



Wayne E Davis, Col. USAF, Retired

December 8, 1931 - March 5, 2016

Colonel Wayne E. Davis, USAF, Retired, 84, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, passed away at his home on March 5, 2016.

Col. Davis was born in Seattle, Washington on December 8, 1931, to the late John B. and Alma H. Davis. A graduate of the University of Washington in 1954, The Colonel entered USAF pilot training on March 24, 1955 at Moore Field in Mission, TX. Col. Davis was a command fighter pilot and served his country with honor and distinction, for exactly 30 years and one week, March 24, 1955 to March 31, 1985. Colonel Davis fulfilled assignments all over the world, including Itazuke AFB, Japan (where his son Col. Rick Davis was born) and Cigli AFB, Turkey (where his son Brad was born) as well as three combat tours in Vietnam, one in the F-100 Super Sabre and two in the A-7D Corsair. His career culminated in assignments to Myrtle Beach AFB where he commanded the 353rd Tactical Fighter Squadron, Moody Air Force Base, Valdosta, GA. where he was the 347th Combat Support Group Commander, and Myrtle Beach Air Force Base where he was the 354th Commander for Resource Management and where he retired in 1985. Among his many decorations, medals and campaign ribbons are the Distinguished Flying Cross; The Bronze Star with one oak leaf cluster; The Meritorious Service Medal; The Air Medal with nine oak leaf clusters; The Army Commendation Medal; The Distinguished-Presidential Unit Citation; The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and 6 oak leaf clusters; The Combat

Readiness Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters; The National Defense Service Medal; The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; The Vietnam Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters; The Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with 6 oak leaf clusters; Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon. Foreign Decorations include The Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with one oak leaf cluster; The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Col. Davis was a command pilot with over 4,500 hours of flight time, including 250+ combat missions with 350+ combat hours in both the F-100 and the A-7D. He was a member of The Order of Daedalians, The USAF Super Sabre Society and the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association. Col. Davis proudly passed the fighter pilot torch on to his son Col. (Ret) Ricky A. Davis on June 6, 1983 as he pinned his son's wings on. On January 22, 2016 (a short six weeks ago), he then proudly passed his legacy on to the third generation of fighter pilots, as he was able to pin the wings onto his grandson, Lt. Brian Davis (Rick's Son).

Col. Davis was preceded in death by his parents, John and Alma; Mother and Father in-law, Ernest and Fern Horsman; baby daughter Cinthia. He is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 64 years, Eldora (Dorie); one Daughter, Deanna (Ron) Dendy; five Son's, John (Cathy) in Rock Hill, SC; Mike (Terri); Rick (Stephanie); Brad (Tammie) all of Myrtle Beach, SC; and Gerald Mitchell of Suwanee, GA. Sixteen Grandchildren, Dale (Kelsie); Sean (Skye); Chris Davis; Kaylee Frazier, Amber (Joel) Smith; April (Scott) Doane and John (Morgan) Dendy; Jillian (Joey) Ray: Lt. Brian Davis; Chase Davis; Bradley Davis II; Peter Davis; Mikayla Davis; B.J. Mitchell; Sydney Mitchell; Liam Mitchell. Seven Great Grandchildren, Jax Teal; Russ Lambert; Scarlett Hayden Smith; Tripp Davis; Ryder Davis; Kai Davis; Walker Grace Dendy as well as two Great Grand Daughters on the way. Norway family; The late Roar Hogner; Anne-Brit Hogner; Trond (Svanhild) Hogner; Grand Children Daniel and Charlotte Hogner; Leif (Janne) Hogner; Grand Children Maria, Martin and Thomas Hogner. Life long best friends, Bob and Arlene Morrison of Seattle,

Washington.

