



## Mr. James Ivan Davis Sr.

May 9, 1927 - June 12, 2023

It is with deep sorrow that the Davis family announces the death of their beloved father, Mr. James I. Davis, Sr. 96. The Directors of Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor his life will be held at 11 o'clock, on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at St. Andrew Church of God. The Rev. Scott Hodge and The Rev. Ron Davis will officiate, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, from 4:00 until 6:00 pm at Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home.

James I. Davis, Sr. went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on June 12, 2023. He and his wife, Olivia, were married on June 12, 1949; and she went to heaven in 2016. James was reunited with his bride exactly 74 years after their first union.

Mr. Davis, 96, was born in Lee County in 1927. He was a graduate of Ashwood High School. He was a member of St. Andrew Church of God, where he served faithfully as a Sunday School teacher and in several other leadership positions for many years. He was a World War II Army veteran, where he served as a paratrooper in Japan.

He served as Clerk of Court in Lee County for thirty-six years, retiring in 2016,

just four months before turning ninety years old. Before being elected to Clerk of Court for the first of nine times, he owned and operated City Auto Sales.

He enjoyed reading his Bible daily and praying for so many people each day. He kept a list of the many people for whom he prayed. His family will carry many memories with them, but one of the most memorable will be his words, "God has blessed me so much." and "There are not many families like ours." He was the reason for his unique family.

James was preceded in death by his wife, Olivia Turner Davis; his parents, Romaine and Mattie Davis; brothers, Everett Davis, Manton Davis, and Wayne Davis; and sisters, Virginia Foxworth and Linda Deas.

He is survived by his sons, Jimmy Davis (Jodi) of Bishopville, SC, Ron Davis (Lucy) of Sumter, SC, Reed Davis (Teresa) of Bishopville, SC; Daughter, Beverly Grantham (Smylie, deceased) of Bishopville, SC; sister, Cora Lee Francis of Statesboro, GA; grandchildren, Hope Barrett (Paul), Lauren Davis, Ron Davis, Jr. (Kerstin), Kelly Davis, David Atkinson (Tonya), Robbie Jackson (Rebecca), Andy Jackson, Joey Jackson (Paige), Lawrence West, Reed Davis, Jr.; great-grandchildren, Bryce Barrett, Caleigh Barrett, Kaitlyn Davis, Brett Davis, Sam Liberty, M Liberty, Savannah Hicks (Zach), Chance Jackson, Nick Jackson, Grayson Jackson, Wyatt Jackson, Kole Jackson, Mason Jackson, Owen Atkinson, James Atkinson, Charlotte West, Ryllynn West, Adam West, and Kennedy Davis.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Andrew Church of God Cemetery

4238 Red Hill Road  
Camden, SC 29020

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **14**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home  
200 West Church Street  
Bishopville, SC 29010

## Funeral Service

JUN **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew Church of God  
4238 Red Hill Road  
Camden, SC 29020

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Ivan Davis Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ivan Davis Sr..*



June 14, 2023 at 10:24 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ivan Davis Sr..*



June 14, 2023 at 10:24 PM



“ *Your family at American Forest Mgmt. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. James Ivan Davis Sr..*



**Your family at American Forest Mgmt. - June 14, 2023 at 01:44 PM**



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ivan Davis Sr..*



June 14, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ivan Davis Sr..*



June 14, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ivan Davis Sr..*



June 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ *Lucile Benjamin Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Ivan Davis Sr.*



**Lucile Benjamin Thomas** - June 14, 2023 at 08:49 AM

TK

“ Tina M Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Ivan Davis Sr.



Tina M Kelley - June 13, 2023 at 10:33 PM

CA

“ Clarence And Jan Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Ivan Davis Sr.



Clarence And Jan Atkinson - June 13, 2023 at 08:23 PM

CM

“ Clara McElveen lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Ivan Davis Sr.



Clara McElveen - June 13, 2023 at 07:42 PM

CM

*To the family of James Davis. So sorry to hear of his death. He was one of Bishoville's finest men and will be greatly missed by all. He served many years as our Treasure and was loved by all who knew him. May God give each of his family members comfort, strength and peace know that he is enjoying Heaven with his lovely wife Olivia. Clara McElveen!*

Clara McElveen - June 13, 2023 at 07:48 PM

AH

“ *Annette Logan Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Ivan Davis Sr.*



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**Annette Logan Hopkins** - June 13, 2023 at 04:52 PM

AH

*So sorry for your loss He will be missed by so many Love,Prayers and sympathy to the family*

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**Annette Logan Hopkins** - June 13, 2023 at 04:53 PM

MH

*In my estimation, there was never a finer man. I pray that God will anoint or appoint someone to take up his mantle. He never changed his manner. May God bless the family in the same manner that James blessed others.*

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**Myrtle and John A. Hancock** - June 13, 2023 at 05:38 PM

NE

*He was a kind, faithful man that everyone thought so much of and I know you will certainly miss him as we all will! Praying for peace for all the family during this time.*

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**Nancy Wilson Elliott** - June 15, 2023 at 04:48 PM

SB

“ *Stan And Myra Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Ivan Davis Sr.*



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**Stan and Myra Brown** - June 13, 2023 at 03:09 PM

SG

“ *My deepest sympathies.* ”



Sandy Reynolds Gough - June 13, 2023 at 02:46 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ivan Davis Sr..* ”



June 13, 2023 at 12:55 PM

MB

“ *Matt And Betsy Bramlett lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Ivan Davis Sr.* ”



Matt and Betsy Bramlett - June 13, 2023 at 12:13 PM

CF

“ *James was such a precious man as a friend and as a colleague. I know he will be missed by many. Prayers for his family and for his former office family.* ”



Cindy Forte - June 13, 2023 at 10:39 AM

WK

“ *Windi King lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Ivan Davis Sr.*



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**Windi King** - June 13, 2023 at 10:09 AM

GH

“ *So sorry for your loss! Prayers for the family*



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**Guy&April Howell** - June 13, 2023 at 10:02 AM