



## Joe R. Sloan

July 21, 1923 - February 19, 2017

Sloan, Joe R. passed away peacefully on February 19, 2017 at the age of 93. He was born on July 21, 1923 to Roy Sloan and Pauline Jones of Springfield, Missouri. Joe was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 63 years, Arlene (Zobel), and their infant daughter, Nancy.

He was the dear father of Edward (Mary Margaret), Lynda (the late Jim) Ponder, Joe (Marilyn), Carol (Michael) Kaufman, Ellen (Rick) DeFaut, and Janet (Jack) Cunningham.

Joe was the loving grandfather to 16 and his great-grandchildren number 13.

Joe Sloan proudly served in the U.S. Navy during WWII on the U.S.S. Enterprise aircraft carrier in the South Pacific. Coxswain Sloan received a commendation for his heroic meritorious service during a Kamikaze attack on May 14, 1945. In order to stop the vessel from sinking as a result of the enemy action, Joe put on a rescue breather and descended to the second deck. While water flowed in around him he went forward through damaged, smoke-filled compartments to close the mains manually, and saved the ship.

This experience inspired Joe to join the Madison Heights fire department in 1946. He would eventually become the chief there and later spent twenty years as the fire marshall in the city of Clawson.

Joe R. Sloan was incredibly strong, loving, generous, and humble. He loved life and lived it to its fullest. Joe enjoyed music, golf, hunting, and time with family and friends. He was a truly great man and while he will be missed by many, he is surely enjoying his reunion with Arlene at the big party in the sky.

Visitation is open to the public on Tuesday, February 21st from 2-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. The service will be on Wednesday, February 22nd at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to Beaumont Hospice are appreciated.

Please share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Cemetery Details

## White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road  
Troy, MI 48098

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **21**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
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## Funeral Services

FEB **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Prayers and condolences on the passing of Mr. Sloan. May God welcome him into heaven.*



*Michael D McCarthy*

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**Michael D McCarthy** - February 21, 2017 at 05:20 PM

MG

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Mary Moon Fiorini Guglielmino** - February 21, 2017 at 03:38 PM

LS

“ *Love Sheley and Kevin Sullivan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joe R. Sloan.*



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**Love Sheley and Kevin Sullivan** - February 21, 2017 at 09:19 AM

KH

“ *Kimberly K Hogan purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Joe R. Sloan.*



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**Kimberly K Hogan** - February 20, 2017 at 09:31 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joe R. Sloan.*



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February 20, 2017 at 09:12 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe R. Sloan.*



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February 20, 2017 at 07:48 PM

Jl

“ *Jim, Janet, Alida and Ian Isaacson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joe R. Sloan.*



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**Jim, Janet, Alida and Ian Isaacson** - February 20, 2017 at 07:37 PM

JH

“ Many happy memories of Chief Sloan. Enjoyed a golf game, or two, with Joe and his sidekick, Chappy Cejmer. RIP Chief.  
Jim Halsey  
Troy Fire Chief (Retired)

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Jim Halsey - February 20, 2017 at 05:25 PM

KS

“ When I was a senior at Madison High School (1963-64), my very first "real" job was when I co-op'ed as Chief Sloan's secretary at the Madison Heights Fire Department. Over the ensuing years, very few employers lived up to his kindness, patience, thoughtfulness, direction, and unassuming nature. My year-plus at MHFD working for Joe Sloan was definitely one of my most enjoyable and memorable and contributed to a great degree as to who I am today. I often have wished I had taken your advice and had gone on to be Madison Heights' first female firefighter. R.I.P., Chief.

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Kathy (Nagel) Saumier - February 20, 2017 at 02:45 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Joe R. Sloan.



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February 20, 2017 at 02:39 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors** - February 20, 2017 at 01:13 PM



“ *Jill A Barrett purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joe R. Sloan.*



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**Jill A Barrett** - February 20, 2017 at 11:54 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe R. Sloan.*



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February 19, 2017 at 09:40 PM