



Larry James Slavens Sr.

January 11, 1944 - May 15, 2023

Larry James Slavens Sr., 79, passed away Monday, May 15, 2023. He was born on January 11, 1944 to James and Eva “Bonnie” (Burriss) Slavens.

Larry was an entrepreneur, owning many businesses throughout his life, and he enjoyed guiding others as they started their new businesses. He loved to help others with any project, and gave of his time selflessly. Above all else, his biggest passion was his family. His greatest desire was to see all of them living their lives in deep relationship with and serving The Lord.

Larry is preceded in death by both of his parents and brother Danny Slavens.

He is survived by his wife Doris Slavens; sons Larry “L.J.” Slavens, Kent Slavens (Lisa), Chad Slavens (Rochelle); daughter Denise Shelton (Kevin); fourteen grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; sisters Sherry Gravatt, Connie Clay, and Carman Miles; and many loving friends.

There will be a luncheon immediately following services located at Antioch Church, 5201 Antioch Rd. Overland Park, KS 66202.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Living Stone Family Worship Center, 2411 Steele Rd, Kansas City, KS 66106 <https://www.livingstonefwc.org/take-action>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
3300 Shawnee Dr
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 831-3345
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Luncheon

MAY 20 (CT)

Antioch Church
5201 Antioch Road
Overland Park, KS

Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry James Slavens Sr.*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - May 19, 2023 at 09:37 AM



“ *Larry James Slavens Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *I worked for Larry in 1989 at Metroplex in sales before I relocated to Colorado. He was so kind and encouraging to me, even referring me to a good home church there to make sure I was taken care of spiritually before I moved. Funny story...I remember I bought my first new car, a white Firebird Formula...I pulled up to work on a Monday morning and I remember him walking out and wanting to see the car and saying..."Wow, I must be paying you too much!" with a big smile on his face. He was funny and joyful, a great guy!*

LeeAnn McCollum-Morris

LeeAnn McCollum-Morris - July 17, 2023 at 06:32 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Larry James Slavens Sr..*



May 19, 2023 at 04:17 PM

“ Larry was such an important person in my life - he was truly my best friend, my brother. I met Larry when I was 15 (although I knew him from attending his father's Church) and began helping him and his father (my pastor) paint a house somewhere around 59th St. & Parallel in KCK and the meeting turned into a lifelong friendship. Larry began leasing shopping center spaces and remodeling them into very nice upscale hair salons at which time I was at his side helping him do whatever needed to be done on a very low budget and with my limited skills. Larry was a teacher, he kept nothing to himself, he was always sharing his passions, his skills, his knowledge and his vision with all - Larry was a man of Vision! When he was involved in anything or any project or venture he was All-in and tried to get everyone else All-in! Larry was my Best man at our wedding - I met my wife Dixie (Doris' cousin) at Heritage Realty and Construction when I returned to KC from a year in college in Texas. Larry had a beautiful bright red '65 Chev. convertible that I learned to drive with.

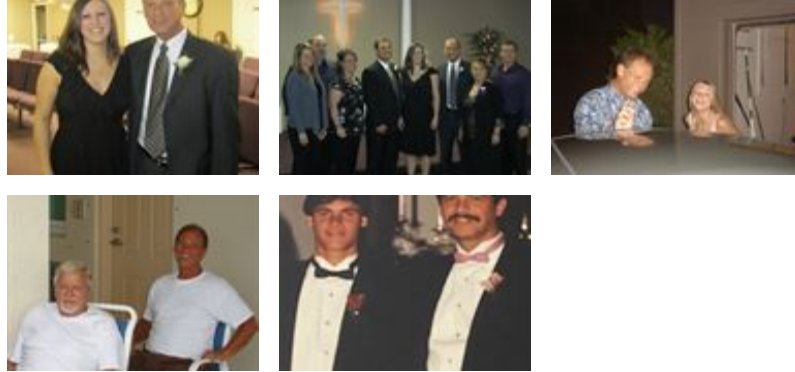
Larry always had a vision (a dream) of the whole family living together on a parcel of land each with their own home and he would say, "Kenny, you're going to have a place too..." But I moved with my new bride and went into full-time ministry in Arizona and the 4-Corners area of the US, over 51 years ago and missed decades of the growth and development of The Slavens families. We regained consistent communication sometime around the time of Larry's fight against cancer and subsequent victory over it by faith in the gift of healing provided by Jesus' stripes and crucifixion on The Cross! In fact, The WORD of God and the imminent Resurrection/Rapture of The Saints took up almost the totality of our hours-long Phone calls the last few years.