The Colonel was the ROCK of the family you see above. He served his wife (our Mother), Dorie, All of his Children , Grand Children, Great Grand Children, friends and last but certainly not least, his Country, with a steadfast determination and guidance that is truly deserving of the title "Hero". A stern yet gentle hand, A firm yet calm voice. He was highly principled and had an unwavering purpose for us all to know and understand the difference between Right and Wrong. Everyone that was fortunate enough to have known him, or even those that were lucky enough to have met him just once, will forever remember him as a wonderful role model, a leader and a truly great man. We miss you Dad, Grandpa, Great Grandpa.....You will forever live in our hearts and in our minds.....We LOVE YOU!

A memorial service with full military honors will be held honoring Col. Davis on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 2:00 PM, at Palmetto Shores Church, 6250 Dick Pond Rd. Myrtle Beach, SC. 29588. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Daedalian Foundation, PO Box 249, Randolph Air Force Base, TX 78148.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

Palmetto Shores Church
6250 Dick Pond Rd
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
(843) 236-7880

Tribute Wall



“ I feel honored to have served with (then Capt) Wayne Davis in the 401st Tactical Fighter Wing at England AFB, LA in the mid 60's. He was a wonderful officer and a great human being. RIP!
Bob Murphy

Robert Murphy - July 13, 2017 at 06:11 PM



“ To Dorie and the rest of Wayne's family-- This is very sad news. I was out of the country from 29 Feb to 16 March and received the news this morning. Wayne was a great friend and a great leader. I am so sorry for your loss. I have great memories of Wayne that will last forever in my mind. Rest in peace, my friend, and may you forever soar with the Eagles.
Jay E. Riedel, Col USAF (Ret)



Jay Riedel - March 17, 2016 at 04:45 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wayne E Davis, Col. USAF, Retired.



March 16, 2016 at 11:17 AM

RD

“ Wayne was truly the rock. Whenever he talked to you about something you could always take it as fact. He was my neighbor and friend and the feel of the neighborhood will not be the same without seeing that orange jumpsuit. It was an honor to know you.
Rik Dickinson

Rik Dickinson - March 14, 2016 at 10:46 AM

WU

“ RIP Airman !!!!
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps



Wayne Williams - USMC - March 14, 2016 at 08:24 AM

KL

“ Ken @ Patty Leren purchased the Sweet Tender ness for the family of Wayne E Davis, Col. USAF, Retired.



Ken @ Patty Leren - March 12, 2016 at 08:00 PM

KL

“ I am going to miss sharing a scotch with Wayne when we visited Myrtle Beach. Ken Leren

Ken Leren - March 12, 2016 at 07:22 PM

Dawn Hoff

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. May the precious memories you have get you through the days to come!* ”



Dawn Hoff - March 11, 2016 at 11:14 PM

CD

“ *Carol Davis-Manley purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wayne E Davis, Col. USAF, Retired.* ”



Carol Davis-Manley - March 11, 2016 at 03:24 PM

CK

“ *Davis Family, sending deepest sympathy for the void that now resides in each of your hearts. May the void be filled with the many special memories that you each have shared with Wayne throughout the years and may each memory continue to grow sweeter as time goes by.*

I'm very thankful for having shared meals with the Davis family during our visits to S.C., always enjoying the warmth and love expressed by Wayne, Dorie and the multitude that would show up for a family gathering and meal!! We would love to be with you this week as you celebrate a life well lived and filled to the brim with blessings, but schedules do not permit us. One can't read about Wayne's service to his country and family without feeling a sense of pride, gratitude and honor. I know those traits will continue to be developed in the Davis families for years to come because of the foundation that Wayne and Dorie built. May God bless and comfort each of you.

