



Kenneth Maceo Slater

May 5, 1970 - July 26, 2025

Kenneth Maceo Slater, 55, was called home to be with the Lord on July 26, 2025. He was born at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo, Michigan, to Hersalese Slater and Maceo Small Jr. From the very beginning, Ken's gentle spirit and wit set him apart, and those who had the pleasure of knowing him were forever touched by his warmth, kindness, and loyalty. Ken graduated from Battle Creek Central High School and soon after followed his heart relocating to California, a place he grew to love deeply. He lived in the suburbs of Los Angeles for nearly a decade, embracing the easygoing West Coast lifestyle. California remained a cherished chapter in his life. In 1997, Ken returned to Michigan to be by his brother's side after the passing of their beloved mother, Hersalese Slater. That decision marked the beginning of an even deeper bond between Ken and his brother, Mikel Slater, a bond that would carry them through life's joys and challenges. They were not only siblings, but the closest of friends grounded in and unwavering support for one another. Ken made his home in the Madison Heights area of metro Detroit for the past 15 years, choosing to live close to his brother so they could spend time together, and continue building a lifetime of memories. Ken worked for several years at EDS before joining the OnStar division at General Motors run by Teleperformance company Inc., where he spent the past decade as a skilled Data Analyst. His colleagues appreciated his dedication, intelligence, and calm presence. Ken was also a devoted brother-in-law to Linnea Slater, who, along with her family, the Givans, welcomed Ken wholeheartedly into their lives. He became a

familiar and loved presence at every family gathering, always eager to be around good food (especially sweets, his favorite) and the warmth of family. If you ever needed a recommendation for the best fast-food chain in the area, Ken had you covered, complete with rankings and personal reviews also Italian food topped his list. In recent years, Ken enjoyed getting to know his sister Christa Small, whom he and Mikel connected with a few years ago through their father's side of the family in Battle Creek, MI. Ken's passions were simple, great meals, playing video games, and spending quality time with his family. He was a quiet soul who lived with deep loyalty, kindness, and humor. His presence and "quiet cool" brought comfort and joy to everyone lucky enough to know him. Kenneth is survived by his brother, Mikel Slater (Linnea); his sister, Christa Small; his father, Maceo Small Jr.; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins on his mother's side who so loved him. He was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Hersalese Slater; his grandmother, Vallie Ree Martin; To know Ken was to love him. He will be remembered for his generous heart, his love of laughter, and the deep devotion he had for his brother and family. His memory will live on in the stories we tell about him and the love the lives on of those he touched. We are blessed to have Ken in our lives. Rest peacefully, Ken. You will be missed beyond words.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Livestreamed Funeral Service in memory of Kenneth Maceo Slater*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - August 01, 2025 at 02:15 PM

JS

“ *Jaime S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Maceo Slater.*

Jaime S. - August 02, 2025 at 07:21 PM

JW

“ *James W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Maceo Slater.*

James W. - August 01, 2025 at 02:52 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kenneth Maceo Slater.*

August 01, 2025 at 02:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Maceo Slater.*



August 01, 2025 at 02:31 PM



“ *Love, Darron and Monica Merritt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Maceo Slater.*

Love, Darron and Monica Merritt - August 01, 2025 at 02:17 PM



“ *Love, Darron and Monica Merritt purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Kenneth Maceo Slater.*



Love, Darron and Monica Merritt - August 01, 2025 at 02:17 PM



“ *Mario K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Maceo Slater.*

Mario K. - August 01, 2025 at 12:34 PM

CM

“ Christina M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Maceo Slater.

Christina M. - August 01, 2025 at 11:12 AM

PC

“ I worked with Ken at OnStar for over 10 years. He was a true gentleman and the consummate professional. It will not be the same at work without him.
Pat Carson

Pat Carson - July 31, 2025 at 10:46 PM

AB

“ To Mikel, Linnea, and family, sending strength as you grieve the loss of someone so special. May his memory bring you peace and I hope you find comfort in those memories. Wishing you peace in the days ahead.

Arma Brown

Arma Brown - July 31, 2025 at 10:08 PM



WF

“ With deepest sympathy, Jean-Louis Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Kenneth Maceo Slater.

With deepest sympathy, Jean-Louis Family - July 31, 2025 at 02:49 PM





“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Maceo Slater.*



July 31, 2025 at 02:36 PM



“ *Aunt Marsha, Jessica, Jordan & Joe purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth Maceo Slater.*



Aunt Marsha, Jessica, Jordan & Joe - July 31, 2025 at 09:48 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kenneth Maceo Slater.*

July 30, 2025 at 06:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kenneth Maceo Slater.*



July 30, 2025 at 06:11 PM

RM

“ Rob, Pat, Patrice, Ryan, Eric, Kat, Mark purchased the *Serene Reflections Bouquet* for the family of Kenneth Maceo Slater.



Rob, Pat, Patrice, Ryan, Eric, Kat, Mark - July 30, 2025 at 05:47 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Kenneth Maceo Slater.



July 30, 2025 at 03:10 PM

OT

“ *Our Condolences, General Motor Teams* purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Kenneth Maceo Slater.



Our Condolences, General Motor Teams - July 30, 2025 at 12:59 PM

OT

“ *Our Condolences, General Motor Teams* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Maceo Slater.

Our Condolences, General Motor Teams - July 30, 2025 at 12:59 PM

LC

“ Love, Cousin Candace purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Maceo Slater.



Love, Cousin Candace - July 29, 2025 at 07:56 PM

TH

“ Tom & Laurie Harris purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Maceo Slater.



Tom & Laurie Harris - July 29, 2025 at 07:54 PM

PM

“ Princess & Marko planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Maceo Slater.

Princess & Marko - July 29, 2025 at 06:41 PM

PM

“ Princess & Marko purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Kenneth Maceo Slater.



Princess & Marko - July 29, 2025 at 06:41 PM

WF

“ With deepest sympathy, TP Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Kenneth Maceo Slater.



With deepest sympathy, TP Family - July 29, 2025 at 06:26 PM

FF

“ From Tina Simmons (Your Comcast Family) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Maceo Slater.

From Tina Simmons (Your Comcast Family) - July 29, 2025 at 04:57 PM

FF

“ From Tina Simmons (Your Comcast Family) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth Maceo Slater.



From Tina Simmons (Your Comcast Family) - July 29, 2025 at 04:57 PM

LE

“ My sincerest condolences to Mikel and the entire family. Although, in these last years we were relegated to "Happy Birthdays" (both sharing the month of May) and occasional messages, I carry fond memories of when we were in more regular contact. He will be truly missed and well remembered. Peace and light.
Leslee

Leslee - July 28, 2025 at 07:25 PM