



Juanda M. Sloan

February 9, 1952 - April 17, 2025

AYER-Juanda M. (Hicks) Sloan, 73, of Ayer, Massachusetts passed away on Thursday morning, April 17, 2025 in the River Terrace Healthcare Center in Lancaster, MA.

Juanda was born on February 9, 1952 in Boston, the daughter of the late Elliot Hicks and Helen Wilson. She is predeceased by her brother Donald Robertson and leaves to mourn her passing, her sisters, Carol Huckaby of Hamden, CT, and Yvonne Gailliard of Ayer MA and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Juanda's early childhood was spent in Boston and then 3 years in Baumholder Germany. In 1964 the family returned to Massachusetts and settled in Ayer, where she graduated from Ayer High School in 1970. During a pastoral visit in 2001 with Pastor Gary Palmer, Juanda prayed to receive Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. She started her career in banking before going to work at Digital Equipment Corporation, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and she retired from Job Corps in Devens. Juanda was instrumental in mentoring at risk youth while working at Job Corps.

Juanda was a loving and kind person a woman of God who loved people and was always willing to listen and help those in need. People appreciated her acceptance of others, enthusiasm, positive attitude, sense of humor and

honesty. In her free time, Juanda enjoyed reading, traveling, watching football, spending time with family and friends, and visiting the beach.

Her funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 26 at 11 AM in the New Hope Community Church, 139 Sandy Pond Rd. Ayer. Burial at a later date will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Ayer.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3 Speen St, Framingham, MA 01701 or to the American Heart Association, 93 Worcester St, Wellesley, MA 02481.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer is assisting the family with the funeral arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

Harvard Road
Ayer, MA 01432
info@andersonfuneral.com

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Hope Community Church
139 Sandy Pond Rd.
Ayer, MA 01432

Tribute Wall

JP

“ Yvonne and Carol, you and your family have my deepest condolences. I will always love and remember Juanda. We got back in touch with each other after 35 years in June of 2021. You might remember, we met in the 70s when she lived in Greenville, SC. You both visited my home in Atlanta in the 80s.

After I hadn't heard from her in the last few months, I reached out to her on April 12th and told her I had been thinking of her. She responded with a long text and told me of her illness over the last four months. She said she had been thinking of me also. I will also cherish her last words to me "I am Thankful, Grateful, and Blessed. I love you my friend I thank God for blessing me with your friendship. Even though there was a 35 year break in communication God has allowed us to reconnect BACK together. I am grateful for that. Love ya my Sista...."

Lesson is: Be obedient to that still small voice, when you think of someone, reach out! May God's grace comfort you all, family and friends of this phenomenal woman! Love ya my Sista..... "Tiny"
Jonnie Mae Perry
Ronnie K. Brown

Jonnie Mae Perry - April 25, 2025 at 04:57 PM

HF

“ Hayes Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spatiphyllum for the family of Juanda M. Sloan.



Hayes Family - April 24, 2025 at 11:28 AM

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“ Hayes Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Juanda M. Sloan.

Hayes Family - April 24, 2025 at 11:28 AM

DF

“ David & Alexis Waldron and Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Juanda M. Sloan.



David & Alexis Waldron and Family - April 23, 2025 at 03:58 PM

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David & Alexis Waldron and Family - April 23, 2025 at 03:58 PM

SN

“ My deepest condolences to Yvonne, Carol and Family for the loss of a beautiful, spirited friend. I've known Juanda for the majority of my life and had many memories for which I will always remember. Rest in Peace my sister. Love you, miss you ~ Snookie (and Family)

Snookie - April 23, 2025 at 02:32 PM

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“ *Snookie lit a candle in memory of Juanda M. Sloan*



Snookie - April 23, 2025 at 02:17 PM

LJ

“ *Lisa Joyce lit a candle in memory of Juanda M. Sloan*



Lisa Joyce - April 21, 2025 at 10:12 AM

LJ

“ *Juanda was such a beacon of light, hope, and strength. She was the best of the best friends. I will miss catching up and listening to her stories. She truly cared about EVERYONE. My deepest condolences to her family - she loved you all fiercely. May God rest her beautiful soul.*

Lisa Joyce - April 21, 2025 at 10:11 AM

TD

*My deepest condolences to Juanda's family, friends and loved ones. I knew Juanda through her sister Carol Huckaby and I didn't see her often but when I did, a good time was had by all. She had such a sense of humor and she was just down home. You couldn't help but love her. I'll be praying for the family during this challenging time.
Terre Daniels
Woodbridge, CT*

Terre Daniels - April 22, 2025 at 09:22 AM

TE

“ *I had a lot of fun working with Juanda at Shriver. She helped to make often unbearable situations there more bearable. Please accept my condolences.* ”

Tim Elmer - April 21, 2025 at 09:54 AM