



Grover Lee Davis, Jr.

November 14, 1929 - February 21, 2013

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. Psalm 37:34. Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, god-father, and brother quietly closed the book on this life and went home to our Heavenly Father on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at the age of 83 years. Grover, affectionately called "Son", was born November 14, 1929 in Wisner, Louisiana, the son of the late Grover L. Davis, Sr. and Julia Ellis Davis.

Grover came to Saginaw seeking employment. However, he found the love of his life, Berta Lee Harris. This union was blessed with six children. Mr. Davis was a Corporal in the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War. He retired from the Grey Iron Casting Plant in 1982 and was a member of the U.A.W. Local #668. After retirement, he rested a little while, then began working for the Antioch Baptist Church Charter Bus Company, which he really enjoyed because he believed he could drive anything that had wheels. He also worked for the City of Saginaw School District as a Bus Driver and volunteered as a Bus Driver for Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

Grover was a faithful member of Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church for 40 years. He was ordained as a Deacon on April 8, 1973, under the leadership of Rev. Roosevelt Mosley, Sr. He served as the Chairman of the Deacon Board, served on the Senior Usher Board, as a Teacher for Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and Bible Study; and was also a Boy Scout Troop Leader. He

participated in several of St. Paul's choirs, and was currently a member of the Male Chorus.

Grover was a 33° (33 degree) Mason of International Free and Accepted Modern Masons where he served as the Past District Master of District #8 and the Worshipful Master of King James Lodge #109, Saginaw MI. His hobbies were mechanics – at the age of 10 he knew how to rebuild engines; gardening, crossword puzzles, and astrology – he was a star gazer and found the elements of God's creation fascinating. He loved God's Word, reading the Bible and discussing God's Word was his favorite. Grover had the ability to hold a conversation on any given subject at any given time. He loved nature and enjoyed singing. Short and Long meters were his favorite. All through the day you could hear him singing the old Zion songs such as, Amazing Grace; A Charge to Keep; I Love the Lord, He Heard My Cry; I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say; Keep Me Every Day, etc. Grover was a 'business is business' type person, but enjoyed having a good time and a good laugh. He was mostly concerned about if you knew Christ and worked daily on introducing Christ to others. For he knew if you met him and forgot him, you had lost nothing. But if you met Jesus Christ and forgot Him, you had lost everything.

Mr. Davis leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife, Berta Lee (Sweetie) Davis; his children, Alga Smith, Jr., Marquietta Davis, TeVeldia Lyle (Bruce Bailey), Yolanda (Eugene) McGee, and Grover L. Davis III, all of Saginaw and Evon (Paul) Credit of Jackson, MS; one god-daughter, Michele Brown Douglas; 14 grandchildren, Felicia Thomas, Alga Smith III, Anquonn Smith, Ervin Smith, Anthony Lyle, Jr., Zephaniah Davis, Javaris Lyle, Thurman Stanton II, Tangena McGee Davis, Grover L. Davis IV, Elijah Cooper, and Sandrana Cooper, all of Saginaw, and Sergio Thomas of Flint; 14 great-grandchildren; one brother, Othineil Bridges of Hammond, LA; three sisters, OC Whiting and Juanita Smith of Saginaw, and Marie Lewis of Monroe, LA; one aunt, Matilda Humphrey, Beaumont TX; a host of nieces, nephews, and

cousins, including two special nephews, Kary L. Dickens and Larry L. Whiting and many other relatives and friends.

Grover was preceded in death by his parents, Grover and Julia Davis; stepmother, Lettie Davis; mother-in law, Judy A. Harris; one son, Reed E. Smith; two sisters, Ollie Sledge and Angela Davis; and many other relatives.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 1, 2013 at St. Paul Baptist Church, 120 North 15th Street. Rev. Vincent McMillon, Pastor. Minister Thurman Stanton II will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. where the Masonic Lodge will conduct their service at 6:00 p.m. (weather permitting).

