



## James E Slater Jr.

November 30, 1953 - September 13, 2023

James E. Slater, Jr, 69, passed on Sept. 13, 2023, after suffering a heart attack that day. He was born in Eustis, FL on November 30, 1953 and grew up in Altoona, FL. He has resided in Leesburg for the last 21 years.

James, or Ed, as most people called him, became a state certified residential real estate appraiser in November of 1993 and was employed with John Roberts Realty since March of 1996. Before that, he was a residential mortgage underwriter for First Family Bank from October 1993 - February 1995. Prior to that, he was a staff appraiser for First Family Savings and Loan Association from November 1978 - November 1980.

Ed attended Jones College, where he earned a degree in A.S. Management in June of 1973. He furthered his education at Lake-Sumter Community College, earning an A.A. Business Administration degree in May of 1976. Thereafter, he earned his Bachelor's in Business Administration and Pre-Law at Florida State University in March of 1978.

Ed is survived by his loving wife of 22yrs.: Natalia (Natasha) Slater; Son, Shawn Slater of Altoona, FL; Daughter, Melissa Smith of Deltona, FL; Step-Daughter, Irina Solovjov of Naples, FL; Brothers: Jesse Slater of Mt. Dora, FL and Thomas (Tommy) Slater of Altoona, FL. Preceded in death by Mother: Opal Jean Slater and Father: James Edwin Slater, Sr.

Ed was the most loving son, brother, husband, and father.

He enjoyed nature very much, especially near spans of water. He loved spending time with family at the beach or hiking in the mountains.

Memorial service will be held on Tuesday September 19, 2023 at Lakeside Memorial Gardens 36601 N County Road 19A Eustis, FL 32726 at 1pm.

Reception immediately following hosted by John Roberts Realty and Appraisal 120 SR-19 S, Eustis, FL 32726.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **19**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Lakeside Memorial Gardens  
36601 N County Road 19A  
Eustis, FL 32736

## Reception

SEP **19**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Family Reception  
120 SR-19 S  
Eustis, FL 32736

# Tribute Wall

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“ My brother was hard working, a Christian and a devoted family man. At an early age, he ran a Grit newspaper route, lawn service, picked oranges Saturdays and during Christmas breaks. Anything, so that he could tithe, help our family and save some for his future. On Sundays, our family went to church and enjoyed family time. He enjoyed going to nearby Sand Pond to swim and fish, trips to Alexander Springs and trips to beaches on either coast of Florida. He, being the oldest, made sure all 3 of us boys did our chores and homework after school. Many times he had supper ready about the time our parents came home from work. Back in the day he was a pretty good saxophone player, was in a band, and his first car was a red Mustang Fastback! Times were hard, but I have many good memories of my older brother and our childhood that I could go on and on! He later went off to college, married and raised a family. He never lost sight of his family values and code of ethics. He's now with our parent, aunts and uncles, cousins and friends. May God bless and keep you all...until we meet again. Amen.

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**Jesse Slater** - September 17, 2023 at 07:16 PM

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“ My condolences and prayers for Eddie's wife and children in this sad time. May he be remembered fondly and lovingly.

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**Brandi Slater** - September 17, 2023 at 08:07 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Ed's passing, condolences to the family James and Carole Stewart

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**Carole A Stewart** - September 17, 2023 at 06:25 AM