



Fred M Slay

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Fred M. Slay, 74, passed away Sunday, January 5, 2025, in Lakeland, Florida. He was born on June 24, 1950, to Charles and Claudia (Youngblood) Slay in Bartow, Florida.

Fred joined the United States Army in 1970 to serve his country proudly. During his deployment in Vietnam, he sustained injuries that ending his service, earning him a Purple Heart for the sacrifices made in combat. Fred attended church at New Hope Baptist church. He enjoyed gardening, watching movies and being outdoors.

He is preceded in death by his wife Nadine Slay, their son Fred Slay Jr. and his parents Charles and Claudia Slay.

Survived by his daughters Cynthia Hooks (Rick) and Debra Guedesse (Gary), son Chris Slay (Scarlet), eleven grandkids, ten great grandkids, brother Tommy Slay and sisters Jeanie Chavis, Sula Waters, Sandra Vinson, Beanie Page and Sharon Merrit.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 10:00 AM at Gentry-Morrison Southside Chapel followed by his placement at Oak Hill Burial Park.



Events

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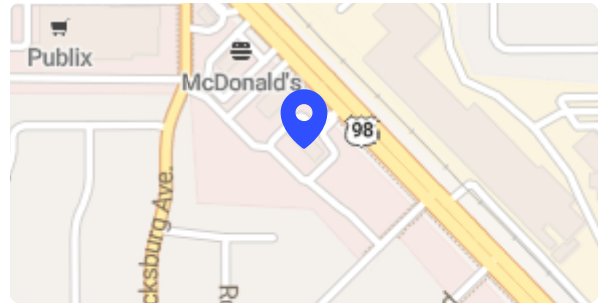
Memorial

 **Wednesday**, January 15, 2025

 10:00 AM ET

 **Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel**

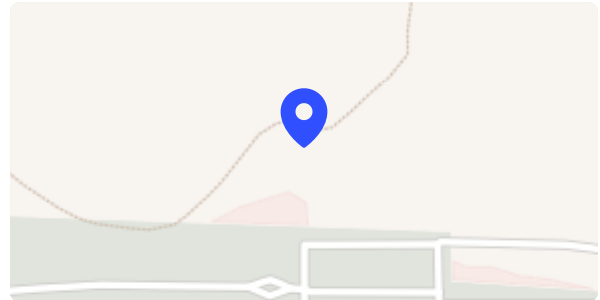
1727 Bartow Road, Lakeland FL 33801



Cemetery Details

 **Oak Hill Burial Park**

4620 US Highway 98 S, Lakeland FL 33812





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Jessica Guedesse posted:

Your funeral was beautiful pop, I know you had to of been so proud. Just as I have always been proud to be your granddaughter. I remember bringing your medal to school one day for show and tell. We miss you and our family get together will forever be different now without your smile and contagious laugh. I love you ❤️👍

January 18 at 2:22 AM



Moorehouse Family sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Slay family.



January 13 at 3:53 PM



Cynthia Hooks posted:

Omg the memories. My dad was one of the best. So many great memories with him but the last two years have been the absolute best!! We have had so many laughs and good times. You always thought it was funny to do something that I didn't want you to be doing. You always had your grandkids smiling and laughing. What I will always remember is your love to have gatherings. You will always be remembered and loved dad I miss you so much. But I'm glad your finally resting.

January 10 at 10:02 AM



Joseph Guedesse posted:

I love you Freddy you were more than my father in law you were more than a father and friend than my own father you can't be replaced you can finally get to rest with Nadine and jr in Heaven I will charis the times and memories together tell we meet again dad.

January 9 at 4:24 AM



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RI

Richard shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I'm going to miss sitting on the porch talking to you. Anytime I needed something or help you were always right there for me. I love you Papa it's not going to be the same without you.



