



## Michael James Slawson

February 20, 1958 - July 29, 2022

Michael (Mike) James Slawson passed away on July 29, 2022 at his home in Fort Collins, Colorado surrounded by his loving wife of 35 years, Bobette (Cleveland), and his 3 adult daughters Alysse, Annette and Michelle.

Mike was born February 20th, 1958, in southern California; the youngest of four children to Alice (Jones) and Ken Slawson, public school teacher and principal.

Mike believed in a strong work ethic, consistently working throughout high school and beyond. He held a diverse set of jobs and multiple careers. Immediately after high school, Mike moved to Mammoth Mountain in California where he became a “ski bum” taking various jobs on the mountain. Some of his favorite memories were spent with his friends the years he lived in Mammoth. After Mammoth, he became an ambulance driver while paying his way through college – graduating with his Bachelor of Science in finance and business management from California State University – Long Beach. He started his real estate career in southern California and kept his license throughout his lifetime in multiple states. After meeting the love of his life, Bobette, in 1985 at the Long Beach Ski Club, they married in January 1987. Shortly after they married, Mike started working in sales at Classic Soft Trim. This eventually moved the new family to Austin, TX where he became the Vice President of Operations. After a successful career in corporate America,

he chose to move to Fort Collins, Colorado in 1998, and shifted his career to teaching so he could spend more time with his family. He graduated with his master's degree from University of Northern Colorado, starting his teaching career at Northridge High School in Greeley, CO in 2000. He transferred to Poudre High School in 2008 as a teacher in the business department and retired in 2018.

Mike loved to take advantage of the Colorado outdoors no matter what season. Hiking with his "hiking buddies", golfing at leisure or in the Colindale summer league or Mesquite, snowboarding or skiing with his best friends, and biking around town were some of his favorite activities. When he wasn't being active in Colorado you could find him traveling around the world with his wife or attending concerts at various venues, all the while taking epic selfie photos with friends and family. On Friday afternoons, he enjoyed sitting on his deck listening to music, sharing knowledge and wisdom with whomever would join him, and cracking jokes with both family members and friends. He loved to socialize and entertain. Mike was blessed with and appreciated a wonderfully close extended family who often traveled across states to get together for annual gatherings or 'reunions' either in CA or CO. Our lives will be less lively, less funny, and less enriched without the light and curiosity that Mike so generously shared with everyone he met. Mike was everyone's favorite friend, favorite uncle, and favorite brother-in-law, favorite father-in-law and he lit up many lives.

Mike was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Slawson; mother, Alice (Jones).

Mike is survived by his wife, Bobette Cleveland-Slawson; daughters Alysse (Evan Augustine), Annette (Dustin Geisert), Michelle Slawson; siblings Chris Soderberg (Robert), Dave Slawson (Brenda), Bob Slawson (Dee).

A service to celebrate Mike's life will be held on Saturday, August 20th at 11:00am at First United Methodist Church, 1005 Stover Street, Fort Collins, CO 80524. Immediately following the service will be a Slawson Backyard Bash held at Mike and Bobette's home in Fort Collins.

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG **20**. 11:00 AM (MT)

First United Methodist Church  
1005 Stover Street  
Fort Collins, CO 80524

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Michael James Slawson.*



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August 19, 2022 at 01:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael James Slawson.*



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August 18, 2022 at 06:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael James Slawson.*



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August 18, 2022 at 08:55 AM



“ *Bobette and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I have many fond memories of Mike. He was the life of the party and a joy to be around. Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

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**Jim Stout** - August 17, 2022 at 06:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael James Slawson.*



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August 17, 2022 at 02:02 PM



“ *We are so saddened to learn of Mike's passing. We will always remember him as the guy who seemed to have it all. He was up for adventure, shared lots of laughter, had a huge smile, made others feel welcome, loved to get people together, and clearly loved his family more than words could say. He will be missed, but definitely not forgotten. Our prayers go out to you Bobette, your daughters and the entire family. Doug & Colleen Finnman*

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**Colleen Finnman** - August 17, 2022 at 12:04 PM



*With our deepest sympathy. We are so sorry for the passing of your Beloved Mike. Just so sorry. We love you and are holding f you in our prayers during this season of love, light, and missing him so much. Mary Lou & Bob Batlan*

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**mary lou** - December 31, 2022 at 01:25 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Michael James Slawson.*



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August 15, 2022 at 05:28 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michael James Slawson.*



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August 11, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *My condolences to the Slawson family, especially to Netty. I am thinking of you in my classroom at Shepardson and your parents coming to conferences and programs to support you and the school. I know your father was a man who put family first and that will sustain all of you in this sad time and going forward. Patty Bell*

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**Patricia Rundell Bell** - August 10, 2022 at 12:04 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Michael James Slawson.*



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August 07, 2022 at 05:22 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. We were neighbors for several years and your house seemed to always be filled with laughter, love and joy. Sending heartfelt condolences and comforting thoughts.*

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**Nancy Steffens** - August 07, 2022 at 11:33 AM

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“ No words can describe how sorry I am for your loss. Mike's bright smile will live forever in my thoughts. It was a privilege to be your neighbor-even for a short period of time. May your hearts and souls find peace and comfort during this difficult time.

*Reneta Bird*

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**Reneta Bird** - August 07, 2022 at 10:06 AM

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“ Bobette and daughters. Please accept my condolences and hugs. I remember Bobette talk about Mike while working with her at PVH. Peace be with you, Lupe

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**Lupe Sandoval** - August 07, 2022 at 09:57 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael James Slawson.



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August 04, 2022 at 08:43 PM

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“ Bobette & Family, I'm so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I heard many funny and loving stories about him from Bobette at our monthly Bunco nights. I'm sending love and hugs to you all.  
*Cheri Romine*

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**Cheri Romine** - August 04, 2022 at 10:33 AM