



Gayle Gill Sloan

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Gayle Gill Sloan passed away on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at the age of 73. She was preceded in death by her parents, JD Gill and Betty Brock Gill, and her brother, Jimmy D. Gill. She was married to her beloved husband, Cliff Sloan, for 44 years (married 9-24-78) and is survived by her nephew, Jimmy Gill (Rachael), and stepdaughter, Beth Sloan (Kevin Pembroke). She also leaves behind her closest friends, her godchildren, James Vitrano and Leslie Hubright; her sisterhood girlfriends, and many former colleagues who became lifelong friends.

Gayle graduated from Mandeville High School and Louisiana State University and received advanced degrees in education from University of New Orleans and Southeast Louisiana University. She worked as a public school educator for 45 years, first as a classroom teacher in Jefferson Parish and St. Tammany Parish public schools. She was a member of the Jefferson Federation of Teachers and served as Vice President of the St. Tammany Federation of Teachers & School Employees. She was especially proud of her work as Principal at Mandeville Middle School and the accomplishments of its students and teachers. She held various positions in the St. Tammany Parish Public School System Central Office, including Instructional Supervisor, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, and Superintendent. As Superintendent, she led the School System through challenging times and helped to elevate a good organization into a highly respected School System that garnered many State and national accolades. She believed that the strength of the School System was in putting students first and forming strong partnerships with parents and community, while encouraging employees to become a strong team of collaborators who were dedicated to excellence in their work. She retired from St. Tammany Parish Public Schools in 2010 before moving on to work at the Louisiana Department of Education for six years, where she enjoyed working with professional educators around the State. She received many honors for her professional and community accomplishments during her lifetime.

After so many years of doing work she loved, she was surprised by how quickly she took to retirement, spending her days with her husband, traveling, gardening, reading, shopping,



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enjoying time with friends and family, and doing whatever they wanted whenever they wanted.

Gayle was a native of Mandeville, Louisiana, living and working most of her life in her hometown. Her ashes will be buried with departed family members in the Mandeville Cemetery in a private service.

Please share memories and condolences at the online tribute page of the E. J. Fielding Funeral Home in Covington, LA at www.ejfieldingfh.com. It was her wish that friends and family consider making donations in her memory to a public school of their choice.



Events

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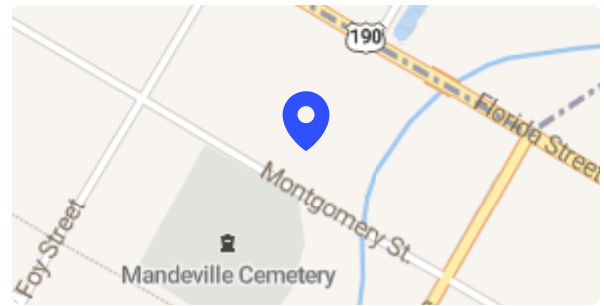
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Cemetery Details



Mandeville Cemetery

1609 Montgomery St., Mandeville LA 70448





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TC

Theresa Currie posted:

I am forever grateful to Gayle for hiring me at MMS, 31 years ago. She was an amazing leader that guided her staff with wisdom and care. Thankfully she helped our parish survive the after effects of Hurricane Katrina by getting our schools back to work! I will miss her friendship. May her family be comforted knowing she impacted so many lives.

January 22 at 4:55 PM

MC

Mary Ann Cucchiara posted:

Very sad news. I was honored to work for Mrs. Sloan. All my best to her family and loved ones.

January 21 at 8:00 PM

TM

Terrie Mathison posted:

Gayle was a trailblazer in education and a truly "gutsy woman". I admired her for her true grit, integrity, humility, professionalism and her sincere devotion to the students of St. Tammany Parish. She will be greatly missed. Hopefully her legacy will be a reminder to current educators, administrators and board members to always make the difficult decisions in the best interest of all of our students. Our heart felt sympathy goes to her family. Terrie & Tim Mathison

January 20 at 7:44 AM

DT

Debbie Toups posted:

Rest In Peace Ms. Gayle. Prayers for comfort and peace for you family and loved ones.

January 20 at 2:16 AM

LC

Linda Cousin posted:

Our sincere condolences to the family and prayers for a healthy bereavement and fondest memories of a life well lived. John & Linda Cousin

January 19 at 6:05 PM



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EM

Ellyn Mckinney posted:

I met Gayle in 2010 while I was working at the LDOE. She immediately began asking questions about the charms on a bracelet my husband gave me. She loved it and noticed every time I got a new one. She gladly took every opportunity to invest herself and her wisdom into the lives of those around her. She was a champion for public education. She will be so missed.

January 19 at 5:41 PM

MM

Melissa Mainiero posted:

I met Gayle in 2012 while working at the LDOE. Gayle was so kind to me, took me under her wings, shared her knowledge and wisdom, and escorted me through some bumpy professional roads. Today as an educator in north Louisiana, I continue to hold on to and look for opportunities to share all she taught me. Sending prayers to her family and all who loved her.

