



Samuel Robinson Sloan

August 28, 1937 - May 21, 2020

Samuel Robinson Sloan of Montreat, NC went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday May 21, 2020. Sam grew up in Gastonia, NC. He was the son of James Marshall Sloan, Jr. and Frances Robinson Sloan. He graduated from Davidson College where he was O.D.K., all conference on the golf team and a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. Sam served in Army Intelligence in the Big Red 1 at Fort Riley, Kansas and received the Army Commendation Medal for his service. He enjoyed a 39-year career with Bank of America and its predecessors. His positions included city executive in Durham, Greensboro and Charlotte as well as economic development officer. He led the task force for the Governor's Business Council and was part of international trade missions with two governors.

Sam was a man of great faith and he lived it daily. He attended Bible Study Fellowship and was in a men's prayer group. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., trustee of the Presbyterian Foundation, Chairman of the Board of the Mountain Retreat Association of Montreat, NC and board member for the Society for International Ministries.

Sam's community involvement was extensive. He was a board member of the North Carolina Biotechnology Center in the Research Triangle Park, board member for NC Center for Public Television Foundation and Chair of Durham's United Way Campaign. He was Chair of the United Arts Council

Fund Drive in Greensboro and Charlotte. Sam was Chairman of the Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund, for which he was named Man of the Year in Charlotte. He was Chairman of the Board of Discovery Place in Charlotte and Chairman of the Board for WDAV Classical Public Radio.

Sam had a wonderful sense of humor that brought joy to all who knew him. He enjoyed fellowship with family and friends, golf, hiking, tennis and travel. His memberships in the Piedmont Club in Charlotte and the Golf Festival of North Carolina were very meaningful to him.

Sam was devoted to his wife and children. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne Ross Sloan; children: Barrett Sloan Ranson of Charlotte and Samuel Ross Sloan (Martha) of Fairview; grandchildren: Robert Walker Ranson of New York, Marshall Ross Ranson of Charlotte, Grayson Masters Sloan of Spruce Pine and John Siler Sloan of Fairview; and sisters-in-law: Joanna Adams Sloan of Black Mountain and Marti Ross Franks of Richmond; and four nephews and two nieces. Sam is predeceased by his brother, Dr. James Marshall Sloan, III.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be sent to: Mountain Retreat Association, P.O. Box 969, Montreat, NC 28757, Montreat College, P.O. Box 1267, Montreat, NC 28757 or Christ Community Church, P.O. Box 279, Montreat, NC 28757.

Morris Funeral and Cremation Care is serving the family and condolences may be sent to them at www.morrisfamilycare.com.

Tribute Wall



“ I just learning of Sam's death. Sam was chair of the WDAV Board when I the station's general manager. Sam was the kind of fellow you instantly liked when you met him. There something about the way he natural was...some might say his spirit...that drew you to him. I enjoyed working with him on WDAV's successes. I send my very best to Suzanne. John Clark

John Clark - August 24, 2024 at 12:13 PM



“ Samuel Robinson Sloan

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ Barb and I have fond memories of many years with Sam and Suzanne at First Presbyterian Church Charlotte. Sam was very friendly and humorous; fun to be around and talk with. Back in 1991, we remember a great mission trip that we took with Sam and Suzanne to partner in building on a church in the small Mayan village of Bacabchen, in the Yucatan of Mexico. In the attached picture of our wonderful team, you can see Suzanne in the middle showing her enthusiasm and Sam on the side caring for us all. I always looked up to Sam as a wiser elder, back when I was young! Praise God for Sam. Our thoughts and prayers are with Suzanne and all the family as you grieve the loss of this great man.
Rich Neidinger



Richard Neidinger - May 30, 2020 at 01:41 PM

RN

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Richard Neidinger - May 30, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Samuel Robinson Sloan.



May 28, 2020 at 02:39 PM

JM

“ Knowing Sam through Bible Study Fellowship was a joy. Sam had more than a wry sense of humor, he had an ability to show the love of Christ no matter what was going on or how he felt. Always I will have his memory on my heart and look to being with him again.
John Morrison

John Morrison - May 28, 2020 at 08:12 AM

GT

“ Dearest Suzanne,
You and Sam made such a joyous impact on our entire family!
Thank you for the countless hugs and kisses we eagerly collected every time we saw the two of you.
Know you are dearly loved and prayed for, and that we share your sorrow while remembering the happiness you and Sam shared so generously.
-Jeff and Gerda Teo
-Brandon and Hannah Welborn
-David Teo

Getda Teo - May 27, 2020 at 04:37 PM

EM

“ Suzanne,
Jim joins me in sending our most heartfelt condolences to you and your extended family following the loss of your beloved Sam. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. Stay strong. Love, Betsy Malcolm

Elizabeth M. Malcolm - May 27, 2020 at 02:28 PM

BD

“ My dear Suzanne,

Thinking of you and and your family with much love. What a remarkable man!

Barbara Rice DeLeo



Barbara DeLeo - May 27, 2020 at 01:06 PM

SC

“ *Suzanne, I am thinking of you and your incredible family. You are in our hearts and prayers. How grateful we are for the love you have given to this world.*
xoxo, sis cranz

Sis Cranz - May 27, 2020 at 12:08 PM

LJ

“ *Sam was the best! He had all the traits of "A Good Man", and I will miss his wit, kindness, and loyalty. Love to you, Suzanne. I will see you soon in our dear Montreat.*
Lucile

Lucile Jackson - May 27, 2020 at 11:10 AM

CT

“ *So very sorry to learn of Sam's passing. Fond memories of Sam attending Masters with us and worshipping with y'all at First Pres.*

Cullie Tarleton - May 27, 2020 at 08:42 AM

AC

“ I have the fondest memories of Sam..his kind, gentle manner, witty sense of humor, warm and welcoming presence and the giver of the most incredible hugs. He always made me feel like the most important person in the moment whenever I would see him. His adoration and love for his family was so beautiful to be a witness to. Sam and Suzanne invited me to be part of their families Thanksgiving dinner when I first moved to Black Mountain when I had nowhere to go. It was a true expression of their compassion, hospitality and love and I hold those memories so close to my heart. I am so grateful to have been given the gift of knowing and cherishing such a beautiful soul as Sam. He will be greatly missed. I send my deepest condolences to his family , friends and all those whose life he touched.
Ali Casparian

Ali Casparian - May 26, 2020 at 07:42 PM

JS

“ My Uncle Sam lived a victorious life. He was a champion. He was the greatest man I have ever known. Inspiring. Kind. Quite funny. Faithful. These are not mere words of kindness. I will miss him, for he made all things better. A deep sadness is eclipsed by greater joy knowing he rest with the Lord.



Joe Sloan - May 26, 2020 at 01:28 AM

ES

Suzanne,
Carole and I send our deepest sympathy to you and yours. Sam was not only a good friend, but embraced all of the attributes you would hope to find in every human being. A total joy to be in his presence. He will be missed.

Eli Smyth

ELLISON sMYTH - May 28, 2020 at 10:58 AM



Dear Suzanne, it seems like just yesterday that we saw you and Sam at the UNC senior Beta fraternity party. I was so sad to read Sam's obituary in the Observer, however it was also wonderful to read all that he accomplished in his lifetime. Please give your family our loving thoughts. Catherine and Quincy Collins

Catherine Collins - May 29, 2020 at 11:02 AM