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Baptist Church
120 North 15th Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Grover Lee Davis, Jr.*



Browne's Mortuary - February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Sam & Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Grover Lee Davis, Jr.*



Sam & Deborah Mack - March 02, 2013 at 11:21 AM

SM

Marquetta, Sorry to hear about your father's death. May God provide you and your family with strength at this difficult time. God will take care of you. Sam & Deborah Mack

Sam & Deborah Mack - March 02, 2013 at 11:25 AM

JS

“ *I am so sorry for your loss Deacon Davis will truly be missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers*

Josie Sherman and Family



josie sherman - March 01, 2013 at 06:53 AM

JA

“ JACQUELINE ARNOLD lit a candle in memory of Grover Lee Davis, Jr.



JACQUELINE ARNOLD - February 28, 2013 at 08:43 PM

JA

*I a so sorry for the loss of your father you and your family are in my prayers
Jacqueline Arnold (Cathy & Herman's mom)*

JACQUELINE ARNOLD - February 28, 2013 at 08:43 PM

TB

“ Berta & Children,
I am so sorry for the loss of your husband, father, and my Lodge Brother. I am currently in Detroit recuperating from surgery - Sorry I can't be there to share in your loss!

Tena & Willie Bond - February 28, 2013 at 06:05 PM

JB

“ John And Lorna Burke lit a candle in memory of Grover Lee Davis, Jr.



John and Lorna Burke - February 28, 2013 at 04:28 PM

JN

“ *Joyce Neal lit a candle in memory of Grover Lee Davis, Jr.*



Joyce Neal - February 27, 2013 at 09:19 PM

CB

“ *It was a pleasuere to have known Mr Davis. To the Family, I pray that you will find streghth through Christ to carry on! God bless you all.*

Carl Burks - February 26, 2013 at 07:02 PM

EH

“ *Elva Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Grover Lee Davis, Jr.*



Elva Hernandez - February 26, 2013 at 01:37 PM

EH

Love and hugs to the family.

Elva Hernandez - February 26, 2013 at 01:39 PM

DV

“ *Debbie Voltz lit a candle in memory of Grover Lee Davis, Jr.*



Debbie Voltz - February 26, 2013 at 01:25 PM

JP

“ *J. Powe lit a candle in memory of Grover Lee Davis, Jr.*



J. Powe - February 26, 2013 at 10:09 AM

SS

“ *Sheriese Scott-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Grover Lee Davis, Jr.*



Sheriese Scott-Johnson - February 25, 2013 at 08:13 PM

MC

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your loss , We all grew up in St. Paul so your loss is our loss also prayers and love go to the whole Davis family.*
Mary Harrison Carter (al)

mary harrison carter - February 25, 2013 at 05:40 PM

WS

“ *William Doxie Sr lit a candle in memory of Grover Lee Davis, Jr.*



William Doxie Sr - February 25, 2013 at 12:36 PM

ZD

“ *Zina Davis lit a candle in memory of Grover Lee Davis, Jr.*



Zina Davis - February 25, 2013 at 10:00 AM

GC

“ *Gregory K. Carter lit a candle in memory of Grover Lee Davis, Jr.*



Gregory K. Carter - February 25, 2013 at 08:32 AM

KM

“ *Marquetta and family. I was sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I am praying for everyone and may God continue to bless each of you.*
Karen Martin-Brodnex-Raleigh, NC

Karen Martin-Brodnex - February 24, 2013 at 04:58 PM

MG

“ *Mrs. Addie Griffin lit a candle in memory of Grover Lee Davis, Jr.*



Mrs. Addie Griffin - February 24, 2013 at 08:01 AM

KG

“ Kimberly Grifin lit a candle in memory of Grover Lee Davis, Jr.



kimberly grifin - February 24, 2013 at 07:54 AM



“ James And Renee Curry lit a candle in memory of Grover Lee Davis, Jr.



