



Donna Jean Sloan

May 9, 1960 - February 17, 2026

Donna Sloan passed away on February 17, 2026 at the age of 65.

Donna was born on May 9, 1960 in San Jose, California to David Elmer Sloan and Virginia Haskell Sloan. Donna moved with her mother to the family ranch in Scott Valley at the age of three. Donna spent her school years living in Fort Jones, California, where she attended Fort Jones Elementary School and Etna High School, graduating from EHS in 1978.

Growing up in Scott Valley, Donna spent fun times with her cousins and friends doing the things she enjoyed. Donna loved muscle cars, horses, music, matchbox cars, trips to Disneyland and cooking. Donna was always ready for a road trip or a cruise around town with the music on full blast. She enjoyed watching old westerns and reading western stories and books.

After high school, Donna spent time living in Alaska, New Mexico and the Bay Area in California, where her life and adventures as an adult began. Living in different places allowed her to explore and experience many new things.

Aside from fun and travel, Donna's true and gifted talent as an artist is her greatest legacy. Donna was a professional that made a career out of her artistic abilities. She was a sculptor and a painter and could mold, create or make anything she set her mind to. Her paintings are lifelike and often appear to be photographs; they are so accurate. Her unmatched talent for sculpting and painting model horses was her full-time job. Donna also made playful, cartoonish animals from clay as another way to share her artistic self. Her art will continue to be cherished around the world by her customers and anyone

that has the chance to encounter her work.

Donna will be deeply missed by her friends and family. She was preceded in death by her parents, David Sloan and Virginia Haskell George, and her grandparents.

Donna is lovingly survived by her favorite aunts, Barbara Soskin and Jeanie Elam Dickinson, her Uncle, Ken Dickinson. Her cousins, Amy Elam Stacher, Lindsey Stacher Jenner, Addison Jenner, Bradley Jenner, Trevor, Katie and Millie Jean Stacher, Julie Elam Hogun, Harrison and Sarah Hogun, Hayden Hogun, Sadie Hogun and Dalton Fraser, Tammy Elam Dean and Andy Dean, Brittany Dean Meyer and Nicholas Meyer, Briann Dean, Albert, Genny, Ashton, Xander and Ryder Elam.

A graveside service and celebration of Donna's life will be held at the Etna cemetery on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 11 AM.

Tribute Wall

MG

“ *She was always very kind and helpful. Rest in Peace Donna.* ”

Mary Urquhart Gausen - February 23 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ *Rest in peace* ”

Edward Cornelis - February 22 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Donna, you were a beautiful sister. You had a wonderful sense of humor. I enjoyed our times and travels together. I enjoyed our times on messenger as well. I love you and you will never be forgotten.* ” ❤️

Diane Blanche Sloan - February 22 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Donna was always a refreshingly kind person.* ”

Madeleine Levaggi - February 22 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *Caroline Luiz lit a candle in memory of Donna Jean Sloan* ”



Caroline Luiz - February 21 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *RodalandLewisWaters lit a candle in memory of Donna Jean Sloan*



RodalandLewisWaters - February 21 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *Heart breaking, she was so sweet and always smiling. Sending love!*

Prairie Temple - February 21 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Donna was my oldest & dearest friend from about the age of 4 through her grandma & grandpa Bill & Edna George. We spent many of our younger years playing dogs and horses. We would roll down the window on her mom's car and bark at people walking down the sidewalk in Ft. Jones. At my house we would fill our feedbags(bowls) with dry oatmeal and pretend to be horses eating their grain. We also enjoyed torturing her grandpa Berts donkeys riding them around their pen bareback with no saddle. They didn't move very far but it was great fun. We had many laughs remembering the time I told my parents Virginia drove 100 mph down my short driveway. I didn't know the speedometer was broken. Although we differed on the type of music we listened to I tolerated Kiss and other heavy metal bands when I spent the night at her house. We had a few adventures in the Marbles and one very exciting trip to San Francisco. Donna & her mom thought I needed some culture in my sheltered life. I remember one summer when we were in summer CCD and we took Father Lawrence on a very long and winding trip through the valley to get to Etna. Donna always liked adventure and I was happy to be her sidekick. I love you Donna and all the good times we shared and how your laugh could light up a room. Heaven has gained a new angel.

Caroline Luiz - February 21 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My condolences to the family.
I remember her wonderful smile.

Jim Stowell - February 21 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ With loving memories of "Donna Jean Sloan",

Caroline Luiz - February 21 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ They have my sister father's name all wrong. His name is David Elmer Sloan. Donna has a sister. They haven't mentioned anything right.

Diane B Sloan - February 21 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Sorry to hear this- condolences to the family

Ginger Moyles - February 20 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ So sorry for the loss 🙏 Such a neat person!

Kelly Woods - February 20 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ She was such a nice person. I am sorry for her family and friends.

Sandi Wood - February 20 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ 🙏❤️☐ Condolences Family & and Everyone!

Diane Wiman - February 20 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Will miss my forever friend 💔

Wendy Beckman - February 20 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ RIP. My deepest condolences to her family and friends. 🙏

Kristen Naylor - February 20 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I'm so sorry Jeanie and family. ❤️🥺🙏

Linda Berry - February 20 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Prayers for family.

Donna Griffin - February 20 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ One of my special besties in high school. Great memories of our adventures at Disneyland with her mom Virgie, our Job's Daughters excursions, and rocking out in her room to Deep Purple & Alice Cooper. Although our paths in life went in different directions, our friendship remained. So grateful to have been able to stay connected with her before her untimely passing- Be in peace Donna, until we meet again 🙏❤️☐
All my love to Jeannie, Amy, and family ❤️

Wendy Beckman - February 20 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Oh Jeanie that's sad my thoughts are with you and family ❤️

Debbie March - February 20 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for Donna Jean Sloan - February 20 at 12:00 AM