Connie & Bill Kuecker - March 11, 2016 at 03:09 PM

DS

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Uncle Wayne's passing. Sending prayers to you Auntie Dori and the whole family. Love and Prayers Denise!!!!*

Denise Speck - March 11, 2016 at 12:58 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Wayne E Davis, Col. USAF, Retired.*



March 11, 2016 at 11:33 AM

GB

“ Sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. Dorie, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. It was a pleasure knowing him. Enjoyed seeing both of you at the last Panther reunion. From one Panther One to another, we'll meet again someday and celebrate with a toast to all Panthers.
Grizelda and Tim Black

Grizelda and Tim Black - March 10, 2016 at 10:52 PM

MC

“ Wayne was a terrific man. His nice family was his greatest accomplishment. I worked with him at MB Airport, and am richer for having known him.
Myra Cowan

Myra Cowan - March 10, 2016 at 09:13 PM

WT

“ I served with Col. Davis in the 353rd Tactical Fighter Sq. in Myrtle Beach, SC from early 1972 until my discharge in Feb. 1973. Even though I was an enlisted man, Col. Davis never treated me with anything but respect. He treated all the airmen and NCO's the same way and that respect was returned to him. I remember the time my parents vacationed at the New Jersey shore. They sent me a box of chocolate covered salt water taffy. I put the box on my desk so all could share. Col. Davis loved the candy. Days later I was busy typing reports and I noticed he kept walking past my desk. I asked him if I could help him with anything. He grinned and asked "Any more of that taffy left?". He was a good and decent man and I am sorry to hear of his passing. Yours was a life well-lived, Col. Davis. Rest in peace.

*William "TJ" Tjaden
ex-SSgt, USAF
Oakland, NJ*

William Tjaden - March 10, 2016 at 11:45 AM

TL

“ Sorry for your loss. Our Prayers are with your family.

Atlantic Financial Group, Inc.

Tenna Lang - March 10, 2016 at 10:32 AM

CK

“ May God Bless, , Our prayers are with your family.
Carl K Knuth MSgt Ret USAF

Carl K Knuth - March 10, 2016 at 09:33 AM

EC

“ I served with Wayne in the 511th TFS and the 353rd TFS at Myrtle Beach from July 1970 till June 1972 when I moved to the 4554th TFRS. He was our Asst. Operations Officer under Brownie Howard and Squadron Commander Bill Lloyd. He was a great American, fighter pilot but most importantly, a true friend. When I was the Squadron Commander of the 61st TFTS at MacDill AFB, FL, his son went through our F-16 training program. He will be missed by so many people whose lives he touched, RIP Colonel, you have earned it. Save a cold one for me as I will join you once again, at the Officers Club Bar, in a few years!!!

Ed Carter - March 10, 2016 at 09:06 AM

JG

“ Aunt Dorie and my cousins, I am so sorry for your loss. This write-up is a great tribute to Uncle Wayne. He was quite an accomplished man. I know you will always miss him, but it sounds like you have many, many wonderful memories.

Julie (Horsman) Gerringer
Seattle, WA

Julie Gerringer - March 09, 2016 at 11:43 PM

ML

“ Prayers to all of the family. A great man! From the Neill and Lynn families.

Merry Lynn - March 09, 2016 at 10:11 PM

JD

Kindest personal regards, and With Deepest Sympathy, Jerry and Nancy Donahue

jerry and nancy donahue - March 10, 2016 at 05:20 PM

DR

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to all the Davis Family. I had the privileged of working with Col Davis at the FBO. We had a great time working together. He made working at the FBO a pleasure. It was always great to see his smiling face and the fiery red butch haircut/ It was almost my privileged of knowing him and respected him. I never had a problem calling him either Wayne or Col Davis. He was that type of Officer. Col Davis will surely be missed by all the knew him both during and after his military service.

Delbert Dalton, MSgt, USAF(retired)/FBO - March 09, 2016 at 09:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wayne E Davis, Col. USAF, Retired.



March 09, 2016 at 08:39 PM

 Guy Collins

“ Praying for God's love and comfort to surround the whole family...He was a war hero and a good man. Guy Collins

Guy Collins - March 09, 2016 at 04:14 PM

CS

Sincere sympathy to the family. It is time we appreciate the service of all our Veterans and give them the respect they so richly deserve!
Sincerely
Christiane E Sokol and family

Christiane E Sokol - March 10, 2016 at 09:17 AM



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March 09, 2016 at 01:24 PM



“ Dorie and family, please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray God gives you peace and comfort. Rest in peace, Col. Davis.
Love, Cindi

Cindi - March 09, 2016 at 11:32 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Wayne E Davis, Col. USAF, Retired.



