



Mr. Sam "Sonny" Willie Davis

December 10, 1924 - November 13, 2015

Mr. Sam Willie "Sonny" Davis, 90, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully at 4:30 PM, Friday, November 13, 2015 at his residence surrounded by his family.

Sam was born on December 10, 1924 in Marlin, TX to Elizha and Verdia (Winfield) Davis. He accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age. He was a member of Christian Family Center Church, later renamed Heaven's View Christian Family Fellowship Church. He married Myra Jean Britt February 9, 1952 in Peoria. To their union five sons were born, Dennis, Eric, Samuel, Jay and Breelund. His wife, Myra Davis, preceded him in death on August 8, 1995.

Sam last worked at District 150 for 29 most of those years working as a custodian at Washington Gifted Middle School. He retired in 1985. He had also worked in construction for Noah Herman & Sons for many years.

Sam leaves to cherish his most precious memories three sons, Samuel K. Davis of Atlanta, GA, Jay B. Davis and Breelund D. Davis, Sr., both of Peoria; two brothers, William "Billy" Porter and Horace "Dell" Porter both of Peoria; one sister, Charlene Taylor of Dallas, TX; 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; his best friend Donny Glover of Missouri; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends who will miss him dearly. He is also preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Eric and Dennis Davis; five sisters and three brothers.

Sam was a loving husband, father and grandfather who never met a stranger.

He always had a joke or a story to tell, usually more than once. He loved to bar-be-que and throw fish frys.

Funeral services will be held at 10 AM, Saturday, November 21, 2015 at Heaven's View Christian Fellowship with a visitation one hour prior to the service beginning at 9 AM. Pastor Tony Pierce will officiate. Sam will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 21. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Heaven's View Christian Fellowship Church
602 W Richmond Ave.
Peoria, IL 61606
(309) 682-2360
heavensview.cfc@gmail.com
<http://www.heavensviewcf.org>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Sam "Sonny" Willie Davis*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Sam "Sonny" Willie Davis*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *This man touched my life in a way I cannot put into words, he helped me escape a life of misery, he freed me from terrible bondage I didn't think there was freedom from, I have since learned he has lost another son, the third one, he was such a wonderful presence on this earth, I offer my deepest condolences to the family at this time of yet another loss, may they be comforted in knowing he is with his earthly and heavenly father, RIP Breedlund, you shall suffer, no more, delight in the presence of your Mom, Dad, and brothers, once again.*



TB - March 14, 2020 at 10:03 PM

AM

“ *Condolences to the Davis Family, from the Matthews family. We all attend Washington Grade School. Mr. Davis had ordered Egg Foo Young from the Chan's Restaurant. He let a bunch of us kids taste his lunch. I told him when I grow up I was going to buy Egg Foo Young and I did. I want to order a different meal. I'm stuck on the same meal when I place my order. What a wonderful man he was to us. I'm sure Davis Family you all will miss GOD'S angel.*



Almetter Matthews-Knighten - November 21, 2015 at 04:21 PM

MI

“ *you have my sympathy at your loss. minnie of eureka*

minnie - November 20, 2015 at 08:00 PM

HS

“ *To The Davis Brothers and Family , The Gates Of Heaven Has Open Wide Once Again To Receive A Great Man , Mr. D Has Been Called Home To Be Reunited With The Love Of His Life and The Author Of His Precious Memories ... To My Brothers , You All Have Another Angel On Your Shoulders!*

Harold G. Smith Sr - November 20, 2015 at 05:19 AM



“ *'Mr. Davis,' as I knew him as a student at Washington Elementary in the 70's,, was as important a staff member as any of the teachers and administration, not so much because of the work he did to keep the old building up and running, but because of the kindness, the friendliness, and the good word he had for everyone. He used to perch near the end of the table where we got our hot lunches, usually offering some gentle teasing, a smile, and perhaps a word to help get the attention of the children who were not doing what they should. I don't know if he was aware of the positive impact he had on us; I hope he did.*

Sending warm condolences to his family and friends.

Susan

Susan Estridge - November 19, 2015 at 09:47 PM

JO

“ *Mr. Davis was one of a kind! He was such an important part of our Washington family! I remember he always had time to talk with us kids. I ran into him a couple of times later in life and he always remembered me. May you find peace in his passing and know that he was much loved and respected by the students at Washington!!*

*Joan Russell Ott
Class of '78*

Joan Ott - November 19, 2015 at 05:43 PM

TE

“ *Rest in peace Sam. I will miss you. Forever grateful to have met you>*

Teleia - November 19, 2015 at 09:50 AM

JD

“ To me, he'll always be "Mr. Davis," meant in the kindest regard and with loving respect. I think for most of the kids at school, his job may have been custodian, but his role was so much more than that. He was just a good man - a mentor, a happy spirit, a role model of how to live. Hence, he was Mr. Davis to us.

I feel guilty at some of the pranks we pulled on him - mainly unzipping the chalk collection bag on the vacuum he used to clean blackboard erasers, so that when he turned it on, he was enveloped in a thick yellow cloud of chalk dust, or leaning a metal folding chair against the door inside the boiler room so that when he opened the door, the metal chair would clatter down the metal stairs. It made a tremendous racket, and he'd usually call out one of our names, because he knew who was doing it. But he was always kind, and never held a grudge, knowing our mischief.

Maybe when I see you in heaven I'll be able to call you Sam. Even now, as I approach 60, that seems too casual, and you're still owed the respect that we have for you. We love you, Mr. Davis.

--John D., Huntingdon, PA

John Dickison - November 19, 2015 at 09:11 AM

MA

“Get up, get up, get on the rock it ain't quite day but it's 6 o'clock...” On numerous mornings that was Uncle Sonny's morning greeting when he entered our house. I remember the whole quote and often used it as my children grew. This is just one of many fond memories. I do not know when our fathers became friends but I do know I will truly miss the kind and gentle soul I found in Sonny Davis. To all the family my heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to you.



Marsha Yvonne (Glover)

Marsha - November 19, 2015 at 05:52 AM

MA

“Marsha sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sam "Sonny" Willie Davis



Marsha - November 17, 2015 at 06:53 PM