



Mr. Charles Allen "Bo" Sloan

April 17, 1965 - February 28, 2026

Charles Allen "Bo" Sloan, 60 of Ethel, AR passed away Saturday Feb 28th, 2026. Bo was born on April 17, 1965, to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Sloan of Tupelo, MS. Bo attended Tupelo High School where he was active in several clubs and met many of his lifelong friends.

After graduation, Bo took a gap year and worked on the family farm. At the end of that year he attended MS. State University where he received a bachelor's degree in wildlife biology and forestry. Bo went to work for the USDA where he worked with APHIS/animal damage control in the MS Delta. He later transferred to the USFWS National Refuge System where he worked at Panther Swamp NWR. Soon after arriving at Panther, he met and married the love of his life, Holly Elizabeth Cook of Leland, MS. Bo and Holly moved to McGrath, Alaska where Bo worked for the Innoko NWR. Here he would work with the native community to help preserve their natural habitats. After Alaska, he and Holly moved to Ethel, AR where he finished his career and retired with the White River NWR.

Anyone who knew Bo knew that protecting wildlife habitat was not just a career for him, it was a calling, his passion. That passion gave him a spine of steel in a field where political winds blow hard. That MS Country boy never bent. He was ironclad in his principles and understood one simple truth: you either protect the land, or you don't. His principles served him well and he

never traded precious habitat for an easy compromise. The refuge and the conservation community have lost a true champion far too soon.

Bo never met a stranger with his big smile, good humor, outgoing nature and epic story telling! He made friends everywhere he went. Nothing made him happier than when he met Holly. She was his entire world. They enjoyed all things outdoors, from hunting, fishing and trapping. In his retirement, he could be found in their garden where he and Holly worked so tirelessly to tend, or working at training his dog Ruby, also gone far too soon. Someone once said that a man could consider himself fully successful in life if he was blessed enough to have lived with and enjoyed an awesome wife, one good dog, one good horse, and at least 5 good friends. Bo was successful in all these things! Many friends along with the forestry and wildlife community lost a good one.

Bo was preceded in death by his parents Tommy and Phyllis Sloan of Tupelo and his brother Brad Sloan also of Tupelo.

Bo leaves behind his adored wife of 21 years, Holly of Ethel, AR, and his brother Jonathan Sloan of Tupelo.

Services for Bo will be held at the Pegues Funeral Home, located at 535 W. Jefferson St, Tupelo, MS 38804, on Saturday, March 7th. The family will receive visitors from 10am to 12 pm followed by the service under the direction of Brother Guyton Hinds of Ratliff, MS.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Wildlife Mississippi, PO Box 10, Stoneville, MS 38776.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Pegues Funeral Home
535 W. Jefferson St.
Tupelo, MS 38804

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

HA

“ Andy Aderman & wife Helen Chythlook Aderman. You and family are in our thoughts and prayers today. 🙏🌹

Helen Chythlook Aderman - March 07 at 05:15 PM

JG

“ Great Boss and friend, you will never be forgotten my friend . my the turtles Herd beavers around the conibears ☐



Jophy Gee - March 07 at 03:57 PM

GV

“ You are all in my prayers. He was a good man and a good friend. Gary Vansandt.

Gary Vansandt - March 04 at 12:12 PM

GA

“ Guy Altom lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Allen "Bo" Sloan



Guy Altom - March 04 at 10:39 AM

DS

I remember him from when he and Brad and Jonathan were boys growing up in Chesterville and living by the lake...swimming in the lake summer and his big smile. Phyl and Tommy loved those 3 boys so much. I had talked to him around Christmas about Jonathan and he was worried about him. He was all Jonathan had and Jonathan had told me about spending some time at Bo and Holly's house. Praying that Holly can carry him in her heart always!

Diane Spears - March 04 at 10:51 PM

MS

I have good memories of working off-and-on with Bo in Alaska. He was a good influence on all who know him. Prayers and best wishes.....

Mike Spindler - March 06 at 09:10 PM

MS

So so sorry Holly mow was a good man and I liked him. I know this is a hard time for you. I will keep you in my prayers and you have my condolences.

Merle Sullivan - March 07 at 04:58 PM

MS

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Merle Sullivan - March 07 at 04:59 PM

LW

“ Love, Dot and William planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Charles Allen "Bo" Sloan.

Love, Dot and William - March 04 at 10:32 AM

LW

“ *Love, Dot and William purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Charles Allen "Bo" Sloan.*



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