



## Robert Rae Slate

May 29, 1947 - June 30, 2025

Robert Rae Slate, age 78 of New Baltimore passed away on June 30, 2025 at the Michigan Veterans Home in Chesterfield, Michigan.

Robert affectionately known as "Dusty" to his family was born on May 29, 1947 in Detroit. He was raised by the late Glendora (Holloway) and Anthony Demaria in St. Clair Shores. After proudly serving his country in the Army, he came home to marry the love of his life Michele (Charbeneau). They went on to raise their family in New Baltimore, becoming part of the Anchor Bay Community. Every summer "Bob" would take his family camping all over Michigan. He always took the time to find himself a new "favorite" fishing spot! After 50+ years in telecommunications, Bob retired and bought the Winnebago of his dreams to venture out across the states. Later on choosing to spend time with his great-grandkids and extended family at campgrounds closer to home.

Bob leaves behind his daughter Jennifer Riebel, son Adam (Crystal) Slate, granddogger Cleo, grandchildren Rachel Heaphy, Todd "TJ" (Brittany) Riebel, Austin Slate, Logan Slate, great-grandchildren Lucas, Ray, Victor and Lillian, sister Antonina (Adel) Hannosh, brothers Anthony (Lori) Demaria, Dominic (Sandra) Demaria and Joseph (Kimberly) Demaria. Dusty will also be missed by his nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews who affectionately would call him "Uncle Dog".

He was predeceased by his wife Michele, his son Matthew (Maureen) Slate, his siblings Duane (Susan) Slate and Michael Demaria.

Robert will always be known for his loving strength, compassion, sense of humor, big heart, kindness and most of all his generosity.

Visitation for Robert will be on Sunday, July 6, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Wasik Funeral Home located at 35259 23 Mile Road in New Baltimore.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - New Baltimore

35259-23 Mile Road

New Baltimore, MI 48047

(586) 725-0177

<https://www.gendernalikfh.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *From your Comerica CFS/Campus Team. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Rae Slate.*



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**From your Comerica CFS/Campus Team.** - July 04, 2025 at 07:38 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Rae Slate.

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July 03, 2025 at 08:04 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Robert Rae Slate.*



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“ *The Costanza Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Rae Slate.*



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**The Costanza Family** - July 01, 2025 at 08:57 PM

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“ I loved Bob. I probably have known him for over 30 years. He was a very knowledgeable man on all things in telecommunication. Bob, John Papsdorf and I had many lunches in the mezzanine telephone room at Comerica. He was a man of extreme ethics. A short story, he hired my son John to work at Industrial Electric. John however would show up late or would not show up for work. One day, Bob and I had lunch, and he told me he was going to fire John for his continual absences. I told Bob that I supported his firing of my son, our friendship could not get in the way of him firing John. He gave John two weeks off to think about it, but when he returned the first time he was late, he was fired. He did show up late and he was fired. Our friendship was not harmed in any way. My thoughts are with the family at this tough time.

*Helen (Karczewski) Basberg*

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**Helen Basberg** - July 01, 2025 at 06:00 PM

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“ I knew Bob at Lakeview High school from which we both graduated in 1965. Bob was audio/video club and I was taking electronics courses. I later became an electrical engineer. Many, many years later, my wife Helen said she had a friend at Comerica bank named Bob Slate that she knew many years before we were married. Yes, same Bob Slate. I became part of the lunch meet ups. He was such a great guy. He will be missed. Our condolences to his family and friends. Doug Basberg

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**Doug Basberg** - July 01, 2025 at 03:53 PM