



Davey Lee Davidson

January 3, 1934 - July 11, 2015

Davey L. Davidson, 81, of Newnan, Georgia and Palm Beach Gardens, Florida died Saturday, July 11, 2015. Dave was born January 3, 1934 in Kansas City, Missouri to the late Burr & Gladys Kisse Davidson. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sister, Bebe Roe Walker and nephew, Lynn Walker. Even though Dave survived 5 heart attacks, he was unable to overcome congestive heart disease.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Phyllis Fuess Davidson; son, Todd D. Davidson & wife Tanya Adderson-Davidson; grandson, Teagan Xander Davidson; and nephews, Steve Walker, Dayrel Walker.

Dave graduated from Vega, Texas, high school in 1952 where he enjoyed playing football, basketball, and baseball. In 1953, he went to Iola, Kansas to try out for the Kansas-Oklahoma-Missouri Class D League only to learn the league had folded the day before his arrival. He then attended Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas on the Dwight D. Eisenhower Opportunity Award Scholarship. Dave graduated from Infantry Officers Candidate School in Ft. Benning, Georgia and served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division.

During the last 25 years of his career, Dave worked as a plant manager in the aluminum container industry for Reynolds Metals, The Ball Corporation and Anheuser Busch. He was recognized as an industry leader based upon his success in customer satisfaction, development of employees, and high standards of performance in quality, employee safety and productivity. In

1992, Dave's Anheuser Busch plant in Windsor, Colorado was selected as the outstanding mid-sized manufacturing facility in the state of Colorado.

In 1990, Dave and his wife, Phyllis, established the James E. and Robbye Garrett scholarship award in Vega, Texas to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Garrett for their contribution to education and provide scholarship to deserving students. Since 1990, 81 students have received 4 year, \$7,000 scholarships to the college/university of their choice.

After retirement, he and his wife moved to Newnan, Georgia where he finally had plenty of time to indulge many hobbies. He frequently was on the golf course, played bridge, and enjoyed yardwork and was known to “take cutting grass seriously.” For many years he was a fan of the New York Yankees, Los Angeles Dodgers and the St. Louis Cardinals but over the past 20 years he became an ardent Atlanta Braves fan because their games were the most televised. His love of World War II history led him to take the D-Day tour in 1999. Also in retirement, he had an opportunity to enjoy his love of music, especially Elvis, Patsy Cline, Tanya Tucker, and the soul & blues artist, Susan Tedeschi.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

The graveside service, with military honors, is Monday, July 20, 2015 at 2 p.m. at Andersonville National Cemetery in the historic Andersonville National Park, 496 Cemetery Road, Andersonville, GA 31711. The memorial service is Saturday, August 29, 2015 at 1 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 101 N. Peachtree Parkway, Peachtree City, GA 30269 with Pastor Miriam Beecher officiating. Rather than flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to the James E. Garrett Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 190 Vega, TX 79092.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, Newnan, GA (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Andersonville National Cemetery

496 Cemetery Road
Andersonville, GA 31711

Previous Events

Service

JUL 20. 2:00 PM.

Graveside

Tribute Wall

DD

“ We were so sorry to hear about Dave. We are so lucky to have gotten the chance to know Dave over the last few years. He was a great man who left a great legacy!

Dave & Sherri Drinnon - July 26, 2015 at 09:41 PM

BV

“ A lot of fond memories of Dave. We were in the same graduating class at Vega. He was always such a leader and everyone was his friend. He will be missed!! Prayers are with the family.

Betty Jo Vrieling - July 23, 2015 at 12:33 AM

BW

“ Phyliss I am so sorry about Dave. He was a true gentlemen - even when I missed a two foot birdie putt we we were partners at White Oak. He would always say that's okay "pardner" we'll get it on the next hole. He will be missed. Bobbie

Bobbie Wilson - July 22, 2015 at 01:28 PM

JC

“ My friendship with Dave began when came to Vega High School. He was outstanding in all that he undertook. He always cared so much for others. There are many wonderful adjectives, all would easily describe Dave! We are wishing we had had one more class reunion! He was so thrilled when he became a Grandfather-- we exchanged grandkids updates on our Christmas letters. Dave's establishment of the James E Garret Scholarship Fund was a true testament of how much he believed in our youth and in the importance of an education! Sue Price Gardenhire, and Imogene Price Youngblood add their condolences to Phyllis and family.

Joy Price Cepurniek - July 20, 2015 at 06:47 PM

MR

“ Mrs. Dave Davidson, My friendship with Dave goes back to our years in high school in Vega, TX, My sincere condolence goes to you and your family for Dave with many good memories of our times together. Prayerful blessings to you. Sincerely, Reverend Marvin Lee Roark.

Marvin Lee Roark - July 20, 2015 at 09:48 AM

RM

“ Dear Phyllis I was really sad to here that one of the true gentlemen and good guy had decided he had had enough. He was a really tough guy to go through all of his health issues. I know he hasn't been at the club for a while but I will still miss the many conversation we used to have. We. Had a lot in common. He will always be in my prayers

Richard Morris - July 19, 2015 at 09:11 PM

DB

“ Dear Phyllis, It has left a empty spot in my heart since Dave's passing. I know he is with our Lord in heaven now. You know how much my old roomie meant to me. I was honored to serve as his best man at your wedding 48 years ago. Donna and I loved meeting up with him (and you) when he went to Vega every year for the graduation. I'm so happy we were able to spend those days last year (2014) with the two of you in Vega with Dave's heart having so much trouble. I know you and Donna talk often but I have not expressed my sympathy to you and I do so now to you and Todd, whom we have known since he was very young. God Bless you both. Dick

