



Deacon Irvin Lee Slade

September 11, 1933 - May 16, 2025

Irvin Lee Slade, born September 11, 1933, was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, veteran, diehard Eagles and Dodgers fan, and servant of God. He peacefully departed this life on May 16, 2025, at 6:21 p.m., leaving behind a legacy of strength, service, and love.

Born in Reidsville, Rockingham County, North Carolina, Irvin was the beloved son of the late Rufus Slade and Viola Jackson Slade, whom he fondly called “Madear.” After his mother's passing, he spent his summers with his grandmother, Annie B. Jackson, whose homemade biscuits and coconut cake remained among his fondest memories.

He was one of eight children and was preceded in death by his siblings Julia Slade, Charles Slade, Henrietta “Teeny” Turner, Idella Ruby Beverly, Rufus Slade Jr., and Willie “Stolly” Slade. He is survived by his sister, Helen Bryant of Union City, Georgia.

Irvin proudly served his country as an aircraft refueler in the United States Air Force from 1952 to 1956 and was a veteran of the Korean War. After completing his military service, he married his childhood sweetheart, Ruth E. Frye Slade, on April 11, 1956, in Newark, New Jersey. Their bond began in kindergarten at the Hygienic School in Steelton, Pennsylvania, and continued

for 41 years until her passing in 1997. Their marriage was one of enduring love and partnership.

Following his military service, Irvin worked for the United States Postal Service in Washington, D.C., before relocating with his family to Steelton, Pennsylvania, after Hurricane Agnes in 1972. He then began a new career at the New Cumberland Army Depot, filling fuel tanks for families on the base. He retired from the Depot in 1988; but, true to his energetic and driven spirit, returned to the workforce shortly thereafter. He became a Shared Ride driver and later worked for the Department of General Services for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Eventually, he served as a security guard for Dauphin County, a position he held—and ministered in—faithfully for 16 years.

A man of deep faith, Irvin was an active member of his church community. He joined Shiloh Church of God in Christ on January 28, 1979, and was ordained as a Deacon by the late Pastor Carl E. Hines Jr. in December 1991. Over the years, he served faithfully as a Deacon and General Board Member. His many roles at Shiloh included usher, finance team member, honorary missions ministry member, mission security guard, sanctuary choir member, and church custodian—duties he often shared with Ruth. Together, they lovingly cared for the church on 15th and Forster Streets, treating their service not merely as a responsibility, but as devotion to God.

Irvin was a proud family man and deeply cherished the life he built with Ruth. He was the loving father of the late Jeffrey S. Slade (Ione Slade of Mechanicsburg, PA), Terrance L. Slade of Harrisburg, PA, Paula M. Slade of Harrisburg, PA, the late Brian M. Slade (Natalie Harris Slade of Steelton, PA), and Tracie E. Wilson (Learchia Wilson) of Conyers, GA. He was also preceded in death by his beloved grandson, Terrance Lee Slade II. Irvin found immense joy in his family, including his 10 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews,

cousins, church family, and friends. Spending time with loved ones was his greatest joy—he often said it kept him young.

An avid traveler, Irvin loved experiencing new places and making lasting memories. Among his favorites were his first cruise with his daughter Tracie, a special trip to Jamaica with his grandson Lamont and family, and a helicopter ride over the Grand Canyon with his grandson Maurice—experiences he spoke of often and fondly.

Irvin Slade lived a full and meaningful life—defined by faith, hard work, love of family, and service to others. His quiet strength, unwavering devotion, and compassionate heart will live on in all who knew him.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Cemetery Details

William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets
Steelton, PA 17113

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

MAY 27. 8:30 AM (ET)

Shiloh Church of God In Christ
5950 Derry Street
Harrisburg, PA

Viewing

MAY 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Shiloh Church of God In Christ
5950 Derry Street
Harrisburg, PA

Service

MAY 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RM

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Deacon Slade. During your time of bereavement, may you continue to grow stronger and carry on with his legacy. Rest in Heavenly Peace, Deacon Slade. Rest in Heavenly Peace.

