



## James Davis

June 25, 1932 - February 6, 2014

James (Jim) Lewis Davis, 81, of Nitro, formerly of St. Albans entered heaven's gate on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at CAMC Memorial Division, Charleston where he joined his beloved wife of 59 years, Virginia (Jenny Lee) Holstein Davis.

He was born June 25, 1932, in Charleston to the late James Watson and Recca Nelle Davis. Also preceding him in death was his grandson Andrew James Armstrong of St. Albans and brother, George K. Davis of Princeton.

Jim served in the United States Navy during the Korean War. After working at FMC Corp., he began his family legacy by using his gift of doing auto body repair and opening Davis Auto Repair in St. Albans. After many years, he developed his business and offered access to West Virginia by providing auto body parts and accessories, opening D.A.R. Collision Parts, Inc. Upon deciding to retire, his three daughters and son-in-laws purchased D.A.R. and continue today as a family business with twelve employees. His hard work and honest values were recognized by his induction into "Who's Who in America" and a nominee of WV Entrepreneur of the Year. Because Jim never realized his importance to the community, he declined the nomination so someone else could be blessed with this honor. This was our dad....always giving so someone else may receive the blessing! He was a former member of the national Certified Auto Parts Association and Auto Body Parts

Association.

Jim was a Christian and attended St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Nitro.

He is survived by his three daughters, Recca (Bob) Vickers of St. Albans, Nancy (Laurence) Armstrong of St. Albans and Sandra (Dave) Stewart of Nitro; brother Donald Davis of St. Albans and sister Nancy Burgess of Venice, FL; grandchildren Rob Vickers of Huntington, Abby Vickers of St. Albans, Matt Armstrong of St. Albans, Katie Stewart and Cassie Stewart of Nitro; great-grandchild Lilli Vickers of St. Albans; special "adopted" daughter Julia Black of Romance; and many nieces and nephews.

Jim was a wonderful husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend to many. He spent his entire life helping others and doing many good deeds anonymously.

A celebration of life service will be held 1pm Monday, February 10, 2014 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 20th Street, Nitro, with Pastor Mark Smith and Rev. Nancy White officiating. Burial will follow service at Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans, with military honors by the VFW.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 5pm, Sunday at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, St. Albans.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Kristen and Whitney for your love and support. Also, thank you to the wonderful Nurses, Doctors, and Staff of CAMC Memorial Open Heart Recovery ICU, Respiratory Therapy, Heart Cath Unit, and 4th Floor West Unit for your compassion, guidance, and friendship!

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to St.

Paul's UMC "Boots for Babes", a program providing area children each year with new shoes and a very special mission for Jim.

# Cemetery Details

## Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane  
Saint Albans, WV 25177

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **9**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home  
409 Sixth Avenue  
St. Albans, WV 25177  
(304) 727-4325  
info@chapmanfuneralhomes.com  
<http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church  
2008 20th Street  
Nitro, WV

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Davis*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Dear Reca, the Gillespies in Houston send their most heartfelt condolences to all of you. Your Dad was a great influence on our family and a wonderful role model. Steve, Mom and I have very fond memories of your Dad. We know how much you miss him, but he has left a great legacy for all of you that will be with you always.*

*Much love from Steve, Kassie, and Karen P*

**Karen Perdue** - February 10, 2014 at 07:47 PM



*Thanks guys. I'm struggling with this so bad. Dont know how to live without him.its been heartbreaking to say the least. Thanks again!!! You all take care! Love Reca*

**Reca Vickers** - February 13, 2014 at 08:07 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about your Dad ,he and your family mean't alot to me. Steve Gillespie*

**Steve Gillespie** - February 10, 2014 at 02:03 PM



*I know he did, as you to us. He looked at you like a son. Jimmy Tim young mark miles bobby null all came. Good to see them. Take care, if you're up here give us a yell! Love Reca*

**Reca Vickers** - February 13, 2014 at 08:10 AM

NW

“ Loved talking to your Dad and Grandfather. He shared a lot of wonderful stories with me when I'd meet him while shopping and also across the fence on W. 12th. Street. He was so proud of his family and loved each of his grandchildren so much!!! He will be missed by so many in the community!

Nancy Westlund - February 10, 2014 at 10:38 AM

RV

Thank you for your kind words. Reca

Reca Vickers - February 13, 2014 at 09:47 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James Davis.



