



Philip K Davis

August 29, 1931 - June 23, 2015

Philip K. Davis, 83 of Carbondale, passed away on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at his home.

He was born August 29, 1931 in Effingham to Charles and Mary (Perring) Davis.

He grew up the youngest of 6 on a farm attending school in a one room school house. He graduated from Effingham High School in 1949. After one year of college, he joined the Air Force where he served from 1951-1955. When he returned home pining over a young woman from Fort Worth, Texas; his father wisely advised him to "go get that girl and marry her." Phillip married Elizabeth Lasater on May 19, 1955. Together they shared 60 wonderful years of marriage.

Philip attended the University of Texas in Austin where he earned a Bachelor's and Master's degree. He then accepted a job for Boeing Aircraft in Wichita, Kansas, but soon discovered that teaching was his true calling. He then attended the University of Michigan earning a Master's and PHD in Fluid Mechanics. He taught at SIU from 1964 to 1993 and was chairman of the department of Civil Engineering and Mechanics during much of that time. He was not only a teacher but a mentor to many students. As much as Philip loved to teach engineering, his truest passion became teaching others about

Christ. He was active in Grand Avenue Christian Church as an Elder for many years. He enjoyed teaching Bible Studies and spent much time comforting, counseling and serving others. Many people looked to him as a father in the Christian faith. Philip enjoyed making crosses out of nails which he gave to anyone who asked and more recently he authored a booklet, "the Most Important Decision of All", to share with others the love and forgiveness of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. He was so blessed to receive testimonies of people being touched by the truths in his booklet. Philip was a true example of a Godly husband, father and grandfather. We know that he has gone home to be with his Lord, but he will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth Davis of Carbondale; 2 precious daughters, Lisa (Michael) Lipe of Little Rock, AR; Sheila Davis of Louisville, KY; 2 wonderful grandchildren, Jessica and Joshua Lipe of Little Rock, AR; a sister and brother, Beulah Brown and Warren Davis, of Vandalia; a sister-in-law, Ruth Davis of Ft. Myers, FL; nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers, Kenneth Davis and Noble Davis and a sister, Mildred Hall.

Visitation will be Friday, June 26, 2015 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at Grand Avenue Christian Church in Carbondale and on Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 10:00 am until the hour of the service.

Funeral Services for Philip K. Davis will be Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 11:00 am at Grand Avenue Christian Church in Carbondale with Rev. Jon Hughes and Rev. Doug Cherry officiating.

Interment will be at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park. Full Military Rites will be accorded.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Grand Avenue Christian Church and /or Active Ministry, c/o Grand Avenue Christian Church.

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

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Philip K Davis*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I owe Dr Davis a great debt, for inspiring me through his teaching and mentoring to enter his profession, and especially for his example of quiet integrity and faithfulness to his family and our Lord. A true gentleman and man of God.*

Gary Coleman

Gary Coleman - July 02, 2015 at 04:46 PM



A wonderful man full of kindness and Christ like ness He blessed us for decades as we know he blessed so many others

patty Morman - March 01, 2017 at 08:48 PM



“ *Dear Lisa and family, I'm so sorry for the loss of your father and the sadness it brings. I want you all to know how much we love you all and pray for comfort and peace.*

Nicole Noel - June 30, 2015 at 06:38 PM

MW

“ Dear Lisa and family,
My deepest condolences for the loss of your wonderful father.
Having loss both my parents, one suddenly and the other after a long illness I understand the pain of loss.
Although I never met him, his kindness and love of the lord are present in you and your sister. He will always be with you in your heart.
My prayers will be with you for the days ahead as you work to decide the best path for your family.
Please let me know if there is anything I can do here in Little Rock to help out with your kids.
I am always available to talk as well.
Blessings and love
Mary Anne Wildman

Mary Anne Wildman - June 30, 2015 at 06:36 AM

RS

“ Lisa and family, we are so sorry for the sudden loss of your dad. Mine passed unexpectedly too, at age 70, so I can empathize with the deep grief and loss you feel. All I can say is The Lord is faithful to carry you, bring memories to keep him close, Holy Spirit comfort and strength to help as you traverse the path of caregiver, and details in the coming weeks. We will help with kids in LR if needed, or be a listening ear or shoulder. Praying and loving y'all, Rita and Kent Stone

Rita O'Kelley Stone - June 29, 2015 at 08:22 PM

JS

“ Dear Lisa and family,
We were so sad to hear about the loss of your precious dad! Having lost both of my parents in the last few years, I can certainly feel for you! We also had many complex and painful decisions to make at those times. You will be in our hearts and prayers in the days ahead. Praying for comfort, peace, wisdom, patience and blessing as you move forward. Love you, Jeanie and Wayne

Jeanie Smith - June 29, 2015 at 10:30 AM

KJ

“ Lisa,
What a legacy your father left! "The Most Important Decision of All" will hopefully be read by many and should be our prayers for others to make. We are praying for you and your family during this difficult time; praying all arrangements go smoothly.
Kathy and Graham Johnson

Kathy Johnson - June 28, 2015 at 12:20 PM

KH

“ Lisa,
I am so very sorry for your loss. Although I didn't know your dad, I know what a wonderful caregiver he was for your mom and how you depended on him. I am praying for you all, both as you grieve his loss on this earth and as you figure out how to go forward and make sure your mom has the best care possible without your dad.

Much love from Little Rock!
Karen

Karen Huber - June 28, 2015 at 10:07 AM

LE

“ To the family of Phillip K. Davis from your neighbors to the north, Lt. Col. Thomas B. Engram and daughter Cheryl Engram Francis. We were sorry to hear of Phillips untimely passing. We send our heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.

Our Blessings,

Thomas and Cheryl

Lt. Col. Thomas B. Engram - June 27, 2015 at 12:09 PM

KM

“ Sending my condolences to the Davis family. Precious memories with Phil at University Baptist Church and at special occasions at Murdale Baptist services and potlucks. Was honored to know him thru his service to SIU, the churches, and faithfulness strong with his family. Keep his legacy alive in your hearts, souls, and minds. We treasure his friendship thru the years. Kevin and Nancy McNeely of Springfield IL and Karen McNeely McMinn of Carbondale IL.



Karen McMinn - June 26, 2015 at 09:18 PM

CM

“ Wow, what a shock. He's with the Lord but gosh what a shock for those left behind. Such a good, godly man. I have his voice on my answering machine from a message he left 3 years ago ordering some eggs. I kept it because he sounds so appreciative of the chickens and says "we appreciate those eggs". I am laughing a bit just as I "hear" him saying that. Prayers for the family and Liz. Those two were such a great example of a godly marriage. Rest in peace saint of God.
Christine Mize, Murphysboro

Christine Mize - June 24, 2015 at 01:36 PM