



Clarence (Fred) Davis

September 21, 1931 - November 30, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Clarence (Fred) Davis

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Clarence (Fred) Davis, age 94 passed on November 30, 2025 at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale surrounded by loved ones.

Fred was born on September 21, 1931 to Clarence and Anna (Heininger) Davis. He married Donna (Carter) Davis on September 20, 1997; she survives.

Fred was a Veteran of the United States Air Force serving during the Korean war, after returning home Fred attended SIU University graduating as a Mechanical Engineer. Fred then pursued becoming a Private Charter and Commercial IFR rated Airline Pilot At which time he ended up owning his own flight school at SI Airport. As Instructor, he taught many people in the region. As part of his service, he filled in for Air Illinois when needed. Fred was the

owner and operator of Davis Excavating Service For 60 years and was known for his endless days on a track hoe, taking pride in turning dirt into masterpiece's. His technique was unmatched and was one of his greatest successes. Fred was a member of Local 318 Operating Engineers for 60 years. Fred enjoyed many hobbies such as motocross racing where he took first place trophies at the age of 42. Fred had a passion for street bike riding and was a member of the BMW riders club. He had an avid love of golf. He was fluent in multiple languages and could often be heard teaching himself to learn a new one. Of all the things Fred enjoyed his greatest passion was for flying. Some of his flight adventures included flying attorneys to court rooms across the country, the transport of patients to medical destinations including their final resting place. He traveled the country including flights to Alaska for hunting trips. He held close to his heart the many friends that flew with him and that he met along the way. His stories were fascinating. When asked if he ever grew tired of flying his response was "No, I love it up here, no pain, no sorrow, no sadness, no war or hunger, just me and God." Fred fulfilled his later years spending time with his two brothers, Jim and Don proclaiming to solve the world's problems. Most likely if you were to see Fred, he was on his lawn mower for the love of running equipment. The people that come to know Fred were fascinated to listen to the many ventures of Fred's life and enjoyed stopping by for a story or two.

Other Survivors include three sons, Mark E Davis of Carbondale, IL, Fred Davis of St. Petersburg, FL, son by choice, Jan Mazurek of Cobden IL. three daughters, Annette Bloodworth of Herrin IL, Janet (Leonard) Davis Rhodes of Clearwater, FL, and Diane (Jim) Kolmes of Chicago, IL, two brothers, Jim (Faith) Davis and Don Davis, one sister in-law Jennifer (William) Wyatt, two brothers in- law, David Carter and Jeff (Judy) Carter, 18 grandchildren, and many great grandchildren, along with many loved nieces and nephews

Preceding him in death are his parents and two sons, Randy Davis and Kevin

Davis, two sisters, Anna Rose Davis of Murphysboro and Maude Sides of Anna.

Funeral Service with Full Military Rites accorded by the American Legion Post 127 will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 4:00 PM with Rev. Jim Easton officiating at Crain Pleasant Grove – Murdale Funeral Home. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM at the funeral home.

Inurnment will be held at later date at Murdale Gardens of Memory.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Murdale Gardens of Memory

137 Murdale Gardens Rd
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (cst)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
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Funeral Service

DEC 6. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ It’s been a long while since I saw Fred but I was glad to know him back in the old days. He was a really nice person. Sending sympathy and love to Donna.

Jane Boyd - December 06, 2025 at 09:35 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clarence (Fred) Davis.



December 05, 2025 at 12:10 PM

CP

“ Our sincere condolences to the Davis Family. Fred worked many times for my Dad Paul Parrish. He was one of the best backhoe operators I’ve ever seen. My dad and I also took flight lessons from Fred. I have many fond memories of Fred.

Curtis Parrish - December 05, 2025 at 10:54 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Clarence (Fred) Davis.



December 04, 2025 at 11:06 AM

BB

“ *Sincere condolences to the family.*

Bill Bloodworth - December 04, 2025 at 06:47 AM

LB

“ *Sorry to read about Fred's passing. Condolences to Donna and all his family and friends. We worked with Fred for many years and have great memories of times spent with him. Jim and Linda Biethman*



Linda Biethman - December 03, 2025 at 10:59 PM

TG

“ *The Simonds Group purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Clarence (Fred) Davis.*



The Simonds Group - December 03, 2025 at 09:26 AM

MB

“ *My sincere sympathy in your loss. Memories of Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church from my youth abound. Marjorie Blessing*

Marjorie Blessing - December 02, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Clarence (Fred) Davis.



December 02, 2025 at 10:41 AM