If my people, which are called
by my name, shall humble themselves,
and pray, and seek my face, and turn
from their wicked ways; then will I hear
from heaven, and will forgive their sin,
and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

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In Loving Memory

Danny "Jim" Slothower

July 13, 1946 - September 21, 2026

Preacher, Teacher, Dad, Grandpa, Brother & Friend



Obituary



Danny "Jim" Lynn Slothower, 80, of Plainville, Kansas, passed away on September 21, 2026, at his home. He was born on July 13, 1946, in Concordia, Kansas, to Herbert Glenn Slothower and Margaret Mae (Nonamaker) Slothower.

Danny grew up on the family farm near Osborne, Kansas, and graduated from Osborne Rural High School in 1964. In 1966, he was drafted into the United States Army and served with the 1st Air Cavalry Division in Vietnam. During his military service, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Army Good Conduct Medal. While serving in Vietnam, his life was spared thanks to his dear friend, Harry Karavian. Their bond, forged through the trials and dangers of war, grew into a lifelong brotherhood built on loyalty, courage, and an unbreakable friendship.

Following his military service, Danny continued his education at North Central Kansas Area Vocational School in Beloit, where he trained as a professional welder. In 1969, he began attending Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri, graduating in 1973 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible.

Throughout his life, Danny was never afraid of hard work and held a wide variety of jobs. He farmed, worked for Boeing Aircraft in Wichita, served as a rural mail carrier, worked as a roofing contractor, and spent time as an automobile mechanic for J-J Auto Sales in Plainville. He was also a production worker at the EnerSys battery plant in Hays and served in ministry as a pastor with the Assemblies of God. Even after retiring, Danny stayed busy operating a lawn care business and caring for yards throughout the community. He also continued helping his longtime friend, John Kirchen, at J-J Auto Sales, assisting around the dealership and running errands whenever needed.

Danny married Jeanette (Kirchen) Haskett in 1978 at the Assembly of God Church in Great Bend, Kansas. Although their marriage later ended, they remained good friends and continued working together to raise their children, always supporting their family and one another throughout the years.

Outside of his ministry and work, Danny enjoyed cars, especially the classics and his Dodge Rams. He was a member of the Red Line Cruisers Car Club and loved traveling to car shows all over Kansas. He also enjoyed traveling to visit family members, researching and gathering genealogical information. He loved connecting with family members and preserving his family's heritage. He lovingly put together individual history books for each of his family members so they can continue to remember where the family came from.

Faith was the foundation of Danny's life. He had a deep love for Jesus Christ and the Word of God and spent countless hours studying Scripture, filling notebooks with sermons and Bible studies, and looking for opportunities to share what he had learned with others.



Danny was a credentialed pastor with the Assemblies of God and preached, taught, and ministered in churches throughout Kansas, often filling in wherever he was needed. He had been a member of the Christian Church in Osborne as a young man. Throughout the years, he was a member of the Assembly of God congregation in Osborne where he often played the organ. He was a member of the Plainville Assembly of God church, and later the New Life Center Assembly of God Church, in Hays. Most recently, he was a member of Harvest Christian Fellowship in Plainville and faithfully attended weekly Bible studies at the Plainville Church of the Nazarene.

Danny especially enjoyed teaching through memorable object lessons that helped bring biblical truths to life. His ministry extended far beyond the pulpit. For many years, he was involved in children's ministry, helping with children's crusades, teaching Royal Rangers, assisting with activities at Woodston Camp, and driving the church bus so children could attend services. He loved investing in young people, teaching them about Jesus, faith, and practical life skills, and was especially grateful to see many of those children grow up and continue serving the Lord.

Danny was also involved with The Gideons International, where he helped distribute Bibles and share the message of Christ. His friendship and ministry with Rod Sutter brought many opportunities for worship, studying God's Word, and encouraging others in their faith.

Even in his later years, Danny continued searching for ways to serve. He participated in outreach efforts through the Plainville Church of the Nazarene, including Easter outreach activities and helping provide bicycles and prizes for families in need. Whether through ministry, a helping hand, a lawn that needed mowing, or a simple act of kindness, Danny wanted others to know they were cared for and, most importantly, to know the love of Jesus.

His faith remained steadfast throughout his life. Danny believed that hope in life's joys and struggles could be found through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and the truth of God's Word. One passage that became especially meaningful to him in his later years was 2 Chronicles 7:14, which also reflected his prayer for America—that people would humble themselves, seek God, turn toward Him, and find healing and hope.

Danny did not simply speak about his faith; he sought to live it. Through his ministry, friendships, service to others, and everyday acts of kindness, his greatest desire was to point others toward Christ and share the hope and peace that meant so much to him.

Danny is survived by his daughter, Michelle "Shelly" Slothower of Hays, Kansas; son, Jeremy Slothower of Plainville; sisters, Janice Carlene (Slothower) Hessenflow of Montrose, Colorado, and Marjorie Ellen King of Tucson, Arizona; brother, Joe King of Salina, Kansas; grandchildren, Josiah and Jordan Slothower; nephews, Chad and Loren Hessenflow; cousins and close friends.