January 19 at 5:12 PM

SJ

Sondra Johnson posted:

Gayle has been a good friend to me for over 65 years from Our Lady of the Lake School and Mandeville High School to LSU and the School System. We have traveled with the "sisterhood" to many interesting places from Door County, Wisconsin, Christmas in Natchitoches, to Laurel and Marigold, Miss. only to name a few. Gayle was always ready for a road trip which she planned for us. I will miss those trips with Gayle as she was our guiding light. She was a very special friend always there when we needed her. I am sure Gayle is planning trips for us now for when we meet again. Luv you and miss you Gayle we meet again.

January 19 at 4:18 PM

PF

Paul Fradella posted:

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy on the passing of Gayle.

January 19 at 12:19 PM

MT

Mary Anne Thomas posted:

Gayle was an extremely lovely woman. Impressed me by remembering my name after just brief meeting. Cared about her teachers!! RIP. And sympathy to family.

January 19 at 8:06 AM



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KJ

Karen Foil Jenkins posted:

Having gone to school with Gail and working with her in the school system, I knew that she would accomplish so much in her life. We will miss her

January 19 at 8:02 AM

BD

Bill Dobson posted:

Cliff my family and I are saddened to hear of Gayle's passing. She and her family were life long friends and everyone who knew and loved her will miss her very much. You and Jimmy are in our thoughts and prayers. Much Love Bill

January 19 at 7:33 AM

OM

Olga Marquette posted:

Mrs. Gayle was such a great lady! She was strong, kind and gave a lot of herself to our community especially to our school system to make it the best. My condolences to her family and friends.

January 19 at 5:55 AM

DM

Dodie Marshall lit a candle in honor of Gayle.

"Well done, thy good and faithful servant". Gayle Sloan, in my opinion, was the best Superintendent that St Tammany School Board has ever had! I didn't have the opportunity to experience her in the classroom, I knew her on a more personal level. However, I knew her to be a fighter and leader for all students and not just a select few. I'll forever remember and be grateful for her standing by my side and on my side with my children and their friends at Mandeville High School during the time of President Obama being elected. The school decided the kids weren't allowed to wear T-shirts with anything referencing Obama and went as far to threaten suspension. After I contacted Gayle, needless to say, my kids and their friends did not have anymore issues. Unfortunately, there aren't many, if any, educators like Gayle anymore. Thank you for your service as an educator and administrator! May you rest in eternal peace.~ Doreitha Calvin Marshall



January 19 at 5:53 AM



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PJ

Pete Jabbia posted:

Cliff, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Gayle. My thoughts are with you and your family. Pete Jabbia

January 19 at 5:28 AM

AB

Anna Bowie posted:

Mrs. Sloan was the most inspiring leader. She had high expectations, and she had a way of making you want to exceed those expectations. I am forever grateful for the years I spent working under her and learning from her. Rest in peace, Mrs. Sloan.

January 19 at 5:11 AM



Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Sloan family.



January 19 at 1:31 AM

DK

Donna Kavanaugh posted:

Gayle was a phenomenal leader. She was a mentor to teachers and students. I was privileged to work with her and call her my friend. She will be missed by all. Rest In Peace my friend.

January 18 at 6:08 PM



Anonymous sent a Pink, White, and Purple Dahlias (Silk Cemetery Flowers) to the Sloan family.



January 18 at 5:28 PM

GW

Gail Willie lit a candle in honor of Gayle.

Prayers for her family

January 18 at 5:19 PM





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MM

Melody Menard posted:

I am the educational leader that I am because of Gayle Sloan. She asked me to run the district's brand new TV station and as hard as it was to leave NHS, it was too good to turn down. It was and is my dream job. Gayle was a brilliant, Level 5 leader and I'm so honored that I had so many years with her. I will truly miss her.

January 18 at 4:48 PM

TC

Terri Cefolia posted:

Mrs. Sloan was my 5th grade teacher at Mandeville Middle school. She was an incredible teacher and person. I saw her some 30 years later and thanked her for being the teacher that pushed me to excel in academics. I'm sure teachers hear this all the time, but she truthfully made me a better student and in turn a better adult. I'm so saddened to hear she passed. I send my deepest condolences to her family and many friends.

January 18 at 4:36 PM

LH

Lee Hicks posted:

So honored to have worked under Mrs. Sloan when she was the superintendent. She was very supportive of the arts and truly wanted to see ALL of our programs in St. Tammany succeed. When she spoke about taking St. Tammany from Good to Great I bought in completely and hope that I've made her proud. She will truly be missed.

January 18 at 4:22 PM

MR

Megan Ryals posted:

All of these years later, I still remember Mrs. Sloan as my principal at Mandeville Middle School in the nineties. She was such an incredibly kind and generous person, and her encouragement and guidance helped shape so many young students into the adults we are now. Sending love and condolences to her family and friends. Love, Megan Ryals

January 18 at 3:25 PM



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Terri Prevost posted:

Gayle hired me as CFO in 2010. She was an incredible lady and leader. I will always be grateful to her for the job I love. She gave great parties and was extremely funny. Prayers for her husband and family.

January 18 at 2:05 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gayle by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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