



Adam Sloan

July 22, 1942 - December 9, 2022

Adam Sloan, 80, of Edwards, Illinois passed away Friday, December 9, 2022, at Proctor Hospital.

He was born July 22, 1942, in Chicago, to Morton and Leah (Robin) Sloan. He is survived by his wife, Jean (Parowski) Sloan, one sister, Sharon Sloan and cousins Susan Sloan and Marvin Sloan. He was preceded in death by his parents and aunt and uncle, Florence and Irv Sloan.

Adam graduated from Maine Township High School (now Maine East) and later served from 1963 to 1967 in the U.S. Air Force, including service in Vietnam. On leaving the service, he earned a bachelor's degree from Central Missouri State, now the University of Central Missouri, and a master's degree from the University of Maryland. Moving to Peoria in 1975, he worked briefly for the U.S Army Recruiting Command, in 1977 was hired by Marvin Hult and worked for 23 years at the advertising agency that became Hult Fritz Matuszak serving clients that included Bergner's, CILCO, Proctor Hospital, Cohen's Furniture, Caterpillar and many more. After a brief retirement, he set up shop as 'Adam Sloan' and continued working in advertising for ten more years.

He served on the boards of, and worked on projects for, many organizations including the Friends of Glen Oak Zoo, the United Way, the Hult Health

Education Center, the Center for Prevention of Abuse, WTVP, B'nai B'rith, and the Peoria Symphony.

Together with Jean, he helped form a murder mystery entertainment group that wrote that produced annual murder mystery weekends for Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island and benefits for The Detroit Children's Hospital and the South Side Office of Concern in Peoria.

Adam always loved sports. He lettered in high school in track and field, played rugby in Missouri, was in a softball league on a team with graduate school friends in Maryland, played racquetball at various Peoria courts, and basketball at the downtown YMCA. He was an enthusiastic participant in Rock Steady Boxing, a program designed to slow the advance of Parkinson's disease with intense training exercises, fun, social interaction and mutual support. He always had the right answers to the sports questions in Trivial Pursuit. He was a lifelong Cubs fan.

A celebration of life service will be held at the Universalist Unitarian Church, 3000 W. Richwoods Blvd, Peoria at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, 2023 with Rev. Jennifer Innis officiating. Schmidt- Haller Burial & Cremation Service is assisting the family.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be left at www.SchmidtHaller.com for the Sloan family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 11. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Universalist Unitarian Church
Peoria, IL

Tribute Wall

CK

“ So many happy memories of visits with Jean and Adam at their home. Adam would jump in the freezing pond daily and scream. We played some sort of charades where you had to draw two famous people from a hat and get people to guess both. Adam played Red Skelton for me. His comedy was probably a lot less crude than what usually made Adam laugh. And what a laugh, it was like he was totally submitting to folly. Jean and Adam taught me that adults can (and should) be silly sometimes. The accents, the props, and a roomful of people slayed with laughter. Adam and the murder mystery crew taught me to play Euchre. When he was dieting, he'd still get bacon at the Grand Hotel. He made a point of it. When we watched the lion King he was SO mad because "Scar is a piece of s****" as he said. He told me if there was ever a fire I needed to bring the Lautrec from the dining room. I didn't even know who that was at 14 but I learned! He played game boy Tertris til his hands needed surgery and we'd both cheer when we got the big rocketship after level 19. Once, he didn't feel like having dessert with us so the waiter offered him some cherries in grand Marnier. He was served a colossal snifter and as the cherries made him giddier by the mouthful, he said, "Next time, bring me a bigger glass!" We loved their peaceful property, my dad even wrote a Parody of the Green Acres song about it. It was there I got my first piano lesson, calligraphy set, and tarot deck. Adam and Jean were just a huge part of my childhood and I owe them a lot.

Crystal Nanney Kent - March 08, 2023 at 11:59 PM

GK

“ I had the pleasure and privilege of knowing Adam for almost 40 years. We worked together for 15 of those years and his zest, humor, and creativity always shone through and resulted in great work for our Company.

I will always have fond memories of Adam.

Gary Keith

Gary C Keith - February 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM

CC

“ Adam was a mentor, friend, confidant and overall incredible person! His guidance and advice over the years was invaluable and continues to guide my actions and decisions today! Jean may you find peace and happiness in the so many memories and stories and life that Adam and you shared. God Bless your soul Adam Sloan!

Charlie Callaway - February 25, 2023 at 01:20 PM

JR

“ Adam was a man on whom nothing was lost--he had the wit to see into every situation, and a generous approach to life in general. I met Jean and Adam when we were teaching assistants at the UMd, and it was clear from the start they were a great pair. They made a fine life together. I hope those years will sustain Jean now and in the future.--Joan Roberts

Joan Roberts - February 17, 2023 at 11:03 AM

JT

“ I have nothing but endearing memories of Uncle Adam when we'd periodically see him and Aunt Jean up in the Chicago suburbs. I remember seeking him out during family events for his quick wit, fun banter, and the contagious laugh that kept us all entertained for hours. He was a wonderful life force that I'll always remember fondly!

Jim Talano - February 14, 2023 at 05:24 PM

CP

“ Yes to everything in Adam's obituary and I want to add his terrific sense of humor and satire, ability to entertain our children and general person to bring a liveliness to any gathering.

Carol Parowski - February 08, 2023 at 02:50 PM

JM

“ Adam was my mentor at Hult, Fritz, Goehausen & Matuszak years ago in Peoria. He was a giving, unselfish person. Jean, I am so sorry for your loss.
Joyce Meyer

Joyce Meyer - December 27, 2022 at 01:20 PM

AS

“ I have many positive memories of Adam at Rock Steady Boxing. I appreciated his dedication and his humorous perspective. He was certainly a blessing to our group there. I was sorry when he no longer continued to participate and now to learn of his passing. You have my sympathy.

Alan L Stahl - December 20, 2022 at 04:57 PM



“ Jean, I'm so sorry. Such a sad thing bringing back so many old, happy memories.--Bob Lidston

Bob Lidston - December 18, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ Jean, I am so sorry to learn of Adam's passing. Like many others I have wonderful memories of spending time with the two of you. Certainly, the mystery readers book club at the library is one. Sometimes there were eye rolls and sometimes outright laughter but always much fun. Please take care of yourself and know I'm thinking of you. Rob Parks

Roberta Parks - December 18, 2022 at 07:40 AM



“ Jean, Sharon, Susan and Marvin: My deepest sympathy at the passing of Adam. I have many fond memories of him from my days working at IPMR and his working with our organization. Adam was always ready with interesting conversation or a good joke and I looked forward to his visits/meetings. I really missed those times after IPMR affiliated with OSF. He was a beautiful soul. Will greatly miss him. Karen Jones, Program Evaluation/Quality Assessment Coordinator - IPMR.

Karen Jones - December 16, 2022 at 10:28 AM