



# Virginia "Ginny" Sloan Towner

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Virginia "Ginny" Sloan Towner, 90, died peacefully on August 24, 2022, at home, surrounded by loved ones. She was defined by her deep faith and devotion to her family. Born on October 12, 1931 in Strawberry, Arkansas to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Comfort Sloan, Ginny was the youngest of six children.

She came to Memphis to attend Hutchison School where she was voted the inaugural Ideal Hutchison Girl. Following high school, she completed her education at Randolph- Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Virginia.

In 1954, she married Dr. Justin Towner, making their home in Memphis and raising three children: Jud Towner (Kathleen), Sloan Germann (Luke), and Laurie Haddow (Dan). Together they have seven grandchildren: Laurence Towner, Buck Towner (Katherine), Edey Maranto (Chett), Ginny Germann, Ruthie Germann, Mary Haddow, and Sam Haddow, along with three great-grand daughters. Her grandchildren adored "Gigi" and fondly remember quality time with her, accompanied by laughter, encouragement, and her delicious caramel cake.

A member of several service organizations and a faithful volunteer, Ginny served at Second Presbyterian Church primarily in the Martha/Mary circle, as a Sunday school and Bible study leader, and as a contributor to the Altar Guild. She was quick to deliver a meal and fresh flowers from her garden to those in need.

Known for her warmth, sharp wit, and ability to connect people through her gift of hospitality, Ginny was a remarkable witness for her Savior, Jesus Christ.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her siblings Larry Sloan, Kathryn Kellow, Margaret Ledbetter, and Mabel Williams. She leaves behind her husband of 68 years, three children, seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, her brother Tom Sloan (Mary Evelyn), and many beloved nieces and nephews.



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In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Neighborhood Christian Center, Second Presbyterian Church World Missions, or the charity of your choice. Her family is deeply grateful for the compassionate care given by Tia Franklin, Niconna Minor, Denise Surber, and Christina White.

There will be a service of celebration for Ginny's life at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, August 29th at Second Presbyterian Church. Visitation, beginning at 11:00 a.m., will precede the memorial service.



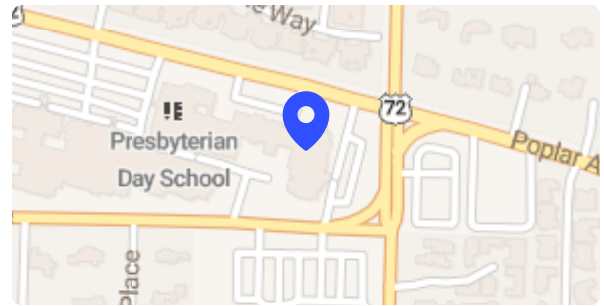
# Events

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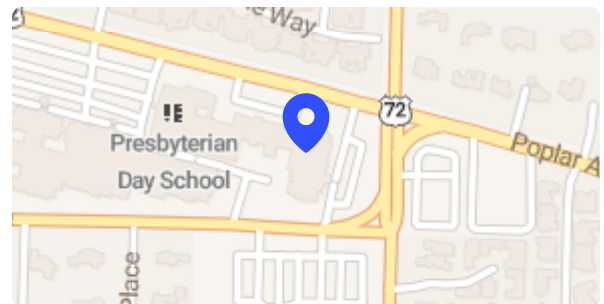
## Visitation

- Monday, August 29, 2022
- 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM CT
- Second Presbyterian Church**  
4055 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN 38117



## Memorial Service

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## Tribute Wall

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**Marjorie Goff** posted:

Miss Virginia Sloan was my social studies teacher in the sixth grade at Walnut Ridge Elementary School. Think that was 1953-54. It was her first year of teaching. She was so well grounded that it could have been her 10th year of teaching! She was a wonderful example of professionalism while being the most compassionate and empathetic teacher I ever had. When Mr. Miller announced the honor students, for some weird reason, I wanted to wear a different dress for our pictures. She drove me home out in the country so I could change dresses! She said, 'I think that's a perfectly lovely dress you're wearing now but if you want to change dresses, I'll be happy to take you home during lunch hour so you can change!' And, she did. I don't know anyone else who would have done that. "Miss Sloan" had a wonderful sense of humor, thoroughly got into creating our room's "Chamber of Horrors" for the Hallowe'en Carnival and helped apply white make up to Jack Lawson's face and lift him into the casket provided by Gregg Funeral Home, via James Stallcup's dad who managed the local Gregg Funeral Home! She was the instigator of peeling the grapes for eye balls and noodles for intestines-----I think you get the picture! No doubt much of this had been learned at Miss Hutchison's School in Memphis and at Randolph Macon in Virginia! Miss Sloan had been to Europe the year before and so was able to make our history lessons really interesting at a time when most of our teachers were still at the 48 or 60 hour level. I'll never forget the way she said "Mesopotamia" and all the other difficult words and showing us the pictures of the Seven Wonders of the World! She usually dressed in a crisp cotton button-down shirt, slim garbardine or wool pencil skirt and stylish flat shoes---maybe Capezzios! She brought her finance, Judd Towner, to the Hallowe'en Carnival. We all thought he was the cutest guy we'd ever seen. He made several more appearances through the school year and in the summer, they married at her parents' home in Strawberry because her dad was ill. She sent a wedding announcement to every one of her students! Miss Sloan was teaching us what to do and how to do things every moment of every school day. She was a perfect role model. My mom kept house for her sister, Mabel, our neighbor, for several years and we were able to hear about her family over the years. She leaves a huge hole in her extended family! What a wonderful Christian lady she was! Not many of her students are still living--we are 80 years old now. But she made a wonderful, strong impression on us---she and all her brothers and sisters who did so much for the Baptist Church in Walnut Ridge and the community in Lawrence County. I believe she was my last living teacher. Marjorie Schaefer Goff, Bella Vista, AR.

August 28 at 8:14 PM



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