



## Allen Duane Sligh, Jr.

August 5, 1929 - July 11, 2016

Allen D. Sligh, Jr., 86, of East Ridge, went to be with the Lord peacefully on Monday, July 11, 2016 at Parkview Hospital in East Ridge, TN following an extended illness.

He leaves his daughter, Mary Mouw, sons, Chuck, Tim, Stephen and David Sligh, 11 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and many close friends and ministerial colleagues.

Born and raised in Durham, NC, Mr. Sligh joined the United States Air Force in July 8, 1948. He proudly served his country and retired after 20 years in August 1, 1968, which included a tour in Vietnam where he was awarded a Bronze Star for his distinguished service.

On his first tour of duty in San Antonio, Texas, he met and fell head over heels in love with Norma Fator, a native of San Antonio, and they married two months later on Halloween night! Their first overseas tour was in Okinawa, where their first child, Allen D. Sligh III, was electrocuted to death. This led shortly thereafter to Mr. and Mrs. Sligh giving their lives to Christ.

With a new direction in life, Mr. Sligh achieved a B.A. degree from Middle Tennessee University. After retirement from the Air Force, he taught high school at Okinawa Christian School in the early 1970s. He was a beloved basketball, baseball, and volleyball coach. Many young people who attended Okinawa Christian School looked up to him as an accepting, fun-loving Christian, and a wonderful mentor.

Mr. Sligh returned to the U.S. to graduate from Tennessee Temple Bible College, after which he and Norma began a second career as missionaries to the U.S. Military with Baptist International Missions, Inc. He, with wife by his side, started three churches and two Christian schools in Puerto Rico, Panama, and Guam. He also served as an assistant pastor in his waning ministry years in Okinawa, Japan. Their home was always open to military men, women, and their families. Allen served God with joy and zeal.

Al Sligh was a competitive athlete most of his life. He loved his family and the people, and those closest to him, knew of his love for fried chicken and donuts! In lieu of flowers, you may send a donation (for missionary building projects) to Brother Sligh's son, Chuck Sligh and his grandson, Jeremy Mouw who are serving on the mission field. You may send your donations to BIMM/ww.bimi.org (account #284). Please designate your gift as "Al Sligh Memorial Fund".

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2016 in Victory Baptist Church, Pastor Chuck Sligh and Brother Jim Kennard officiating. Interment will follow in Chattanooga National Cemetery. Family will receive friends on Sunday from 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home and Monday, from 11:00 a.m. until time of service at the church. Arrangements are by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home- Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

# Cemetery Details

## **Chattanooga National Cemetery**

Holtzclaw Ave.  
Chattanooga, TN

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Marisela and Myself were saved through Pastor Al Sligh. We hope to see him in Heaven!* ”

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**Scott Zack** - February 03, 2025 at 06:08 PM

DW

“ *He was my pastor in Panama for 2 years, his love for me and my family transformed my life, I loved him and his wife Norma. He preached the good news of Jesus Christ, our savior and taught us how to know and serve Him. Dale Watkins (1995-1997)* ”

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**Dale Watkins** - January 26, 2024 at 09:24 PM

 Ed  
Hotin

“ *I was saved under Brother Slighs Ministry in 1985 at the Maranatha Baptist Church in Panama. God had to send me more than 4,500 miles from the US to Panama to get me to hear the good news and to get saved then I was Baptized by Brother Sligh in the Pacific Ocean. Of course there is a lot more to my Testimony than this but this is my short and to the point Testimony. I'm looking forward to seeing Allen and Norma again one day.* ”

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**Ed Hotin** - February 29, 2020 at 12:25 PM

WB

*I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior under the leadership of Pastor Al Sligh at Maranatha Baptist Church in the Republic of Panama in 1986. I was also baptized by Pastor Sligh. He met my wife and I at Howard Air Force Base and prayed with us before we boarded the Air Plane to Charleston, South Carolina. I am so thankful for Pastor Sligh and his wife, and love they showed to my family and me.*

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**Willie Ball** - November 14, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ I was just thinking of the people who had influenced my life this morning. The Lord brought Brother Sligh's name to my mind. That's when I found this page.

*I met Bro. Sligh and Mrs Norma Jean as a 9 yr old kid at a church in Yokota Japan.*

*I was hiding in the sanctuary after the adults had gone to Saturday visitation one week. Bro Sligh had just flown in to Japan as a guest speaker for that Sunday. He was walking into the auditorium to pray for the congregation the next day. And didn't see me hiding. We ended up scaring each other. I was scared he was going to yell at me like a lot of the other adults did. But instead he introduced himself and we became friends. I later met Mrs. Norma Jean when they came to serve as our interim pastor. Although I didn't understand everything that was happening in my life at the time, they were the first couple that I had seen demonstrate God's love for each other and to everyone they came in contact with. They had snowball fights with the kids in the church parking lot. And they didn't see us as being "in the way". We were invested in and loved. He told me about foreign missions and told me other little girls in Cambodia needed prayer. Because sometimes the kids my age there had never heard about Jesus. He also told me sometimes the kids didn't get to go to the Dr when they were sick. As a 9yr old it made me understand that we were to show compassion to everyone.*