Dick batten - July 19, 2015 at 12:50 PM

PC

“ Dear Phyllis, We will truly miss Dave in our lives. Both of you have become such strong friends since our paths crossed in Fort Collins, Co. Dave was a big part of the successful start up of the brewery and helped the brewery get industry wide recognition. Pat will miss her long discussions about taxes, stocks, and bonds. Jack will miss discussing sports with Dave, especially the St. Louis Cardinals, the Indiana Hoosiers, and the Carolina Tarheels. Please be assured that you and the family will be in our thoughts and prayers as you move through this difficult time. Pat and Jack Carmichael

Pat and Jack Carmichael - July 18, 2015 at 12:23 PM

SJ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Davidson's death. I was fortunate to know him through his generous scholarship gift to my daughter, Carly. My family is forever thankful for the help he provided us. Our community was blessed to have known him. He made a difference in so many of our kids lives by helping them reach their academic goals. What an awesome legacy he leaves behind! I pray God's comfort for all of you in your loss.

Sherri Johnson - July 17, 2015 at 11:23 AM

CC

“ Dear Phyllis and Todd, We share your loss at Dave's passing, but also celebrate a life well-lived to the fullest. We will remember the long chats about the Cardinals and Braves chances every season. Then there was the time Dave and Phil stayed up after midnight to watch the NBA finals. Lots of good times together. Dave welcomed us when we visited in Newnan, even with our dogs. He always made us feel at home. We will miss him. Love, Carolyn and Phil

Carolyn and Phil Callahan - July 16, 2015 at 04:08 PM

TF

“ Our condolences on your dear loss. Our Loving God, Jehovah, promises to soon destroy our greatest enemy death forever, and reunite us again with our loved ones (Isaiah 25:8; 26:19). What a thrilling time this will be! May these wonderful promises, soon to be realities, comfort you in the days ahead.

Thomas Family - July 16, 2015 at 12:56 PM

CS

“ Dear Phyllis, I am so very sorry to hear about your loss. Dave was such a wonderful guy!! So many good memories of him. Take good care of yourself! Love, Carol

Carol Smid - July 16, 2015 at 09:43 AM

MH

“ Dear Phyllis and Family: My sincerest regrets and sympathy during this difficult time for your family. I did not know Mr. Davidson well, but I am forever indebted to both of you. I was one of the first recipients of the James E. & Robbye Garrett scholarship awarded in 1990. This scholarship has allowed many young people the opportunity to educate themselves and become successful in life. This is a legacy that will continue for generations through your acts of selflessness and generosity. Philippians 4: 6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Michael Hall - July 16, 2015 at 09:20 AM

DJ

“ To all Mr. Davidson's family especially Ms. Phyllis. He was a wonderful man. He always treated me as an equal and with the utmost respect even though I was just the landscape guy. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Much love. Don Jones

Don Jones - July 15, 2015 at 06:33 PM

GB

“ Dear Phyllis and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I know that I cannot say anything comforting at this time except that I have such wonderful memories of Hillside and all the fun we had. I am so glad that we kept in touch all of these years and I still hope to. I know that you have strong faith in the Lord and he will guide you now. I made it and so can you. Love, Gwynne

Gwynne Barba - July 15, 2015 at 05:54 PM

JB

“ Phyllis, Todd, and Tanya, I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. He always had a great story to tell and he seemed to always be trying to teach us youngsters something which you don't seem to realize when you are in High School but later in life your like "I get it now". I feel blessed to have known him and he will be missed. All of you will be in our thoughts and prayers. Love Jason and Janice

Jason Beshore - July 15, 2015 at 10:14 AM

AD

“ Phyllis, Todd & Tanya: We are so very sorry for your loss. It seems like only yesterday we were all together in the beach house kitchen for T&Ts wedding. His laughter and stories filled that house. A long life with great memories. All of our love and hugs to you all from St. Louis! Ryan and Ame

Amy Dickey - July 15, 2015 at 07:19 AM

JG

“ We are so sad to hear of Dave's passing. We had the privilege of calling Dave our friend. A true gentleman and a loving soul. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. Please be comforted by knowing how much Dave is loved by so many. He will truly be missed. Love, John and Diane

John and Diane Gibson - July 15, 2015 at 12:05 AM

BT

“ Dear Phyllis & Todd, I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. What a wonderful, kind & thoughtful man he was. My heart goes out to both of you & I pray God will give you His peace that passes all understanding. You have so many wonderful memories to cherish. Much Love & Blessings, Betty

Betty Turner - July 14, 2015 at 10:48 PM

MS

“ Dave was a great man and friend. He was the definition of a true southern gentleman. I will miss his kindness, story-telling, laughter and great sense o humor.

Mark SOUKUP - July 14, 2015 at 09:40 PM

RJ

“ Dear Phyllis, What a shock to hear that Dave diied. I was so glad to see you a few years ago here in Fort Collins. And it was so nice to have you at Our Saviours Lutheran Church. I know you would still like it. I will be looking for your newsy letter at Christmas and if you get to Fort Collins we'll have a good time. I am so sorry for your loss. Todd thanks for your letter. My Sympathy to you. Ramona

RAMONA JOHNSON - July 14, 2015 at 07:05 PM

ML

“ Dear Phyllis, Bob and I are deeply saddened to hear of Dave's passing. Our sincere condolences go out to you and all the family. It was such a privilege to have gotten to know our "Florida" neighbor, however, for too short of a time. May he forever rest in peace! We are thinking of you and hope you find strength to get through this sad time... Love, Marilyn and Bob

Marilyn Lepor - July 14, 2015 at 06:30 PM