March 09, 2016 at 10:37 AM



“ Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of Wayne E Davis, Col. USAF, Retired.



March 09, 2016 at 10:35 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Wayne E Davis, Col. USAF, Retired.*



March 09, 2016 at 10:29 AM



“ *FAMILY: OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AT THIS TIME THAT COME ALL TO QUICK. I WORKED WITH WAYNE AT NAIA FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. I ENJOYED AND HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF WAYNE- HE WILL BE MISSED.
DENNIS FULMER, MSGT, USMC RET*



Dennis Fulmer - March 09, 2016 at 10:22 AM



Desiree
Thomas

“ I've known Mr. Wayne since I was a little girl. He started as a customer at my families computer shop. He quickly became much more than a customer; he was a friend.

He'd bring us donuts and always make sure to have a couple with sprinkles for my daughters. I'll miss your doughnut deliveries. I'll miss your loud hello's from across the shop. I'll miss your amazing war stories you share with my Dad. I'll miss your hugs goodbye and the kiss on the cheek.

Thank you for you Mr. Wayne. Thank you Dorie and family for sharing him with all of us. I'm sorry for your loss. I bet he's up there with a beautiful glass full of the best Scotch you can get. Save some for us!

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Desiree Thomas - March 09, 2016 at 09:06 AM

DU

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the entire Davis family. I came to know Colonel Davis as I was one of the many Crew Chiefs that serviced, repaired and strapped him in his aircraft and readied it for flight here at Myrtle Beach AFB and on Temporary Duty. He was a professional in all that he did. He treated his maintainers with respect and dignity. He will always be remembered as a great man, mentor and as stated in his obituary a Hero. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Don Urban MSgt. USAF (Ret.)



Don Urban - March 09, 2016 at 06:16 AM

BD

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Brad Davis - March 08, 2016 at 08:35 PM

CB

“ *Deanna, please know that you and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Charlotte and Dave Banker

Charlotte Banker - March 08, 2016 at 08:31 PM

KD

“ I had the pleasure to meet Col. Davis albeit brief His presence left a lasting impression. It was very awesome to see His son Brad and the Col. together. The Father/Son pride and love for each other was evident! Thank you Col. Davis for your service to our Nation, it is Men like you that stand in front of us and face evil head on. To all of your Family that are grieving your absence I offer my condolences. I hope you find comfort in each other and remember the innumerable lessons, conversations, and time together with your Hero!



Ken Dhans - March 08, 2016 at 08:23 PM

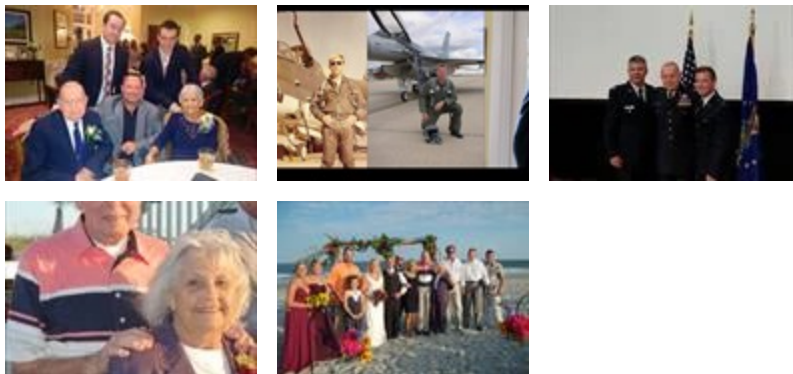
GT

“ To have had a dad like Col. Davis must be a sense of pride to pass down for generations to come. Honor his legacy forever for he was a man who gave his all for family and country. Thank you, Col. Davis! Allen and Gloria Timmons

Gloria Timmons - March 08, 2016 at 07:42 PM

BD

“ 16 files added to the tribute wall



Brad Davis - March 08, 2016 at 02:13 PM