These memories just scratch the surface of what I could share and it grieves me so much that I can't attend a service honoring and celebrating this greatest friend, this godly man, this friend and brother of Jesus - we all have to lean hard on Jesus and The Holy Spirit of Comfort at this time, because I, for one, can't believe I'm not going to be picking up the phone with a call from Larry.....

Kenny & Dixie Delaney - May 19, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ 64 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - May 19, 2023 at 09:35 AM

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“ *I am so very, very sorry. Your grandpa was one amazing man! Larry was a force to be reckoned with, with a heart of gold. Do you know he helped my Uncle Ronnie Barnes feel needed. Feel important. Feel heard (even though he couldn't hear himself!) He was kind and never stopped talking to the Lord, for sure. What precious, sweet memories you have! "Hit it Taelyr"... I can hear him now! And laughing with you! Just a quick story. Larry bought a building from a place I used to work. He came to pick up some parts, I think, and as we made sure he had everything he needed, he started witnessing to me about how much God has done for him. It was beautiful! Lord, please hold this hurting family close, help lift them up when their legs can no longer carry them, give them peace in their hearts and let them know they are so loved! The world has lost someone who lead the packs. I am sure his mansion in Heaven is absolutely amazing...and he has seen Jesus! Wow. My eyes are overflowing with the thought! I love you and your family! My prayers are with you all~*

Teresa Ford - May 18, 2023 at 02:45 PM

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“ As long as I can remember my Uncle Larry was a hard worker, a family man, but most importantly a man of God. I remember him picking me up when I was younger and taking my Grandma and I to Church anytime I wanted to go. When I needed braces as a child he worked out a deal with an Orthodontist so that my parents didn't have to pay for my braces. Most recently my son Landon needed to wear business casual clothes to a scholarship event at Baker University and without hesitation Uncle Larry offered up a whole outfit for Landon to wear. I loved hearing him speak about the Lord and could listen for hours. When I got saved in 2014, I wanted more than anything to be baptized with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues but did not understand how to yield my tongue. Uncle Larry explained to me what it meant and how to do it and shortly after that I received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. His purpose in life was to witness to anyone that would listen even up until his last days of life. When I think of Uncle Larry I was immediately drawn to Matthew 25:21, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of your Lord. I love you and will miss you, but we will meet again.

Ashley

Ashley Feuerborn - May 17, 2023 at 08:02 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Larry James Slavens Sr..



May 17, 2023 at 11:44 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Larry James Slavens Sr..

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“ 1 file added to the album Larry James Slavens Sr.



Elmer Miles - May 16, 2023 at 10:12 PM



“ What I will miss most about my precious brother is our talking about our Lord and Savior; Jesus Christ. We loved talking about our home in Heaven and all we would meet and greet there. He was looking forward to that day and recently said “You know it won’t be very long before we’re going home to meet our Savior face to face and be there for all eternity. Sounds to good to be true...but it is...the Bible says so.” My sweet brother, you were right! I miss you like crazy and will see you soon. Your sis, Carman.

Carman Miles - May 16, 2023 at 09:38 PM



“ Carman Miles purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Larry James Slavens Sr..



Carman Miles - May 16, 2023 at 09:14 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry James Slavens Sr..* ”



May 16, 2023 at 09:04 PM