Rosalind McLamb

Rosalind McLamb - May 28, 2025 at 06:50 PM



LS

“ Sincere condolences to the family of this incredible man.
Lee Smigel

Lee Smigel - May 28, 2025 at 11:58 AM

CM

“ Deepest Condolences Paula, Tracie, Lamont, Kingston, Jocelyn, Kayla and the rest of the family. May you ALL find comfort in knowing your love one was deeply cared about and loved. May he rest peacefully 🙏 *Celeste E Middleton*

Celeste E Middleton - May 27, 2025 at 07:52 PM



CY

“ Love you Pop Slade. R I P love Cynol

Cybil - May 27, 2025 at 11:09 AM

CL

“ To the Slade family,
May God comfort you all at this difficult time, I send my sincere
condolences , and I pray that God comfort you., may the peace of
God be with you all,
Rest in peace Mr. Slade 🕊

Connie Livingston - May 27, 2025 at 08:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deacon Irvin Lee Slade.

May 26, 2025 at 12:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Deacon Irvin Lee Slade.



May 26, 2025 at 12:28 PM

PF

“ Please accept my deepest condolences over
the loss of Mr. Slade I offer you my heartfelt
support and friendship in this difficult
time. Mr. Slade will always be remembered to
me as a gentleman. I am so glad I got a
chance to meet him even when he beat us in spades the card
games . He would enjoy playing cards the card game spades with
us . He would laugh at us when we would fuss over the game
whoever would loss : but it was all fun. Such a great man . Rest in
the arms of Our Father in heaven



phyllus Franklin-Thomas - May 26, 2025 at 11:55 AM

LP

“ Sorry for the loss of your father. He was a nice person. To Paela, Yracie, and Terry I am praying for strength to go through. Love you all.



Linda C Robertson aka Penny - May 26, 2025 at 01:12 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deacon Irvin Lee Slade.



May 23, 2025 at 09:51 AM

OJ

“ To my slade family sorry for the loss of Irvin we were coworker and cousins from Reidsville NC and then hbg PA may God bless the family.

Olivia Jones and family
Hbg PA

Olivia Jones - May 23, 2025 at 06:51 AM

SC

“ Sheila Walker, Cameron & Carmen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Deacon Irvin Lee Slade.



Sheila Walker, Cameron & Carmen - May 23, 2025 at 06:24 AM

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“ Sheila Walker, Cameron & Carmen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Irvin Lee Slade.

Sheila Walker, Cameron & Carmen - May 23, 2025 at 06:24 AM

JF

“ My heartfelt condolences to the entire Slade Family and close Friends, That I knew "back in the day", I send my sorrow to all of you on the passing of Decon Irwing. May God Almighty bless him forever.

Jesse M Bowman & Family - May 22, 2025 at 09:26 PM

WC

“ Prayers for comfort & God's given strength to carry on. God Bless you all.



wanda coltraine - May 22, 2025 at 05:04 PM

EJ

“ Well Uncle Irvin, I've known you for at least the last 73 years of my life!! Many memories, but not enough space to put them all in this message, so I'll just treasure them forever!! Happy to know that there's a Great delegation of Loved Ones there to meet you in the Hallelujah Party...with Jesus being the Center of attention!! Going to miss you Unc!! Rest well and much Love, Pinkie 💕💕

Elizabeth Jefferies - May 22, 2025 at 03:21 PM

KB

R.I.P. Mr. Slade

Keith Burton - May 22, 2025 at 05:06 PM

LR

“ I want to express my sincere condolences to the family, he may be g one but never forgotten 🙏
Lucille Ray



Lucille Ray - May 22, 2025 at 12:41 PM

DC

“ To the family,
Our sincere condolences to you all.
Peace and Love
The Jones family

Dolorez Cobb-Jones - May 22, 2025 at 10:38 AM

SH

“ Mom and uncle Irv at mom's 80th birthday party.



Sean Hames - May 22, 2025 at 09:59 AM

TL

“ R I P MR Slade



Tiny Livingston - May 21, 2025 at 12:56 PM