



Wilbur Jefferson Davis

April 30, 1928 - January 21, 2021

Retired LCDR Wilbur Jefferson “Jeff” Davis, 92, of Mooresville, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Thursday, January 21, 2021, after struggling with a brief illness. He passed away at home, with his family by his side.

He was born on April 30, 1928 in Chillicothe, Ohio, to the late Clinton C. and Emma May Davis. Jeff proudly served in the United States Coast Guard for 30 years. He was a devoted member of Central United Methodist Church of Mooresville. He was a Mason with the Great Bridge Masonic Lodge #257 in Chesapeake, Virginia, and he faithfully supported countless charitable organizations.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 15 brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Sally Smith Davis; daughters, Susan Midgette, Sandy Lane (Frank), Cheryl Seeley (Fred); 12 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, and 8 great-great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and their families.

His legacy is one of helping anyone who needed help. He loved openly, and he will be greatly missed. Until we meet again, goodbye for now...Jeff, Daddy, and Poppy.

A private family service will be held at 11:00 AM on February 2, 2021 with Rev. Ross O'Neil officiating. For those who are unable to attend the service, you may go to the following link for the live stream <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC864hAs96dTRLVVL1la0Qlw/videos?view=2&flow=list>

A private graveside service will be held at 1:00 PM on February 2 at the Salisbury National Cemetery. For those who are unable to attend the graveside, you may go to the following link for the live stream <https://www.facebook.com/CavinCookFuneralHomeServices/>

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Central United Methodist Church, 214 N Academy St, Mooresville, NC 28115 or a charitable organization of your choice.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Davis family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall



“ *Wilbur Jefferson Davis*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Wilbur Jefferson Davis*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Wilbur Jefferson Davis*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Poppy’s granddaughter, Kristen and I went to Pfeiffer together, became best friends and have continued to maintain that close relationship. Being that I was from NY I had the privilege to spend holidays and weekends with Nana and Poppy those four years of college. It is crazy that over the last 20 years I have lived close to Poppy and Nana which meant that the holiday visits and weekend family gatherings have continued to be a part of my life. Poppy had the sweetest face. A smile that is unforgettable. He was a gentle and kind man. Funny and sly too!!!! You could tell how much he loved his family and especially Nana. Their banter was sweet and funny!! Nana- I’m sorry he is no longer with us but you know he is not far from you. Poppy’s grandson Mason said it beautifully.... “ He was the light in the dark for a lot of people”.*

Sending hugs to each and every one of you.

-Ashley Fry

Ashley Fry - February 03, 2021 at 07:14 AM

MR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Michael Roberts - February 02, 2021 at 01:25 PM

DP

“ Thank you so much Davis family for posting Jeffs service on line.
Beautiful!

Donna Park - February 02, 2021 at 01:09 PM

MR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Michael Roberts - February 02, 2021 at 12:14 PM

TJ

“ Terry, Nicole, and Josh purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Wilbur Jefferson Davis.



Terry, Nicole, and Josh - February 02, 2021 at 10:35 AM

TL

“ Jeff always had a huge smile every time I saw him with this family. It was clear he had his values right.

Terry Lane - February 02, 2021 at 09:43 AM

MR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Michael Roberts - February 01, 2021 at 01:02 PM

SS

What beautiful memories, thank you for sharing Jeff with us. We will miss him dearly and never be forgotten. We love you all. Barbara and Sandi

sandra smith - February 01, 2021 at 08:31 PM

JL

This was so beautiful. Not a dry eye here. Love you Uncle Jeff. You will be missed.

Julie J. Little - February 02, 2021 at 09:25 PM

PH

“ Pam, Joe, Kirbie, Kadence, Payton and Hadlee purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Wilbur Jefferson Davis.



Pam, Joe, Kirbie, Kadence, Payton and Hadlee - February 01, 2021 at 09:10 AM

SD

“ Jeff was a dear man who loved unconditionally. He was such a blessing to everyone. He always had a smile and a word of encouragement to all he met. To know him was to love him. He will be greatly missed at Central UMC. May he rest in the arms of our Lord. Hugs to you, my friend.
Much Love to the Davis family. Peace. Debbie Smith

Smith Debbie - January 30, 2021 at 01:13 PM

BM

“ Barbara, Sandi, Donnie, Millie, David, and Maryann purchased the Sentiments of Serenity S pray for the family of Wilbur Jefferson Davis.



Barbara, Sandi, Donnie, Millie, David, and Maryann - January 28, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilbur Jefferson Davis.



January 26, 2021 at 08:24 PM

MM

“ I remember my greatest memory of Poppy being a visit to North Carolina. My mom and I were over at his and Nana’s house. Poppy was sitting on the porch in his chair, and I sat next to him. I had asked him about his adventures in the Coast Guard, and he told me all about it. We were sitting there for about an hour, and I was just listening to him telling me everything with such enthusiasm. About moving from place to place, or meeting new friends, and even about how he had met Nana, and about how she was the girl he was going to marry. It was such a blessing to be able to see him talk, laugh, and smile. Wherever he was, I knew he was going to bring a smile to everyone’s face. He was the light in the dark for a lot of people, and I’m honored to have met such a great man in my life. I will never forget him for as long as I live, and I’m sure everyone else can say the same. -Mason McVerry

Mason McVerry - January 24, 2021 at 08:13 AM

RS

“ I was privileged to be Jeff and Sally’s pastor for seven years. Jeff’s sense of humor, lightness with himself, and his always maturing and fresh faith encouraged me and so many others. He never pointed to himself, but to others. He was a most genuine gentleman, disciple of Christ, and person of great significance and wisdom. I miss his hearty laughs to this day. Prayers for Sally and all the family and friends. May his memory be a blessing.

Randy Sherrill - January 23, 2021 at 03:55 PM

KM

“ My favorite memory of Poppy was us dancing at Clint and Emily’s wedding. Not a normal slow dance either but to “Blurred Lines”. He had the biggest smile to match his heart. I am grateful I was with him to hold his hand as he left this world. He gave me blood as a child during a critical time and I was here to provide him comfort during his ❤️❤️

Kristen McVerry - January 23, 2021 at 02:58 PM

DO

Debbie Mac Lean Olson
I have many beautiful memories of my Uncle Jeff from a little girl till now. I was very blessed to have visited him and my Aunt Sally and cousins a few years ago. It was a wonderful visit that I will cherish forever. My prayers and love to my family. A special hug and kiss to my wonderful Aunt Sally.

Debbie Olson - January 23, 2021 at 03:41 PM

JL

As a military family, sometimes the only family you had wherever you were stationed was the family you made with other military families. In 1972, when my family was stationed in Washington, D.C., my dad and Jeff met in a car pool that they took from Dale City to Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where they were both stationed. Cheryl and I, lucky enough to be in the same grade at our new school, became fast friends. I've always felt so blessed to have my best friend's parent's be my parent's best friends. Holidays, birthdays, weddings, babies, and more have filled our lives over the last 49 years. They were the family we never had being stationed away from our blood relatives. Jeff has always been a second father figure to me, and I know that we are all lucky to have had him in our lives for as long as we did.

Julie Little

Julie J. Little - January 23, 2021 at 04:37 PM