



## Reuben John Sloan, Jr.

April 29, 1945 - February 28, 2024

Reuben John Sloan Jr. died peacefully at home Feb. 28, 2024, after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Known to all as John, he was born in Renton in 1945 to Reuben “Ben” and Agnes Sloan. He was raised in Manson and then Kirkland. After high school, he attended Washington State University on a baseball scholarship, then transferred to the University of Washington to play baseball his senior year to be closer to Kathleen Ross whom he met the summer of 1964. The couple married in 1966. After graduating from college, John taught high school and coached debate in the Seattle area. Towards the end of his teaching career, he also attended law school, graduating from the University of Puget Sound with his law degree in 1976. He passed the bar with one try in 1977 and practiced in the Seattle area. By 1979 he wanted to test his skill as a lawyer, especially in trial law, so John accepted a position in Omak with Kelly Hancock and Henry Rawson. He volunteered his time as the debate coach at Omak High School for many years and practiced law for 30 years in Okanogan County before retiring due to his health.

John was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Richard; and one sister, Patricia. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Kathleen; daughters, Rebecca (Eric) Arnold, of Omak, Kristina (Ian Davis) Grooms, of Spokane and Melissa (Henry) Hix, of Okanogan. John is also survived by his grandchildren,

Eric Jr., Jonathan, and Joshua Arnold, Dameon, Brandon and Tyson Landers, Isabel, and Henry Hix Jr., and Taggert and Tanner Grooms; three great-grandchildren, and his two sisters, Debbie (Bill) Turner, of Omak and Linda (Larry) Hoggarth, of Florida. John is also survived by his best friends of over 70 years, Bruce Neyland, Bob Davis, and Jack Oprea.

A Rosary will be held be at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 4, 2024, and a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m., Friday, April 5, 2024, at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Okanogan. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center are welcome.

# Previous Events

## **Rosary**

APR 4. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Our Lady Of The Valley Catholic Church  
2511 Elmway  
Okanogan, WA 98840

## **Funeral Mass**

APR 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Our Lady Of The Valley Catholic Church  
2511 Elmway  
Okanogan, WA 98840

## **Graveside Service**

APR 5. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM.

Riverside Cemetery  
Riverside, WA