James and Renee Curry - February 24, 2013 at 07:00 AM



Marquetta, Thurman and Family, please know that we are thinking of you and praying for God to give your hearts comfort and strength right now. Deacon Davis was a very nice man and he will be truly missed. We love you! Renee Curry and the ST. PAUL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH NURSE'S MINISTRY.

James and Renee Curry - February 24, 2013 at 07:17 AM

YC

“ Yvonne Corley lit a candle in memory of Grover Lee Davis, Jr.



Yvonne Corley - February 23, 2013 at 11:55 PM

HS

“ *Herman & Cathy Sims lit a candle in memory of Grover Lee Davis, Jr.*



Herman & Cathy Sims - February 23, 2013 at 11:03 PM

HS

Its just sinking in.....RIH you will be missed

Herman & Cathy Sims - February 23, 2013 at 11:04 PM

LB

“ *Lorna Burke lit a candle in memory of Grover Lee Davis, Jr.*



Lorna Burke - February 23, 2013 at 07:56 PM

MA

“ *Marquetta lit a candle in memory of Grover Lee Davis, Jr.*



Marquetta - February 23, 2013 at 07:48 PM



Resolution

*Someday the silver cord will break,
And I no more as now shall sing;
But O, the joy when I shall wake,
Within the palace of the King!*

*And I shall see Him face to face,
And tell the story – Sav'd by grace!*

-- Fannie Crosby

Although, we mourn his mortal demise, we celebrate his arrival upon the blissful shores of heaven. And we acknowledge in the language of the Apostle Paul "to be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8)

Marquietta Davis - February 23, 2013 at 09:02 PM



*Marquietta,
God not only is with you, but speaks so strongly to others through you. May this time of rejoicing that your Father is completely and utterly in and with God bring you peace. May the time adjusting to daily routines and family relationships without the physical presence of your Father, go easily.*

*Sincerely,
Louise Brokaw*

Louise Brokaw - February 25, 2013 at 09:57 AM

John
Carter

“ To my Lodge Brother, and one of the Elders of the church in my formative years..... You've run your race, now it is time to run ours...Rest Well Brother....



to the family, we have all been family for years...that has not changed. Be encouraged, and My thoughts and Prayers are with you.....

-John Carter III

John Carter - February 23, 2013 at 10:08 AM

SB

“ Marquetta & Family our prayers are with you and your family. I haven't known you and your family for as long as son people have, but the instant connection between you & I is real, true and genuine. We love you guys and here for you no matter the day or the hour. Keep his legacy alive as you remember all the joyous occasions shared. I know he is looking down smiling on you all. May God bless you and your family Love you much! ~ Desmond & Shontaye Bibbs ~

Shontaye Bibbs - February 23, 2013 at 09:54 AM

KG

“ Wow , My heart is heavy right now. Mr.Davis always kiss my cheek and shake my hand on Sunday morning. Always has a joke for me. He was my dad buddy. To the family I am praying for you all. Everytime I think about him I get teary eye. Praying for strength losing my dad I know the pain. But we serve a Good God. He will take care of you all. God Bless Kim Griffin and Addie Griffin

Kimberly Griffin - February 22, 2013 at 12:31 PM

CW

“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire Davis family on the passing of Mr. Grover, Sr. May you find comfort in the warmth of God's love. And may your memories also be a source of peace for you in the coming days.*

With much love,

Christine Watkins & family Montgomery, AL

Christine Watkins - February 22, 2013 at 10:59 AM

VE

I felt something earlier tonight, for all my life I've known Deacon Davis and his family we've been friends for a mighty long time now that our beloved deacon is in a much better place, my condolences to you all and Deacon Davis, may your rest in peace. May the Lord's Peace be with you all from this day and beyond. Victor R. Ellsworth

Victor R. Ellsworth - February 23, 2013 at 12:42 AM