



David L. Davis Sr.

August 9, 2016

David L. Davis, Sr. age 80, died unexpectedly while on vacation in Quebec City, Canada on August 9, 2016. He was born in Dothan, Alabama, raised in Donalsonville, Georgia and moved to Tallahassee in 1978. David owned and operated the family business of farming equipment before he moved to Tallahassee, where he had 40 year career in teaching, as an Adjunct Professor at Florida State University and then as a Full Professor at Tallahassee Community College. He served in the Air National Guard Reserve and was a member of the Florida Certified Public Accountants. David was also a member at St. Peter's Anglican Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Buford Lamar Davis and Maxine Davis. Because of his love of classical music David loved attending the Tallahassee Symphony; was an avid FSU Fan and loved reading his collections of books. David loved his family and was so very proud of all of his grandchildren. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Aleathea "Sister" Davis; two sons, David Davis, Jr., Harry (Michele) Davis; one daughter, Cindy (Paul) Sullivan all of Tallahassee; five grandchildren, Sarah Sullivan, Matthew Sullivan, Peyton Davis, Colin Davis, Katie Davis; one sister, Cynthia Davis of Tallahassee. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, August 18, 2016 at St. Peter's Anglican Church. Burial will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 19th at Friendship Cemetery in Donalsonville, GA. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's Anglican Church or the American Heart Assoc. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with

their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

Tribute Wall

MW

“ I’m sorry. Your family doesn’t know me. My name is Mark William. I was a student of David’s in 1996. I just want to tell your family how grateful I am to have had your dad as my teacher. I actually chose to go into accounting my sophomore year solely because of him. He was so passionate about accounting, and when he taught things just really made logical sense. Twenty years later, I’ve passed the CPA exam worked for an investment bank and was thrown into perhaps some of the the tightest and most confidential of accounting and auditing circumstances that the State of Florida has ever seen. So many times, I asked myself how did I ever persevere into this mess and your father’s image and countenance came to mind. I’ve actually been teaching accounting at a university and God willing will find admittance into a good Ph.D. program.

I was just arguing with my wife over some academic proposals that we disagree on and I wondered about David for some reason. I saw your condolences here. I just loved that man who was such a good and caring mentor to all. The man from Perry, Florida really touched the lives of so many in positive ways. Thank you gratefully for celebrating the life of such a wonderful man and friend.

mark william - November 13, 2018 at 11:20 PM

“ Dear Sister,

I have been thinking of you ever since I learned of David's sudden death. I imagine that you are still in shock. Although George was 10 years older than David when he died, his death was unexpected. I was in the hospital room with him expecting to check out the next morning, and he did not wake up. I knew his death was a blessing for him -- and ultimately for me -- but I was suddenly so alone after having been part of a team for 45 years. David and you had been together eight years more than that. As a neighbor widow told me a few weeks after George's death, "as time moves forward the valleys get less deep and the mountains get further apart and less steep." That is true. But I can still cry with a passing memory or thought. And crying is all right, if we stop. I do not like not sharing my life. It is so quiet. Therefore, I stay busy. Maybe too busy.

I liked David from the moment I got to know him when Cypress Park opened. I don't recall knowing him before that. I can "see" him and Ronnie in their sports cars and in the fullness of their youth as I write. They were young men Donalsonville and Seminole County could take pride in. David was so patient and kind with all of us pre-teens at the pool, and we loved him for it. Miss Maxine was like a den mother to all of us. A number of years ago I wrote her a letter thanking her for what she and Mr. Pete did for all of us young people. They were a one-couple youth recreational organization who spent their personal wealth to wholesomely channel the activities of so many youth. Cypress Park will always be a magical time in my life.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have been with David and you as well as your children, Harriet, Frances and Paul and their children at the graveside service for Patsy Jane last May. Had I known in advance about today's graveside service for David, I would have been in Donalsonville once again.

Be kind to yourself. Don't push.

*Love,
Charlotte*

Charlotte Thomas Marshall - August 20, 2016 at 10:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David L. Davis Sr..*



August 18, 2016 at 08:39 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David L. Davis Sr..*



August 17, 2016 at 09:26 PM



“ *Prissy and Dale purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of David L. Davis Sr..*



Prissy and Dale - August 17, 2016 at 05:55 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of David L. Davis Sr..* ”



August 17, 2016 at 04:45 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David L. Davis Sr..* ”



August 17, 2016 at 07:50 AM



“ *Irene McGuinness and Team purchased the Loving Grace for the family of David L. Davis Sr..* ”



Irene McGuinness and Team - August 17, 2016 at 07:32 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss, Sister. Carolann Owen Lovett* ”

Carolann Owen Lovett - August 16, 2016 at 01:56 PM

JH

“ *Sister and Cynthia,
I was so sorry to hear of David's passing. Please know you have my
deepest sympathy and that my thoughts and prayers are with you.
JuJu*

Julia Hickson - August 16, 2016 at 01:13 PM

“ To David's family:

I recognized David as an exceptional human being. David was always kind, cheerful, intelligent, diplomatic, a true gentleman and a good conversationalist. He had a quiet strength of convictions and beliefs. He was always willing to engage in conversation on issues of the day and would make his thoughts known in his dignified, courteous way that, however, left no doubt about where he stood and what he believed

David was a mentor to me when I first started teaching at Tallahassee Community College. Without being overbearing or pedantic, he would share his experiences of teaching and his devotion to his students and his determination for excellence in presenting his subject. I learned a great deal from our conversations standing with coffee cups in hand in the office as we gathered our mail for the day.

I was always impressed with his knowledge of his subject matter, his love of teaching and devotion to his students and respect for his colleagues.

I had the pleasure of having Harry, David's son, as conscientious and intelligent student in my legal classes many years ago. I also had the pleasure of getting to know Cindy. His love and care as a father is proved well in the lives of his children; grown to be good, productive, and loving adults with families of their own; good "kids" for sure!

David's joy and great love for his wife, his children and grandchildren was simply part of his essence, his very being. You could see his abiding love for you when he spoke of you and he spoke of you all almost every time we talked.

David is just one of those people who stick with you as a sterling model of what it is to be a good man, a truly good human being.

My condolences to your wonderful family. I know your loss is so very great.

David's presence will truly, truly be missed but the memory of his spirit, his love of family, devotion to an honorable profession, made more honorable by his efforts, his civility, and robust moral compass, the gentleman that he was, will remain strong for many of us.

Sincerely,

Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda

Michelle M Rehwinkel Vasilinda - August 16, 2016 at 06:40 AM

CS

Thank you so very, very much Michelle for such a thoughtful message. He always loved his conversations with you and spoke so highly of you.

Cindy Sullivan - August 16, 2016 at 07:51 AM

SW

“ David was a kind and caring colleague! He and I always shared a fondness for our fellow professor, Betty Ann Kirk, who passed away several years ago. We always remembered her on her birthday & would share stories from our "old days", with her!!

I would see David in the mornings, in our division office. He always had a smile on his face & a cup of coffee in his hands! He loved our students at TCC and they loved him. He kept up with content and technology!

I am going to miss your beautiful spirit, David! I know that all your loved ones in heaven (including BA) are so happy you're home! Rest in peace, my dear friend!

*Susanne Wood
TCC Professor*

Susanne Wood - August 15, 2016 at 06:11 PM

DD

Sending healing thoughts and wishing you all fond memories. Much love, Dawn Davis-Hyde

Dawn Davis-Hyde - August 15, 2016 at 09:25 PM

CS

Thanks so very much Susanne and Dawn!

Cindy Sullivan - August 16, 2016 at 07:52 AM