

Mr. Gary Wayne Davis

February 1, 1946 - November 13, 2014

Gary Wayne Davis, 68, of Dewey, OK, went to his eternal home Thursday, on the wings of angels.

Gary Wayne Davis was born February 1, 1946, in Cordell, Oklahoma, to Thurman and Erna (Pankratz) Davis. He spent his youth in Clinton, OK, graduating from Clinton High School in 1964. Gary attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University in nearby Weatherford, OK, and completed a bachelor of science degree in chemistry. Gary went on to do graduate school work in biochemistry at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK.

In 1969, Gary moved to Olathe, Kansas, to prepare for a call to the Nazarene ministry at Mid-American Nazarene College. While there, Gary met his future wife Brenda Fay Wedding and they married August 15, 1970. They spent 10 years pastoring in three of the four Oklahoma districts of the Nazarene church, including churches in Tulsa, Ponca City and Hugo.

In 1980, the Davis family, now with three young boys, moved to Dewey. Gary would work the next 28 years as a medical technologist at the Jane Phillips Medical laboratory. While he took his work and his service to patients very seriously, Gary was always clear about what was most important to him - his personal faith and his most precious family. In his personal words:

“What means the most to me? What makes life worth living?”

“First, I leave behind my loving wife of 44 years, Brenda, who still tells me often that she loves me. After all this passage of time, I’ve never comprehended why, but count myself fortunate that she gave me a chance to have a marriage and be a father.”

“Second, I leave behind four grown children of exceptional character whose conduct makes me proud to be their dad. I take no credit for the people they have become. They were just good kids and had a great mom, good teachers, pastors and church people around. I don’t have a wad of impressive degrees behind my name, not much to show for 68 years on this earth. But I bask in the accomplishments of my four children Carter, Grayson, Jeremy and Summer.”

“Third, I leave behind four individuals some might call in-laws. I do not. They are my children’s life partners: Jacqueline (Soh) Davis, Lisa (Nye) Davis, Crystal (Ruggles) Davis, and Gabe Bostick. How easy it was to take each of them in turn into our family circle. How each of you has enriched our lives.”

“Fourth, I leave behind 11 grandchildren! Austin, Amrose, Emma, Sadie, Jonathan, Levi, Braeden, Liam, Elijah, Rachel and Caleb – what promise lies in this group can only be imagined at this point. The future is bright!”

“Fifth, I leave behind my mother Erna (Pankratz) Davis of Clinton, whose prayers and Christian influence have established me in the Christian faith. Also, my two brothers Lyndon Ray and wife Terri of Cordell, OK, and Randall Eugene Davis of Moore, OK.”

“I was preceded in death by my father Thurman Davis from whom I learned honesty, a good work ethic and saw firsthand a man’s love for his family. I was

also preceded by my grandparents Otto and Bertha Pankratz.”

Gary was a kind, gentle man and he will be missed by his friends, his in-laws (Pat and John Takacs, Margie and Jack Turnbough, Shirley Wedding, Trinka Wedding, Peter Soh and Michele Soh) and extended family (Wynema and Verna). He is preceded in death by infant brothers Lynn and Dale, two brothers-in-law Joseph S. Wedding and Larry Wayne Wedding, sister-in-law Rebecca McKain, and two nephews Johnny Takacs and Tim Wedding.

Gary's family will receive friends at the Davis Family Funeral Home , 918-534-3030, 113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75), Dewey, on Sunday, Nov. 16, from 4-6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bartlesville Lighthouse Shelter, or to the Wasono Shrine Club Transportation Fund (Shriner Hospitals for Children), both in care of Davis Family Funeral Home, 113 S. Osage, Dewey, OK 74029.

Funeral services will be held Monday, Nov. 17, 2014, at 2 p.m., Bartlesville First Church of the Nazarene, and followed by interment at Dewey Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home.

Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with Gary's family at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15**. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Visitation

NOV **16**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
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Gathering of Friends and Family

NOV **16**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
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Visitation

NOV 17. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Service

NOV 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Church of the Nazarene
3650 SE Adams Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006
<http://www.bfcnaz.org>

Tribute Wall



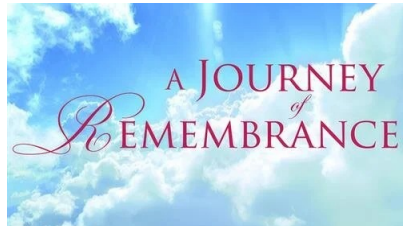
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Davis Family Funeral Home - November 21, 2014 at 04:37 PM



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Davis Family Funeral Home - November 15, 2014 at 02:56 PM



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Davis Family Funeral Home - November 21, 2014 at 09:15 AM

VK

“ We are so very sorry for your loss of your father. He was always so nice to us and to our family during the recent loss and funeral of our mother Imogene "Jean" Harvey. Your father was a wonderful man and such an asset to the Davis Family Funeral Home. We have appreciated your whole family and your personal services.
Sincerely, the Louis Harvey Family

Vicki Kerr - November 20, 2014 at 05:16 PM



“ I always appreciated seeing his smile whenever he'd come visit Brenda in the office. I could tell how much you loved him and how much he meant to you. I'm glad Brenda, that you got to spend these last few years with him and all the family. You are in my prayers.
God bless your family.

Marta Bentley - November 19, 2014 at 06:37 PM

EB

“ Always enjoyed working with you! Elizabeth



Elizabeth Booth - November 17, 2014 at 05:35 PM

MS

“ Monica Silva purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Gary Wayne Davis.



Monica Silva - November 17, 2014 at 07:20 AM

HB

“ *Wonderful man and know he will be missed. Ed and Helen Bristol*

Helen Bristol - November 16, 2014 at 06:37 PM

TR

“ *Bob and I are so very sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of meeting and treating Gary in therapy a few years ago. He was a very sweet and loving man who loved his family. Rest in peace Gary. Bob and Tracy Rowe*

Tracy Rowe - November 15, 2014 at 04:15 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Wayne Davis.*



November 15, 2014 at 10:34 AM

WP

“ We, the Menno Schmidt family, have been blessed to have had Gary in our family all these years. Verna & I remember childhood days of enjoying 4th of July fireworks and homemade ice cream down the years. Gary's Dad loved to play tricks on us country folks. (Gary's Mother, Erna, is actually our cousin but we grew up feeling like Gary and his brothers were our cousins). After Gary's family and my little family moved to Eastern Oklahoma, it was so good to know that if I was homesick for extended family I could reach out to Gary's family. Brenda has become a good friend and it is always enjoyable to visit with them. The last time Verna & I visited Gary I told him that God knew what He was doing when He gave Gary a nurse to be his helpmeet. Through FaceBook I have come to know and love the children & their families. Gary was truly blessed as he blessed others.

Wynema Schmidt Pohlman

Wynema Schmidt Pohlman - November 14, 2014 at 08:50 PM

AB

“ I remember spending the night with Summer and waking up to Gary's amazing breakfasts! He has always been a very sweet man and the world has truly lost a loving soul! I am so sorry for your loss...Brenda, Summer and all your families are in my prayers.-
Amanda Porter Bell

Amanda Porter Bell - November 14, 2014 at 07:58 PM

JD

“ I am very sorry for your loss Brenda Summer Carter Grayson and Jeremy Your husband and Dad was such a gentle and caring person full of Gods love , He was sure a shining light to point to Christ ! he will be missed and I know Heaven is rejoicing that he's truly home and I also rejoice and also celebrate his life well lived well done thy good and faithful servant ! Love and prayers Jullen and Stan Dillon and family

Juleen Dillon - November 14, 2014 at 12:04 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Wayne Davis.



November 14, 2014 at 09:50 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Wayne Davis.



November 14, 2014 at 08:03 AM