January 7 at 3:52 PM

CH

Cynthia Hooks January 8 at 4:09 PM

That is beautiful ❤️

CG

Candice Guedesse posted:

To the sweetest papa the man who spoiled us grand daughters with our skating rink trips gifted a girls first pair of Justin's first cowgirl belt buckle. The proudest papa you could ever know. The lord was his best friend. I know in my heart it was time for him to go home to be with his son and my nanny a sight I wish I could have seen. Thank you for being the best grand father a girl could ask for. I will cherish every memory papa til we meet again

January 7 at 1:38 PM

CH

Cynthia Hooks January 8 at 4:10 PM

He was the sweetest kindest man alive 😊

MR

Madison Rogers posted:

This man was the purest embodiment of what it means to be a good hearted person. He was so full of love for those around him. I will always cherish the memories I have with him. It was always fun when you could get him to laugh at one of your jokes, I'll always miss your laugh

January 7 at 12:31 PM

CH

Cynthia Hooks January 8 at 4:12 PM

So true



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Jessica Guedesse posted:

I love you papa, he was the most hard working honest man, who had a lot of faith in the lord our savior. There are so many memories with him in it from my childhood, I was one of the only grandbabies he would even hold because I was FAT and not so fragile. He bought me my favorite character stuffed animal when I was little (Quasimodo from the hunchback of notredame) and I rocked with it every night. I still have it. This family will be missing him until we all are together again someday ☐☐☐☐

January 7 at 9:58 AM



Cynthia Hooks January 7 at 12:34 PM

I remember that doll ❤️ as well as you rocking



Scarlett Slay shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

We will forever cherish your memory Freddy..I know I must have given you a lot of stress early on but I hope we have made you proud.. we love you, fly high, thank you for always loving me even though you didn't have to.



January 7 at 9:56 AM



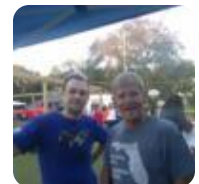
Cynthia Hooks January 7 at 12:33 PM

I love this pic 😊



Chris Slay shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I am going to miss Dad showing up at my house in A new car that he just got.



January 7 at 9:54 AM



Cynthia Hooks January 7 at 12:33 PM

Oh I remember them days 😊



Matthew Coleman January 7 at 12:09 PM

He was proud of his vehicles



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Matthew Coleman shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

He was a great person I'm thankful I grew up around him and Nadine as the parents of my child hood best friend Chris . We use to look forward to Publix chicken and 2 litters of soda on thrusday night cause he got paid for working at gator thank you love you the whole slay family ... I'm gonna miss Fred sayin"shiiiiit" and then laughing



January 7 at 9:45 AM

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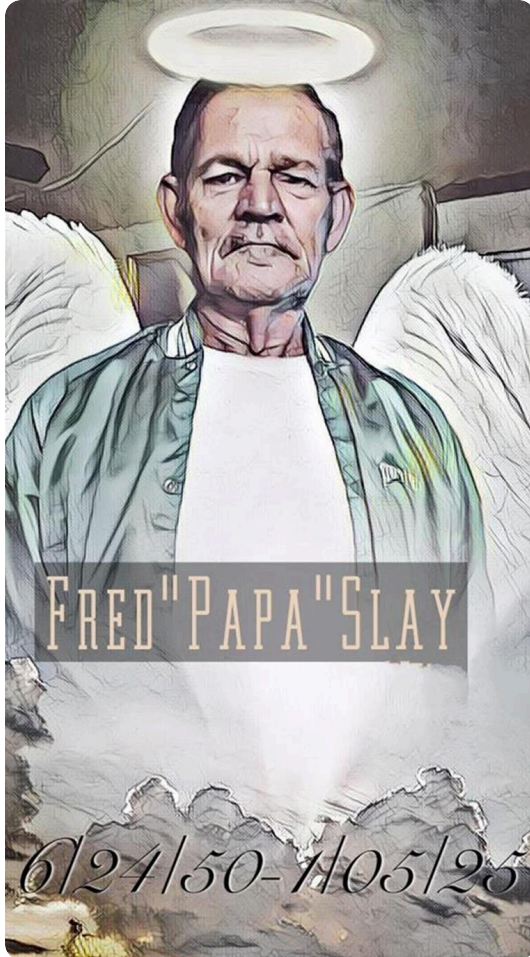
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