



David R. Slater

August 13, 1947 - December 6, 2013

Granby - Husband, Dad, Vietnam DAV, Artist and Springfield Firefighter whose murals are in various fire stations across the city; an Inventor, and builder of fast, trick Fordcars has left this world quietly and without regret on December 6, 2013. He left his mark on everyone who enjoyed his storytelling, owns his tattoo flash or attended one of his pig roasts. A passion for customizing Triumph motorcycles was a large part of his life as were all the people he met who will surely talk about his sometimes outrageous talents! He enjoyed coffee shop political oratory, a well-told joke, working in the garage, sharing a lead on some affordable carparts, and cutting the veggies for Susie's endless pots of soup. A member of the famous backyard club "members without a clue" and a frequent visitor to Lazer Automotive and Mark's Garage to verbally encourage the ongoing hotrod buildup. He could always be counted on for keen engineering observations which he kindly shared! He will be forever missed by his wife, Susie and his daughter Kelley, who inherited many of his talents, as well as an eclectic collection of friends and acquaintances. Born into a large family in Raeford, North Carolina he leaves three brothers, Dale of Wiggins, MS; Troy of Biloxi, MS; and Terry, also from Biloxi. His sisters include Sharon of Biloxi, MS and Phyllis of Ashville, N.C. He is predeceased by his Mom, Nellie and his Dad, Roy, of Gulfport, MS and two sisters, Alice of Raeford, N.C. and Diane of Biloxi, MS. A Memorial get-together in the spring will follow ceremonies at the Veterans Cemetery in Agawam. The family has entrusted New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC 25 Mill St.,

Springfield, MA with the arrangements. Please visit www.nefcc.net for more information

Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Sorry to hear about David. Thinking of you both.*

Sandi Capponcelli - February 14, 2023 at 10:26 AM

JR

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with Susie & Kelly as David was a very special man & long time friend*

Judi Rauch - February 14, 2023 at 10:26 AM

LC

“ *Dear Sue and Kelley: I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. What a great guy he was, and I always enjoyed listening to his stories at the Donut Gallery. I did run into him on my street years later, when he was testing the hydrants on my street. We had a nice chat, after my Bronco Bill had passed. They will be together once again enjoying coffee and telling the many many stories that they once shared. My heart goes out to you, please contact me if you want to talk. Lorraine Czub*

Lorraine (Massey) Czub - February 14, 2023 at 10:26 AM

RO

“ *Dear Susie We are deeply sorry to hear about Dave. He was a one of a kind person that always brought a smile to everyone. We offer our deepest sympathy to you and family.\r\nLove always.\r\nCheryl&Robin Wood*

Robin&Cheryl - February 14, 2023 at 10:26 AM

RB

“ We send our love and prayers during your time of sorrow. God Bless

Ramona Boulkhalf - February 14, 2023 at 10:26 AM

LS

“ Dear Family,\r\n\r\nMy condolences to you all. Dave was a great person that we will all miss.\r\n\r\nI loved the conversations Dave and I would have in the morning over coffee before work. He was a very savvy and articulate individual, and very well read. \r\n\r\nA true artist, Dave designed our first Arson and Bomb Squad patches. They were the envy of the Arson and Bomb squad community throughout the country as well as Australia!\r\n\r\nRest in Peace David...

Lt. Bob Callahan, Ret., SFD Arson & Bomb Sq. - February 14, 2023 at 10:26 AM