



James Franklin Davis Jr.

May 3, 1932 - October 13, 2017

James Franklin Davis, Jr., of Chestertown, MD, died peacefully on Friday, October 13, 2017, at University of Maryland Shore Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He was 85.

Born on May 3, 1932, in Easton, MD, he was the son of the late James F. Davis, Sr. and Mary Hatcherson Davis. He was a member of Company "G" 115th infantry regiment in the Maryland National Guard, serving at the Chestertown Armory from 1948 – 1949. He graduated from Rock Hall High School, Class of 1949 and entered the U.S. Air Force on September 23, 1949. He served three years with the USAF and was honorably discharged in 1952 as Staff Sgt., Air Training Command. He returned to serve in the National Guard again, from 1953 – 1955.

Mr. Davis worked as a Trooper with the Maryland State Police, from 1955 to 1959. He was employed by Vita Foods as a food processing supervisor from 1959 to 1965. He then worked as a project engineer with the MD State Highway Administration from 1965 to 1992 and with Delaware Dept. of Transportation from 1993 to 1996.

Mr. Davis was a private pilot. He enjoyed shooting sporting clays, building model airplanes, painting, and drawing.

He married Elizabeth M. Lyon on November 3, 1951. After being discharged from the United States Air force in 1952, they moved to Maryland, "God's Country," where they raised two daughters and two sons.

He is survived by one son, Stephen J. Davis of NY; two daughters; Mary Beth Downes of Centreville, MD and Jane D. Feigleson of Chestertown, MD; three grandsons, twins, Richard and his wife Amanda and Clay Coppage and his wife Malia and Harry Feigleson; and great-grandchildren Rylan, Christopher, and Nicholas. He was predeceased by one son, Thomas L. Davis in 2007, as well as his wife in 2011.

Funeral services will be held privately. Interment will be in St. Paul's Cemetery, Chestertown, MD.

Cemetery Details

St. Pauls Cemetery (Kent County)

7600 Sandy Bottom Road
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *James Franklin Davis Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *James Franklin Davis Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *James Franklin Davis Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Davis Jr.*



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - October 25, 2017 at 04:54 PM



Mary Beth , We are so sorry to hear of your dads passing and send our heartfelt condolences to you and your sons

Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - October 25, 2017 at 04:57 PM

KC

“ *Mary Beth and family, I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's/grandfather's passing!! He was such a great guy!! I enjoyed working with him so much at State Highway. He was such a pleasure to work with, always cheerful and happy-go-lucky! He was a true gem! I thought of him often; always hoping to run into him as he walked through Chestertown. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers! May your precious memories of your Dad comfort you during this difficult time God Bless*



Kim Crew - October 20, 2017 at 09:49 AM

DC

“ *Debbie Callahan lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Davis Jr.*



Debbie Callahan - October 19, 2017 at 09:50 AM

DC

*Marybeth,
Thinking of you and your family at this difficult time and praying you will find peace and comfort in the days to come. With sympathy and love,
Debbie*

Debbie Callahan - October 19, 2017 at 09:52 AM

CT

“ *Had many wonderful conversations with Jim,an honest man i'll surly miss.
my love & condolences to Mary Beth,Janie & Steve. Carroll Thompson*

Carroll Thompson - October 19, 2017 at 06:28 AM

DM

“ Jane,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and Harry at this time; and always. You were a devoted and Harry was a devoted grandson. You brought daily support, love and joy to your father/grandfather. As you have said, he was the real deal and you, like him are the real deal and will carry forward his legacy.

*Love,
Debbie and Ben*

Deborah Murray - October 19, 2017 at 06:19 AM

CB

“ *Carol Bramble lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Davis Jr.*



Carol Bramble - October 17, 2017 at 04:40 PM

CB

“ *God bless you And your family, Jane! God bless Harry! Praying for comfort and healing. Carol Bramble*

Carol Bramble - October 17, 2017 at 04:38 PM

RK

“ I met Jim when I moved to Chestertown in 2003 and “The Captain” became one of my closest friends; a gregarious, funny, fun-loving, and honest individual who didn’t have a mean bone in his body! I’ll miss him; love and condolences to the girls and to Stephen.
My very best,
Roy Kirby

Roy Kirby - October 17, 2017 at 04:04 PM

WI

“ My Prayers to Marybeth and family at this difficult time.



Wilma - October 17, 2017 at 03:56 PM

SS

“ MAY GOD BLESS the family in your time of need. Prayers are send out to you. YOUR DNR FAMILY SALLY aka SASSIE



Sally Sellman - October 16, 2017 at 12:30 PM

LC

“ Lauryl Clark lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Davis Jr.



Lauryl Clark - October 16, 2017 at 11:41 AM

MS

“ *Mary Simmons lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Davis Jr.*



Mary Simmons - October 16, 2017 at 08:29 AM

BB

“ *Brenda Biddle lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Davis Jr.*



Brenda Biddle - October 15, 2017 at 10:45 PM

BB

Jane I am so sorry for your loss...my thoughts and prayers are with you

Brenda Biddle - October 15, 2017 at 10:46 PM

JP

“ *Mary Beth and family! Sorry for your loss!*



John and Phyllis Perkins - October 15, 2017 at 07:42 PM

LD

“ Lester And Vicky Downes lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Davis Jr.



Lester and Vicky Downes - October 15, 2017 at 06:57 PM

MU

“ Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Davis Jr.



Marie Usilton - October 15, 2017 at 01:12 PM

JD

“ Joyce And Lee Davis lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Davis Jr.



Joyce and Lee Davis - October 15, 2017 at 09:54 AM

KH

“ Ken And Edie Hearn lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Davis Jr.



Ken and Edie Hearn - October 14, 2017 at 03:58 PM

KH

Sad to hear this. Jimmy was one of the good guys at State Highway!

Ken and Edie Hearn - October 14, 2017 at 04:00 PM

BB

“ *Bill Bright lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Davis Jr.*



Bill Bright - October 14, 2017 at 02:59 PM

PM

“ *Pam Marvel lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Davis Jr.*



Pam Marvel - October 14, 2017 at 11:35 AM

NL

“ *Nikhia L.Munson lit a candle in memory of James Franklin Davis Jr.*



Nikhia L.Munson - October 13, 2017 at 09:51 PM

NL

Sending my thoughts and prayers to you and your family Ms.Jane.

Nikhia L.Munson - October 13, 2017 at 09:54 PM

JF

“ *We love you and will hold in our hearts many wonderful memories.*
Love, Jane and Harry



Jane and Harry Feigleson - October 13, 2017 at 06:55 PM