



David Slatten

December 9, 2023

David Slatten, age 74, of Fort Collins, Colorado, passed away peacefully on December 9, 2023, surrounded by his family. Dave came to Fort Collins in 1971 and opened Slatten's Automotive. In the early 1990's, he changed his focus from general automotive repair to building high performance race engines. He started drag racing when he was 16 and became a very competitive drag racer. His need for speed didn't just involve drag racing. He also participated in racing motorcycles and snowmobiles.

He is survived by his wife, Ginger, and children, Jodi (George) Dehner and David (Stacey) Slatten, his grandsons, Brendan, Patrick, and Sean Dehner, and Conner and Max Slatten, his brothers, George Slatten, Robert Slatten, and Richard Slatten.

David's memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at River of Life Church, 3161 County Road 62E, Wellington, CO 80549.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pathways Hospice, 305 Carpenter Road, Fort Collins, CO 80525, or Racers for Christ, 1303 S. Longmore, Suite 7, Mesa, AZ 85202.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 19. 1:00 PM (MT)

River of Life
3161 County Road 62E
Wellington, CO 80549

Tribute Wall

CP

“ I was fairly new to Fort Collins, and one day on a whim I stopped by to see Dave about building a motor. Walking into his shop behind the house was... well, flat out intimidating!
The first thing I saw were these incredible race motors and a beautiful race car. And of course I began thinking, well... he won't wanna deal with me”. Boy, was I wrong... thank the lord! He did me a favor out of pure kindness. I was looking for about 500 hp which was minuscule to his everyday builds. We kinda laughed about it and about 4 months later I picked up a motor that has brought me nothing but pure joy! What a great guy Dave was! My condolences to you Ginger and the rest of his family and friends.

craig powell - January 15, 2025 at 09:22 PM

DP

“ I am sad to see that Dave has passed away. At one time I was Dave's sister-in-law. Dave was a hard worker and also very kind and mellow when I knew him. Ginger, I am so very sorry for your loss. You and Dave were a great team. Diana Wailes Parker, December 15, 2024. Raleigh, North Carolina

Diana Parker - December 12, 2024 at 11:50 PM

JK

“ Ginger, thinking of you as you celebrate Dave's life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mark and Jan Knoll

Janet Knoll - December 18, 2023 at 11:19 PM

JK

“ Janet Knoll lit a candle in memory of David Slatten



Janet Knoll - December 18, 2023 at 11:13 PM

KS

“ Dave changed my direction in racing in 1993. His guidance lead me to 2 Divisional Championships and. 7 Wally's. He gave me the opportunity to spend 15 years traveling the country with my dad and children building memories as we raced together. He was an inspiration to my son especially who referred to him as Dinosaur Dave. He blessed so many drivers, racers and families as well as people he mentored in the automotive community who went on to build their own careers. There is not enough room to list all of the memories we made or times we shared, but I was truly blessed to know Dave, and call him my friends

Kelly Schilling - December 18, 2023 at 12:28 AM

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Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - December 15, 2023 at 04:16 PM

AL

“Ginger, I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. It was my pleasure to have known him in our "younger years". My condolences to you and the family. Allen Weaver

Allen - December 15, 2023 at 11:47 AM

JE

“We will forever remember fondly our family times with Dave! His charm and funny quips are legendary. A truly loving Husband, Father, Grandfather and friend and great human being. Well done Dave- You did it right! We will miss you greatly . Jep and Gail

jep enck - December 14, 2023 at 01:50 PM