dr. Sloan and his family are some of the kindest, most generous people on this planet. Simply put, "Christ-like." God blessed me with the opportunity to know them as I was growing up in Haw Creek and going to Reynolds High School. I will never forget their unconditional love. Joanna amazed me with her loving, positive attitude, she was always smiling. My heart goes out to Joanna and all the family. I can still remember exactly how Dr. Sloan called me "Pat," when I was young and even later at Bella Vista. He was the sweetest! Praying for God's peace for you.

*Patricia Miller Pinner*

---

**Patricia Miller Pinner** - May 29, 2018 at 08:03 AM

NO

“ Meeting Jim and Joanna here at Bella Vista was certainly a Blessing for me. Jim and I had some delightful times rambling through Madison, Yancy, Haywood as well as Buncombe counties. We both loved God's works. We also shared a lot of time with scripture in which Jim was so knowledgeable about. His Love for Christ and others was displayed at all times. I will miss Jim's presence very much. My condolences to Joanna, Joe, Jay, Alex and Steve. Narrell ( Hoss ) Owenby

---

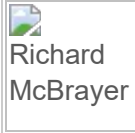
**Narrell Owenby** - May 27, 2018 at 09:40 PM

RM

“ As a gastroenterologist in Asheville starting in 1978 I had the pleasure of interacting with Dr. Sloan by seeing referrals of his patients to our practice at Asheville Gastroenterology. Also while Dr. Sloan practiced, physicians cared for their own patients who were hospitalized at Mission and St. Joseph's Hospitals and I would work with him on some of those patients as well. He displayed a caring heart, a deep dedication to his patients, a keen mind, and a love of medicine. He was delightful to work with and used his remarkable sense of humor as well as his pleasure of telling stories to endear me and the other medical staff to him. He represented the specialty of Family Practice to the highest degree. I would rate him as one of the best. He understood the enormous good that can be done by a family practitioner and he delivered that to his patients and the medical staff. He was a strong Christian and did a great deal to help Asheville Christian Academy be the institution it is today. I am proud to have worked with Jim. People like him do not come along very often. My deep condolences to Joanna and the entire family.  
Richard L. Smith, MD

---

**Richard Smith, MD** - May 27, 2018 at 06:44 PM



“ I always enjoyed my time with Dr. Sloan, always a kind and fun man. So sorry for your loss, WNC has lost a great man!

Richard McBrayer - May 27, 2018 at 07:43 AM



“ DR. JAMES SLOAN WAS A GREAT FRIEND OF OUR FAMILY AND MY MOM'S DOCTOR, HE WAS AT ALL THE GAMES FOR HIS BOYS WHEN THEY PLAYED SPORTS. HE WAS A GREAT MAN AND LOVED HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. WE WILL MISS YOU. THE FOX FAMILY. PAULINE, ADRIAN, MARK, STACY GOD BLESS AND WILL BE PRAYING FOR THE FAMILY OF DR. SLOAN.

ADRIAN (A.J.) FOX - May 26, 2018 at 08:44 PM



“ An early note to all who shared in Dad's life, we are so very thankful!

Joe Sloan - May 25, 2018 at 11:13 AM



“ Dr. Jim was a wonderful man, and a good friend. With deepest regrets, Warren Smith

warren Smith - May 24, 2018 at 01:43 PM