



Steve Slater

November 14, 1945 - August 31, 2024

Steven (Steve) Slater passed away at his home in Pearce, Arizona in the early morning of August 31, 2024 after a long illness, He was 78 years old. He was born in Mineville, New York on November 14, 1945, to Homer Jed Slater and Marcia Lela (Paddock) Slater.

He attended the first class of Moriah Central School in Port Henry, New York, where he was known for his love of cars, weightlifting and his quiet demeanor. It was common to see Steve driving his beloved hot rods around town including a '54 Mercury, a '57 Chevy and a '61 V8 Ford Fairlane as loaded as they made them.

Steve moved to Boston briefly after high school where he worked in the shipping department at Harvard University. He eventually moved back to New York where he started raising his family and owned The Donut Pantry in Port Henry, New York before settling on a career in truck driving. He moved to Willcox, Arizona in 1981.

Steve was a lifelong member of Jehovah's Witnesses and served as an elder in Willcox and Benson for many years, always ready to serve Jehovah where he was most needed. He married Virginia Hernandez on July 16, 1994 and they continued their service together.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Virginia (Hernandez) Slater of Pearce, Arizona.

Also surviving are his daughters, Patricia (Brian) Johnson, Cheryl Perry and Sarah (Raymond) Van Osten, three granddaughters and three great-

granddaughters, all of whom live in Arizona.

Also surviving are siblings Fay Burke, David (Susan) Slater, Lainie (Edward) Worlock, John (Lisa) Witherbee, Margaret (Lindsay) Jones, Nora (Leo) Straight and Timothy Witherbee along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Preceding him in death are his parents.

A Memorial Service will be Saturday, September 7, at 2 pm at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 403 Rex Allen Drive in Willcox, Arizona.

Zoom Meeting ID 897-5191-3029

Password 142966

Cemetery Details

Pearce Cemetery

Memorial Drive
Pearce, AZ 85625

Previous Events

Memorial

SEP 7. 2:00 PM (MT)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
403 W. Rex Allen Dr.
Willcox, AZ 85643

Talk 2:00 pm Saturday7th Meeting ID897-5191-3029 Password 142966

Tribute Wall

RZ

“ I've not known Steve nearly as long as most everyone here, however what little time I did know him he made a huge impression on me. I first met him years ago when he was helping attendants at convention. I remember his quiet but very strong presence he showed in caring for the brothers and showing them that evrn their assignments and needs were important to him! A few years ago now, I moved into the Willcox congregation and even though he was starting to get sick and didn't feel great, in his own quiet way, he made me feel very welcome. He was fun pick on too. His reaction was always priceless. We will see this Quiet Teddybear again very soon!

Rhonda Z - September 10, 2024 at 06:53 PM

BB

“ I remember Steve being the KOBE in Benson when I first arrived from Pantano congregation in Tucson, about 2007. When an elder in Benson congregation, Steve always told the visiting COs that he needed to always “lasso me in” from being too enthusiastic (I guess). I loved the Bensonites, and now Traci and I are back in Tucson from Alaska. We'll see Steve in paradise!

Bruce Bandy - September 07, 2024 at 04:58 PM

LW

“ My brother was a very quiet and gentle person who had such deep feelings. He also was a “gentle” tease, never mean. When he got around our brother David and his best friend, Mike Davis, your sides hurt from laughing just watching them together. That is the Steve I will remember. Until we meet again dear brother. I will be there with open arms to welcome you back.

Lainie Worlock - September 06, 2024 at 03:53 PM

JW

“ I loved Steve for his quiet, emotional side. Very tender hearted and always willing to help in any way he could. He'll be missed by many but we know we'll see him sometime in the new system, Jan Withers

Jan C Withers - September 04, 2024 at 11:56 PM

PS

“ Pattie, Cheryl & Sarah purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Steve Slater.



Pattie, Cheryl & Sarah - September 04, 2024 at 12:18 PM

DH

“ David, Jaymee, Nick and Alex Hernandez purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Steve Slater.



David, Jaymee, Nick and Alex Hernandez - September 03, 2024 at 09:52 PM

DH

“ David, Jaymee, Nick and Alex Hernandez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steve Slater.

David, Jaymee, Nick and Alex Hernandez - September 03, 2024 at 09:52 PM

VH

“ Victoria Hernandez purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Steve Slater.



Victoria Hernandez - September 03, 2024 at 07:58 PM

AG

“ Anthony and Terri Goddard purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Steve Slater.



Anthony and Terri Goddard - September 03, 2024 at 06:12 PM

FA

“ Fran, Luna and Alan Austin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Steve Slater.



Fran, Luna and Alan Austin - September 03, 2024 at 05:47 PM

MH

“ Martha Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Steve Slater



Martha Hernandez - September 03, 2024 at 05:30 PM

TE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Teresa - September 02, 2024 at 06:13 PM

RG

“ I first met Steve when I was a 17 year old motor mouth working at McDonald's. I had cracked an offensive joke about a member of his family. He walked in, someone told me who he was, and I thought he was going to put me in traction. He carried himself with a bearing that commanded respect. It turned out he was very soft-spoken, which made me respect him all the more.

Later, he and his brother Dave patiently tried to talk some sense into me, and they succeeded as best as anyone could.

They're not flashy memories, but priceless nonetheless.

In this sad time, all of us who have grown older can remember the sentiments in 2nd Corinthians 4:16-18, and 2nd Peter 1:11.

Robert George - September 02, 2024 at 05:23 PM