

DEATHS / FUNERALS

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ROBERT 'BOB' SLOAN

FRANKLIN — Robert Stanley "Bob" Sloan, 80, died Monday, March 30, 1998 in Angel Community Hospital after a period of declining health.

In 1946, he was married to the former Mary Jo Setser, who died in 1980. His son, Stan, died in 1972. He is survived by his wife of 16 years, Lillian Jones Sloan; daughters, Nancy Shope and Timoxena Sloan; and granddaughters, Amanda Shope and Connie Maney.

Sloan was born in Franklin on June 10, 1917 and attended Franklin Public Schools. He was later graduated from Christ School in Arden and from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1946 with a degree in sociology.

He served 37 months during World War II in the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, 39th Regiment, 9th Infantry Division and went through eight campaigns and three amphibious landings—North Africa, Sicily, and Normandy.

After returning to Franklin in 1945, Bob served for approximately one year as Macon County's Veterans Service Officer before returning to Chapel Hill to complete his degree. In 1947 Sloan began work with The Franklin Press. He became a partner in the business after two years and later purchased The Press and was the editor until his retirement in 1989.

During his lifetime, Bob was involved in various civic and church-related endeavors. These included the Macon County Board of Education (1947-1952), VFW Post 7339 (a founding member), American Legion Post 108, Franklin Rotary Club (a Paul Harris Fellow), Franklin Lions Club, Macon County Historical Society, Macon County Academic Foundation, Macon County Program for Progress, Franklin High School Boosters Club, and coach of Biddy League basketball team, "Bob Cats". Bob was an active member of the First United Methodist Church where he served as an MYF leader and youth Sunday school teacher.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Thomas Griffis, and the Rev. Don Haynes officiating. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Tom Raby, Bill Vanhook, Ken Hudgins, Eddie Sutton, Richard Jones, and Jim Breedlove. Honorary pallbearers will be Jerry Sutton, Siler Slagle, Andy Jones, Oscar Ledford, and members of the Franklin Rotary Club.

The Franklin VFW Post #7339, American Legion Post #108, will conduct military graveside rites.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Stan Sloan Scholarship Fund, c/o Jim Shope, 86 Forest Cove Road, Franklin, N.C. 28734 or to the First United Methodist Church Van Fund, 66 Harrison Avenue, Franklin, N.C. 28734.