February 09, 2014 at 07:35 AM

EM

“ Dear Reca, Nancy and Sandy,

We are so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sorry I won't be able to attend the services. I am spending time in Louisiana with Kathy. Love you, Evelyn and Family

Evelyn McComas - February 08, 2014 at 08:49 PM

RV

Thank you Evelyn. Too much too soon. Very hard. Reca

Reca Vickers - February 13, 2014 at 08:11 AM

BS

“ *Barbara Sinopoli lit a candle in memory of James Davis*



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**Barbara Sinopoli** - February 08, 2014 at 02:07 PM

RV

*Thank you Barbara.*

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**Reca Vickers** - February 08, 2014 at 02:42 PM

BS

“ *Dear Nancy, Reca and Sandy, your Dad was such a warm and genuine person. He will be missed greatly. Know that our thoughts, prayers and wishes of comfort are with each of you and your families. May the many wonderful memories you have of your Dad help ease the difficult times when you miss him. Surely he is smiling now that he is with your Mom. With much love and sympathy, Barbara and Pete Sinopoli*

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**Barbara Sinopoli** - February 08, 2014 at 02:06 PM

RV

*Thanks guys. It doesnt seem real. Love Reca*

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**Reca Vickers** - February 13, 2014 at 08:12 AM

BB

“ *Reca I never knew your dad though I think I met him once at the body shop. From reading his obituary and what you wrote about your dad on FB last night, he was a wonderful person. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family during this time. I pray that God will give you all some peace and comfort. Hugs and much love to you Reca. I'm sorry I can't be there.*

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**Berta Bratton** - February 08, 2014 at 01:48 PM

RV

*Thank you friend! I appreciate your love and prayers. Love Reca*

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**Reca Vickers** - February 13, 2014 at 08:14 AM

RH

“ *Basically growing up in the Davis home as a teenager, I have many memories of "Dad" Davis. The one that really sticks in my mind is when he put on "Mom" Davis's wig and came in Sandys room to entertain us. I have always called him my own personal Johnny Carson.*

*Sandy, Nancy and Reca, I am so sorry for yor loss, but remember he is finally with the love of his life again. I, for one, want him to meet me at the gates of heaven with your moms wig on.*

*Love to you all,  
Renee*

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**Renee Harper** - February 08, 2014 at 08:41 AM

RV

*Oh Renee I want to see that !! Thank you! Xo Reca*

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**Reca Vickers** - February 08, 2014 at 10:12 AM



PA

“ So sorry for your loss. He will always be in your heart. Take with you all the happy memories you had when you girls were growing up and sit back and laugh. Those will be happy times as well. Paul and Peggy Allison

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**Peggy Allison** - February 08, 2014 at 08:13 AM

RV

Thank you Peggy and Paul!!!Reca

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**Reca Vickers** - February 08, 2014 at 10:13 AM

NH

“ My Dear Friend Reca,  
I did not know your Dad personally- but through you and the amazing person that you are. What an incredible job he did raising you with such Character, Compassion and Strength--He was truly all that God loves about His Children. Heaven just added a Wonderful Angel..... May your many memories become a garden of healing...  
With Much Love,  
Nancy --Your Sister in Spirit xoxo

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**Nancy Harper** - February 08, 2014 at 07:52 AM

RV

Thank you friend!! And for the planter. Love you!!! Reca

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**Reca Vickers** - February 08, 2014 at 10:14 AM

SN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember your Dad's smile and happy personality. I know your Mom and Dad are together rejoicing in heaven. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Sandi Neal*

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**sandi neal** - February 08, 2014 at 07:28 AM

RV

*Thank you Sandi!! Reca*

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**Reca Vickers** - February 08, 2014 at 10:15 AM

JS

“ Nancy, Reca, and Sandy I am so very sorry to hear of your precious Daddy's passing. I have also lost a dear friend as he has always been a favorite of mine. In the early years of our business I often had to run up to pick up some parts and as luck would have it Jim would usually be at the counter and we would have us a great time sharing stories..... of course my 5 minute trip became an hour of fun for me! I will miss him! My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this most difficult and heartbreaking time. Love to all of you.

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**Judy Smith** - February 08, 2014 at 12:53 AM

RV

*Thank you so much Judy, he loved people! He always liked you and David too!!*

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**Reca Vickers** - February 08, 2014 at 08:09 AM

PR

“ *The times that I had the honor to shake the hand of this fine man, I could tell immediately he was a man of conviction, warmth, strength and love for his entire family. That's rare these days and a hard parlay to beat. He'll be missed while at the same time being remembered, revered, and forever loved by his fine family.*

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**Patrick Rader** - February 07, 2014 at 11:51 PM

RV

*Thank you Patrick for your kind words! They mean a lot.Reca*

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**Reca Vickers** - February 08, 2014 at 08:10 AM

RC

“ *Jim was a very kind person.He would stop in my office and share stories and life experiences. He definitely left an impression on my life.God bless him and his family.*

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**Roger Chambers** - February 07, 2014 at 05:31 PM

RD

“ *Nancy, Reca and Sandy, I am so sorry for your loss. I can't even imagine how difficult this must be for your family, so close to the passing of your mom! I'm sure they are hugging in heaven, so happy to be back together again, You all will be in my prayers  
Robin Nelson Dwyer*

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**Robin Dwyer** - February 07, 2014 at 04:26 PM

RC

“ *Jim always had a smile. He would stop by my office for a visit and share his stories and life experiences. He definitely left an impression on me and my life. Jim will sadly be missed. God bless Jim and his family. Roger Chambers*



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**Roger Chambers** - February 07, 2014 at 03:29 PM

RV

*Thank you Roger , he sure respected you and enjoyed talking with you.  
Reca*

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**Reca Vickers** - February 08, 2014 at 06:53 AM