



Jerry Glenwood Sloss

November 6, 1941 - March 29, 2025

Reverend Jerry Glenwood Sloss, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and faithful servant of God, left his earthly body on March 29, 2025, to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Born on November 6, 1941, in Huddleston, Virginia, Jerry was the son of Bertrand Lee Sloss and Virginia Adeline Woodford Sloss.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife of nearly 58 years, Dora Lynn Hatfield Sloss, and their three children: Brenda Mash (Robert), Delores Bower (Eddie), and Eddie Sloss (Ellen). He also leaves behind his cherished brother, Phillip Sloss (Susan), and sisters-in-law Charlotte Sloss and Gloria Sloss. As a proud grandfather, Jerry is remembered by his six granddaughters: Lara Meador (Eli), Rachel Mash, Jolee Sloss, Kaylee Sloss, Maggie Bower, and Rylee Sloss. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Bertrand Sloss Jr. and Al Sloss.

A graduate of Bedford High School in 1960, Jerry's path led him to Southwestern Bible College in Oklahoma, where he pursued his calling to ministry. After graduating, Jerry faithfully served communities across the country, evangelizing at revivals and youth camps. One such youth camp in Colorado was particularly memorable as it was there that he met the love of his life, Dora. After marrying Dora, he continued to hold revivals in the western part of the United States where in just a few months he received God's calling to become a pastor. After his ministry at the Bluefield Pentecostal Holiness

Church in Bluefield, West Virginia, he was led to a small community in Virginia.

For 35 years, Reverend Sloss served as the pastor of the Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church in Blacksburg, Virginia, where his leadership and unwavering faith left an indelible mark on the congregation and community. He later pastored Bain Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church in Radford, Virginia, before stepping down from full-time ministry. Throughout his life, Jerry's devotion to serving God and spreading His love was evident not only in his pastoral work but also in his actions and his character.

While ministry was his passion, Jerry also had a love for sports, actively participating in basketball, baseball, football, golf, track, and church softball. He enjoyed both playing and watching these games; his energy and joy for life were contagious.

The family will receive visitors at McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg, VA, on Tuesday, April 1st, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. A celebration of Jerry's life will take place at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, April 2nd, at the Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church, conducted by Pastor Jamey Hutton and Bishop Preston Mathena, with the graveside service to follow at the Appalachian Conference Grounds.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Appalachian Conference Discipleship Ministries' Youth Camp Scholarship Fund, in honor of Jerry's lifelong commitment to youth ministries. Contributions can be sent to 5847 Oak Grove Avenue, Dublin, VA 24084.

Reverend Sloss' legacy of love, faith, and service will continue to inspire and bless all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

Appalachian Conference Cemetery

5871 State Rte 617
Dublin, VA 24084

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-3211
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

APR 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church
894 Merrimac Road
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

DG

“ I’m so sorry for your loss of a wonderful man best preacher I ever heard I couldn’t make it to his service I’m very sorry I’m sending love and hugs to you all



drema linkous gibson - April 01, 2025 at 06:19 PM

JP

“ Joann Phillips lit a candle in memory of Jerry Glenwood Sloss



Joann Phillips - April 01, 2025 at 06:00 PM

LD

“ He was such a wonderful Blessed Pastor the best that I know I was so glad to be a part of his church and Blessing he truly was a man of God and I know he will be missed Praying 🙏 for all of your family God Be with you all Amen 🙏

Libby Dean - April 01, 2025 at 04:35 PM

WT

“ Dora and Family,
So sorry for your loss, Jerry was a fine gentle man, definitely had a Pastor's heart. We are asking the Lord to comfort you during these days.
Your neighbors on Merrimac,
W.P. & Carol Turpin

W.P. Turpin - April 01, 2025 at 06:21 AM

KD

“ Kayla & Colton Dickerson purchased the Forever in our Hearts - 11.5" Wind Chime for the family of Jerry Glenwood Sloss.



Kayla & Colton Dickerson - March 31, 2025 at 07:41 PM

LT

“ Pastor Sloss and Sister Dora were such special friends and mentors to Jessie and me through the years. I grew up in the Merrimac church, but 2 months after he became our pastor I left for Holmes Seminary, married right after graduation, and with pastoring and Jessie's career as a Navy Chaplain, our visits home were sporadic and often far between, but we almost always ended up at the parsonage visiting with them before we left. Those visits, and his golf games with Jessie, were always very special to us. It has been such a blessing to be able to see them more often in the last several years. Words cannot express our sense of loss and our hearts go out to Dora and their precious children and grandchildren. I fancy him having a Heavenly conversation with our sweet Mama, who has been there for almost 9 months now, and so many who were so blessed to have had him as pastor for all those years. We will see him again!

Leah Tate - March 31, 2025 at 03:56 PM

TA

“ So sorry to hear of preacher Sloss' passing. He was such a good man. He really was good to everyone I remember him going to hospital and nursing homes to visit the sick and where ever he was needed he was there. Heaven has Gained a Good Angel with Mr. Sloss. I send out my thought and prayers to his family.

Troy D. Altizer - March 31, 2025 at 03:56 PM

BE

“ The Merrimac Church and Community will forever be touched by Pastor Jerry Sloss..We have lost but he has gained. We love you and your loving wife and Family who gave of their lives to us.. we will never forget... Love and prayers to all of you. Carl and Barbara Early.

Barbara Early - March 31, 2025 at 02:43 PM

MA

“ Pastor Sloss was such a wonderful person and man of faith. Prayers for all the family. I was blessed by knowing him.

Martha - March 31, 2025 at 01:36 PM

KW

“ Our hearts are heavy with sorrow for the loss of this phenomenal man, a warrior of faith, dedication, love and wisdom that has touched countless lives, he would be there in a moment's notice with prayer whether it be sickness, loss of a loved one, wedding, birth of generations. We will forever cherish the memories! We only part to meet again. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs!

Delores Linkous, Fred, Kim, Conrad and Family

KW - March 31, 2025 at 11:28 AM

JF

Praying for his wife and dear family and loved ones 🙏❤️
So sorry we will be out of town this week and won't be able to be there to honor wonderful Jerry.

Joan Farrenkopf - March 31, 2025 at 03:36 PM

MS

“ *Pastor Sloss was a remarkable man who made a huge impact in my life and my mom’s (Margaret Early) life! This world have truly lost a god fearing man who put others before himself and was always there no matter what! My thoughts and prayers go out to each of you during this difficult time!*

Michele Sowers - March 31, 2025 at 10:52 AM

AC

*A very good person...with a heart for God and always searching the Scriptures! I remember the good times discussing the Bible...,breakfast at Corner Cafe in between classes(2 eggs with biscuits & gravy —.35cents!!!) I do miss all the good times we shared together. I always knew Jerry would make a very good preacher. My prayers and condolences to Jerry’s wife & family.
Jerry’s college roommate and friend,
Alan Coburn, Dickinson, Tx*

Alan H. Coburn, Jerry’s roommate @ colle - July 08, 2025 at 06:43 PM