



## Edward Slater

June 29, 1933 - July 19, 2010

Edward Avalo, son of Mary (Hergerhan) and Avalo Slater, was born on June 9, 1933 in Baltimore, Maryland. He passed away suddenly at his home on July 19, 2010 at the age of 77 years and 20 days.

He attended the Baltimore School System and then joined the United States Army. After his discharge the young man from the East Coast had a strong desire to head west to the land of horses, cattle and friendly people.

He used his G.I. Bill to fund his education at Oklahoma State University, where he graduated in May of 1960 with a Bachelors degree in Animal Husbandry. While in college he was in the Naval ROTC.

On May 28, 1959 in Waynoka, Oklahoma he was married to Carlene Boggs. To their marriage three children, Deborah, Donna, and Lee, were born.

He became a livestock inspector with the United States Department of Agriculture animal health department. The USDA sent him to the Oklahoma Panhandle to help with the eradication of the cattle disease Brucellosis. He tested herds there for two and a half years. He settled on the farm east of Hopeton and continued the testing at farms and ranches in NW Oklahoma making friends and acquaintances along the way.

Mike and his family enjoyed many years of activity in the 4-H program. He volunteered for the dog and horse projects.

In April of 1995 he retired from the USDA. He spent most of his retirement traveling. He was a member of the Santa Fe Trail Historical Association where he served on the Board of Directors. Mike was also a member of the Sacred

Heart Catholic Church; active in the Knights of Columbus for over fifty years and served as Grand Knight.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mike is survived by his children, Deborah of Oklahoma City, Donna of Stillwater and Lee of Tulsa; two grandchildren Summer Doty of Stillwater and Joshua Slater of Tulsa; two great grandchildren, Presley and Preston Doty of Stillwater; a sister Gloria Ann Pruitt of Baltimore, Maryland; a brother and his wife, Kenneth and Faye of Baltimore, Maryland; a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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# Previous Events

## Mass

JUL **29**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
327 12th Street  
Alva, Ok

# Tribute Wall

MD

“ It was a shock to see his picture in the Enid paper in the obits. He took a lot of local history and knowledge with him.

Mark Dubben - August 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ I am so sorry I can not attend Mike's services. I am in Burbank, CA and will be flying into OKC on Thursday PM. Mike was a good friend to George and I. My sympathy to his children and grandchildren.

Vada Parker - July 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Mike was always supportive of the Santa Fe Trail Education Committee's projects!

Christine Day, Marcia Fox and Janet Armstead - July 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Knowing "Mike" Slater, as he was known to SFTA friends, was a great priviledge. His ready smile and warm personality made everyone around him aware they were in the presence of a very good human being. Mike and I shared dozens of Trail events over the years. He will be greatly missed by his many, many friends.  
John Atkinson

John Atkinson - July 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ Thinking of you in this time of sorrow.

Kerry and Linda Egner - July 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I have known Mike since the 1950's. I was a friend of the family. Mike will be missed by so many of us. I have some good memories.

Jewel LeDou - July 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ My big brother will surely be missed. As a little boy, I looked up to Mike. He always loved horse riding and caring for them. My first experience, Mike showed me how to care for horses and show them love. Mike moved away and we didn't see each other or speak on the phone a lot but he was always in my thoughts and prayers.

Ken and Faye Slater - July 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ I am proud to have known Mike through the Santa Fe Trail Association. He was a great supported of the Trail and it was always good to sit down and have a visit with him when we ran into each other at events. He also made it a point to stop and say hi when we were showing our draft horses at events he attended. He was a great guy and he will be missed. My sincerest sympathies to all his family and friends.

Joanne VanCoevern - July 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ Mike was such a pleasant guy to visit with. We remember seeing and visiting with him several times in Oklahoma City in Cracker Barrel. He was attending horse shows at the fairgrounds. He always visited whenever we saw him in Alva too. We will miss this kind man. We extend our sympathy and prayers to all the family.

Virgil and Lavon Wiersig - July 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ will miss him at coffee at ampride in the afternoon...sometimes he would surprise me and show up in morning..he always called me karla..never knew why but never questioned him..he had his reasom..he will be truely missed..

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**CARL AND KAROL PARSONS** - July 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ We are so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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**Kristi (Trekell) Kelly** - July 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Mike was a good friend and he served the Santa Fe Trail well. We visited many times about farming, too. We traveled together in Mexico. He was a true gentleman. We will miss him. Sincere sympathy to his family and many friends.

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**Leo & Bonita Oliva** - July 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ So sorry to hear of the suddden passing of your father.

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**Bill and Linda Beeler** - July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM