



## Dr. Felix Rodney Sloan

October 3, 1922 - August 1, 2013

### Felix's Life Journey:

Felix Rodney Sloan was born October 3, 1922 to the union of late Archie H. Sloan and Ida Bruce also preceding him in death, four brothers, Charles Sloan, Frank Sloan, Archie Sloan and John Sloan; one sister, Mary Evans; one son, David Sloan and one daughter, Cynthia Sanders. He attended and graduated from East End High School in Seneca, South Carolina.

Felix discovered Christ at an early age at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Seneca, South Carolina.

In 1957, Felix met and married his love, Nellie Irene Goings. A husband, father of three children, community leader, entrepreneur, and devoted lover of people exemplifies the many qualities and attributes of Felix Rodney Sloan during his 32 plus years of outstanding and distinguished public service.

The prophecy of his life is best described in the profound statements, "Count your Blessings" and "How do we know where we are going if we don't know from whence we came?" The second youngest of six children, Felix grew up in Seneca, South Carolina. Guided and directed by the encouragement, love and care of family, he had a dream even at this early age.

Experiencing the struggles and plight of fellow blacks less fortunate than

himself, he decided to devote his life to pursuing a career in the helping profession. Reaching this goal was not easy. Through the encouragement and limited financial assistance of family, he enrolled as a pre-medical student at South Carolina State College in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

His brief stay at South Carolina State College was interrupted, due to World War II, where he served honorably for three years. Upon the completion of service in the Armed Forces, he moved to Detroit and continued his pursuit of a medical degree at Wayne State University. Financial responsibilities forced him to drop out of school and seek employment in an automobile factory. Although the job in the factory satisfied his financial needs, his desire and determination to pursue a career in the helping profession caused him to move in the direction of this goal. To this end, Felix obtained employment with the City of Detroit, Brewster Douglas Housing Project, as a Public Housing Aide.

The turning point in his life occurred during his tenure at the Brewster-Douglas Housing Project. He met his lovely wife, Irene, who was a teacher in the Detroit Public Schools. Listening, discussing and observing her dedication and commitment to the welfare of youth prompted him to become obsessed with the teaching profession. He earned a teaching certificate in elementary education at Wayne State University. His experiences as a Mathematics Teacher at Chandler Elementary School represent one of the most rewarding experiences of his life. Many of the students he taught are now teachers, lawyers, judges, social workers, and a host of other professions. This is a tribute to his dynamic leadership, skills and competency.

Felix wanted to do more to fulfill his dream. Realizing the importance of acquiring additional skills to be more effective in working with staff, parents and youth, Felix earned a Masters Degree in Administration and a Doctoral Degree in Guidance and Counseling. He applied for and was accepted as a

staff person with the Special Projects Programs. He was, subsequently, promoted to Administrator. The Developmental Career Guidance Project, Youth Employment Training Project, The Minority Entrepreneur Program, Skills Training Program, and the Job Training Partnership Act Program are a few of the many programs he has administered.

Being given the opportunity of providing leadership, skills and experiences to staff, parents and youth represents the apex of his lifelong dream. His ability, zest and zeal in implementing these programs has always defied that of the imagination.

The legacy of his contributions, dedication and commitment in administering these programs are respected, honored and praised throughout the country. Among his many affiliations, Felix was a Life Member of the N.A.A.C.P. and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Monday, Aug. **5**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Tuesday, Aug. **6**. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Funeral Service

Tuesday, Aug. **6**. 5:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
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Detroit, MI 48227  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Felix Rodney Sloan*

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January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Dear Family,*

*I was very saddened to learn recently of the passing of Mr. Sloan, who was my math teacher at Chandler Elementary. I am very appreciative of all that he taught me during those early years - particularly how to multiply 12 times 12. I thank him for being such a great and awesome teacher.*

*Godspeed to the family.*

*Sincerely,*

*Richetta Amen*

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**Richetta Amen** - October 18, 2015 at 05:11 PM



“ *Was just surfing the web and Googled my favorite teacher from back in the day. Imagine my surprise to see he had passed just a year ago. Really brought tears to my eyes but a smile to my face. He was my absolute FAVORITE teacher at Chandler Elementary School. I'll always remember his driven demeanor when teaching us. He was serious about his math and was determined to make us understand. What a great teacher!!!! And we girls particularly loved him because he always smelled so good!!! LOL Bev Kinnard*

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**Beverly Laird** - August 10, 2014 at 01:27 PM

LA

“ How fortunate we are, Rodney, that we has the distinct pleasure of meeting, and spending time with Felix. Dr. Sloan clearly led a full and ambitious life, and surely made an impression on all who knew him. Our sincerest thoughts and prayers are with your mother and the family.

*Steve, Laura and Brendan Findley*

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**laura** - August 06, 2013 at 01:18 PM

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“ *The Sloan Family,*  
*We are sincerely sorry to hear about the passing of Dr. Sloan. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*  
*The Sanders Family (Kerry, Diane, Marian, Michele, Mallory and Marie)*

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**Diane** - August 05, 2013 at 06:31 PM

RS

*Diane, Kerry and family, thanks so much for the condolences. It is greatly appreciated by us all.*

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**rodney sloan** - August 07, 2013 at 06:31 PM

LA

“ *Rodney, I am very saddened to learn of the death of your dad. Please accept my sincere condolences. You are in my thoughts, and I wish you and your family all possible comfort at this difficult time.*

*Les Allen*

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**Les Allen** - August 05, 2013 at 09:22 AM