



## Mr. James Wade Slate

August 14, 1937 - August 24, 2015

Mr. James Wade Slate, 78, of Salisbury, passed away Monday, August 24, 2015 at his residence following his valiant battle with cancer.

He was born August 14, 1937 in Saltville, VA to the late Beulah Farris Slate and Carl Slate. Mr. Slate was a Veteran of the US Navy where he served as an Interior Communications Technician with Submarine Squadron 6. After discharge, he and his family moved to Williamsburg, VA where he worked as the TV Systems Engineer for the College of William and Mary. He was also very involved in the College's radio station, deejaying for a number of years as "Sydney Soul." An active member of the Williamsburg community, Mr Slate coached his three sons in a variety of little league sports and was instrumental in the integration of little league sports in Williamsburg that produced the talents of Ron Springs (Dallas Cowboys), Lawrence Taylor (NY Giants) and Mel Gray (Detroit Lions) and influenced the lives of many young athletes.. He believed strongly that every child should develop his talents and his integrity. After leaving Williams and Mary, he helped build a new television station in Norfolk, VA, WTVZ. He later moved into sales where he designed and built television stations and broadcast systems for churches. He earned his Master's in Mass Communications from Norfolk State.

Mr. Slate was a member of Milford Hills United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Harold B Jarrett American Legion Post and the Rowan

County Wildlife Association.

His first wife, Leda Mae Slate and little daughter Sherry preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth Shifflette Slate whom he married on October 16, 1999; sons, Carl Millard Slate and wife Donna of Williamsburg, VA; Wade Allen Slate and wife Rose of Knoxville, TN; and James Wesley Slate and wife Beth of Salisbury, NC; sisters, Joy Slate Brooks of Virginia Beach, VA, Paige Slate Debord and Beth Ann Slate Little of Saltville, VA. Also surviving him are nine grandchildren: Jessica Slate Carter, Carl Millard Slate II, Sara Michelle Slate, Wade Allen Slate JR., Karie Slate Douglas, Kristin Slate Carter, Taylor McClure Slate, James Robert Slate and Cameron Lain Slate as well as eight great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Saturday, August 29, 2015, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Gathering Room at Milford Hills United Methodist Church. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. in the Milford Hills UMC Sanctuary, with the Rev. Carol Williams-Gilbert officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka Kansas 66675 or to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 950 W. Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29604.

The family would like to express their deepest thanks to Kim Rogers, PA-C, Dr. Eric Mallico, Dr. William Brinkley and the staff at Carolina Oncology, Andrea Binkley and the staff at Advanced Home Care, and the staff at Rowan Hospice for the love, caring and exceptional medical care you provided Jim during his illness.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Milford Hills United Methodist Church  
Salisbury, NC

## Memorial Service

AUG 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

Milford Hills United Methodist Church  
Salisbury, NC

# Tribute Wall

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“ *To James' Family,  
My wife, Ruth Ann and I wish to send our condolences during this time of affliction for you all. I was also in Submarine Squadron Six in Norfolk, VA from March of 1969 until December of 1972, so our paths may have crossed. We always had Communications Techs riding with us aboard USS SEA DEVIL SSN-664 when we were on patrol, and I'll bet that James would remember my boat for some very Top Secret reasons. I can vouch for James' loyalty, patriotism, integrity and caliber by the mere fact that he was stationed at SubRonSix. May the Lord hold you all closely in the ensuing weeks as you lean upon Him for your support, .... Jim Schenk, Chaplain USS NATHANAEL GREENE Base - USSVI.*

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**Jim Schenk** - August 29, 2015 at 07:44 PM

SG

“ *Mark Sally and Emily Gladden would like to send our love and prayers to the whole family for their loss. We hold you all in our hearts.*



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**Sally Gladden** - August 29, 2015 at 10:17 AM

JF

“ *Jim and Linda Cunliffe and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. James Wade Slate.*



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**Jim and Linda Cunliffe and family** - August 28, 2015 at 05:31 PM

BD

“ On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans (USSVI), I offer our sincere condolences on James's passing. You and your loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers. We are forever grateful for James's service to our country in the U.S. Submarine Service. To our Brother we say, "Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. May you rest in peace and may God bless your loved ones who remain. Thank you for your service to our country."

*"Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way." - 2 Thess 3:16.*

*James Wade Slate, US Navy, Now on Eternal Patrol.*

*Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmate*

*His record is now posted online in the Eternal Patrol file on the USSVI website.*

*Bill Dixon, National Chaplain United States Submarine Veterans, USSVI.*

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**Bill Dixon** - August 28, 2015 at 06:46 AM

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“ As Chaplain of U.S. Submarine Veterans of North Carolina, I take this means to extend condolences to James' Family. Be assured that his oar is at rest. Chaplain Bill, Cary, NC.

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**William W. Whelan** - August 27, 2015 at 03:57 PM



“ Sorry for your loss, He was a great man and father..

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**Timmy Wright** - August 27, 2015 at 10:00 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. James Wade Slate.*



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August 27, 2015 at 05:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James Wade Slate.*



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August 27, 2015 at 04:44 AM



“ *so sorry to hear of the passing of jim, our prayers goes out to the Carl, Wade & Jamie and their families and his wife elizabeth , prayers and thoughts are with you all. love from Glenna Roark, Sam & Loretta McClure Johnson , and Dorothy McClure and and Sue McClure West & family.*

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**glenna roark** - August 27, 2015 at 04:37 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. James Wade Slate.*



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August 27, 2015 at 01:06 AM