



John Dorsey Slader

March 12, 1951 - August 10, 2025

Slader, John Dorsey, age 74 of Fort Calhoun, NE.

Born: March 12, 1951, Omaha, NE.

Died: August 10, 2025, Omaha, NE.

John passed away peacefully from congestive heart failure on August 10 surrounded by family and friends at Bergan Mercy Hospital.

John was born in Omaha, NE and spent the majority of his life in Fort Calhoun, NE. He attended Chadron State College, studying history and earth science. His 40+ year career with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission saw many changes, not the least of which were the rebuilding of Fort Atkinson and supporting buildings and the development of the living history program.

John was a commissioner for the signature event of the Lewis and Clark 200-year commemoration held at Fort Atkinson. He also oversaw Summit Lake SRA and Pelican Point in 1992, he married Joanne Kubinski and they enjoyed 32 years together.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Dean C. Slader and Genevieve R. (Dorsey) Slader, his sister-in-law, Grace Slader, his brother-in-law, Gary Bennerotte, his niece, Jennifer A. (Jason) Dahl and their unborn daughter Delane E. Dahl. He is survived by his wife, Joanne Slader, brother Dean S. Slader (Valley, NE), sisters Susan G. Bennerotte (Maryville, MO) and Martha A. (Bob) Haines (Kirkland, WA), nephew Stephen (Kathy) Slader (Omaha, NE), nieces Renee (Patrick) Zerwig (St. Louis, MO), Kristina (Ken) Hedley (Glen Ellyn, IL), Amy (Todd) Andrews (Parkville, MO), Kara (Lance) White

(Wamego, KS) and Emily Haines (Napa, CA), 14 great nieces and nephews and 1 great-grand niece, Joel and the early morning coffee group at the Conoco.

VISITATION: 6:00-8:00 pm Friday, August 15, 2025 with Masonic Service at 7:30 pm, all at Sievers-Sprick Funeral Home.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE: 10:30 am Saturday, August 16, 2025 at Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church.

INURNMENT: Fort Calhoun Cemetery.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, Memorials are suggested to: the Fort Atkinson Foundation, Fort Calhoun Fire and Rescue or the charity of your choice.

Sievers-Sprick Funeral Home

Fort Calhoun, NE 68023

402-468-5678

www.sievers-sprickfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sievers-Sprick Funeral Home
214 N. 14th Street, Box 300
Fort Calhoun, NE 68023
(402) 468-5678
<https://www.sievers-sprickfuneralhome.com>

There will be a Masonic Service at 7:30 PM

Celebration of Life

AUG **16**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church
123 N 13th St
Fort Calhoun, NE 68023
(402) 468-5683

Inurnment

AUG **16**. 11:45 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Fort Calhoun Cemetery
Fort Calhoun , NE 68023

Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Mary sent a virtual gift in memory of John Dorsey Slader*



Mary - August 23, 2025 at 09:41 PM

BA

“ *John was my sisters and I boss back in early 70's when Steve Kemper was still there. I will always remember being able to dig for artifacts after our yard work was done. I look back at that time & never imagined it would be what it is today. Thanks John for making it come back to life and to keeping our backyard history alive. RIP Barb Tripp*

Barb - August 17, 2025 at 02:23 PM

CE

“ *I have so many happy memories of being a part of the living history program at Fort Atkinson and having John as our fearless leader.*

Chris Edmunds - August 15, 2025 at 06:02 PM

MF

“ *Molly Grierson-Davis and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Dorsey Slader.*



Molly Grierson-Davis and Family - August 15, 2025 at 06:01 PM

MF

“ Molly Grierson-Davis and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Dorsey Slader.

Molly Grierson-Davis and Family - August 15, 2025 at 06:01 PM

LP

“ I was a reenactor at Ft. Atkinson for about 13 years. John did so much for the fort and the visitors and reenactors there during Living History weekends. He was a great man and will be sorely missed.

Linda Plock - August 15, 2025 at 05:13 PM

BF

“ Bank of the Flint Hills Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Dorsey Slader.



Bank of the Flint Hills Family - August 14, 2025 at 09:03 PM

ZF

“ Zachary F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Dorsey Slader.

Zachary F. - August 14, 2025 at 05:54 PM

ZF

“ Zachary F. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Dorsey Slader.



Zachary F. - August 14, 2025 at 05:54 PM

TA

“ Third Generation Abes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Dorsey Slader.

Third Generation Abes - August 14, 2025 at 04:17 PM

TA

“ Third Generation Abes purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Dorsey Slader.



Third Generation Abes - August 14, 2025 at 04:17 PM

SJ

“ John was my boss for 22 years at Fort Atkinson. He wasn't only a great boss but a wonderful friend. Rest in Peace, John--you will be missed.

Susan Juza - August 13, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Dorsey Slader.

August 13, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Dorsey Slader.*



August 13, 2025 at 11:02 AM