*Thank you Bro Sligh for you kindness. I am sad to hear this news, but I know that you are happy in heaven. See you on the other side! Btw. I gave my life to Jesus 3 1/2yrs ago as a 23 yr old adult. :) I am now passionate about ending human trafficking and am in school to learn more about adolescent psychology.*

*Thank you!*

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**Joy Daehn-ski** - November 07, 2016 at 08:47 AM



“ I was saved under his ministry while stationed in Panama. I remember the Sunday morning in 1985 where that old crooked finger kept pointing at me in the back row. I found myself in the front of the church, where brother Daughtery confirmed my salvation by taking me through the Romans road.

*It wasn't long before he threw some van key at me and before I knew it, I was a bus captain for Sunday school, as well as being drafted for picking up the kids for AWANA and then working with the Sparks! He had a way to get you to serve the Lord.*

*He also always told me that I ought to stop fighting God and surrender to be a preacher. I told him that would never happen...well, here I am in East Tennessee pastoring a church.*

*Praise God for those 3 plus years in Panama in good old Maranatha Baptist Church...I can still hear him leading us in that song - "We'll never say goodbye in glory...! See you later my dear brother.*

*Pastor Brian Nulf*

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**Brian Nulf** - July 28, 2016 at 01:40 PM

WM

“ Pastor Al Sligh lead me to the Lord on July 7th, 1985 in Balboa, Panama at Maranatha Baptist Church.

*I was raised under his preaching for 2 years before transferring back to the states. I remember him telling me when I got orders back to Ft. Benning, Ga that we would never find another New Testament church in the states like Maranatha.*

*He was absolutely right. Since then I have never met a man who followed Christ like him nor a church family that actually lived like the New Testament example of a church as found in the Acts. I have moved frequently and have been a member of many fundamental churches in many states and have to say that Pastor Sligh was a true example of a disciple of Christ. His wife, Norma was also the Scriptural example of a faithful wife and the Lord's handmaiden.*

*I praise the Lord for him and know in my heart he has entered into the Glory of the Lord after hearing "well done thou good and faithful servant".*

*Walt Mayes*

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**Walt Mayes** - July 23, 2016 at 09:11 AM

WA

*Walt Mayes, m238602002@yahoo.com*

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**Walt** - July 26, 2016 at 06:37 PM

DS

“ I don't know what to say, it's a very sad day for me also. I loved your parents like they were my own and am so glad I got to know all of you. One thing that helps it that I know your parents, my dad and several others from Maranatha in Okinawa are together again. Maybe playing Rook! When Mr. Sligh was my gym teacher he always said "Nobody ever died from pain". I thought I would a few times! I love you guys and will be praying for you too.

*Debbie Elzey Sherrit*

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**Debbie Sherrit** - July 15, 2016 at 06:56 AM

DA

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



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**David** - July 14, 2016 at 11:47 AM

RW

“ Myra and I called him Dad, first met him at maranatha Baptist in panama, had church at the ymca. He was either at our house or we where at his and Norma,s. Met him every morning for donuts at the snack bar on base where he knew every one. He was on my ordination panel to become a pastor, We loved him like he was ours, will see him in heaven Ron and Myra Wiseman

ron wiseman - July 14, 2016 at 08:39 AM

LB

“ Pastor Sligh led me to the Lord when I lived in Panama in 1981. He invested so much time in our life trying to teach us the way of the Lord. He was like a father to us. I have never met a person that cared about people and souls for Christ like this man. Pastor Sligh and Norma will be in my heart forever. Steve and Linda Berlin

Linda Berlin - July 13, 2016 at 10:17 PM

PR

“ Pastor Mark And Jenny Rosson lit a candle in memory of Allen Duane Sligh, Jr.



Pastor Mark and Jenny Rosson - July 13, 2016 at 11:01 AM

MR

Wonderful Pastor and Friend at Maranatha Baptist in Panama, Mark and Jenny Rosson send our love to the family!

Mark and Jenny Rosson - July 13, 2016 at 11:03 AM

KB

“ Kenneth & Lynda Burroughs lit a candle in memory of Allen Duane Sligh, Jr.



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**Kenneth & Lynda Burroughs** - July 12, 2016 at 09:06 PM

MN

*So many memories of him, my pastor. One is quite unique. I was 11 and had an accident which required a plastic surgeon and 21 stitches to repair. He came to the hospital and when my repair job was all over he gave me his shirt to wear. I was in a swimsuit and was freezing in the air-conditioning. That big shirt hanging on me made me feel like such a lady; he was so chivalrous. I surrendered to serving God with my life there in Panama and am truly thankful for Pastor Slighs' ministry. We will never say goodbye in Glory!*

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**Missy Daugherty Norris** - July 28, 2016 at 02:05 PM