



Coach William Carroll Davis

March 24, 1933 - October 7, 2022

William Carroll Davis, 89, of Lubbock, Texas passed away October 7, 2022. Bill was born March 24, 1933 in Lubbock, TX to Jewell Davis and Elizabeth Davis. He graduated from Lubbock High School in 1952; received his bachelor's degree from Rice University and his Master's Degree from Texas Tech University. Bill married Irma Hopp on April 6, 1962 in Lubbock, Texas at First Christian Church. Bill served as an educator as a teacher and coach at Atkins Junior High School; during his time as a coach, he mentored and touched the lives of countless students and athletes. He retired in 1991. Bill and his family owned and operated Camp Davis in New Mexico from 1939 to present as a boy's camp, girl's camp, and family camp. Within this time, Bill, created and fostered lasting generational relationships. Bill was a lifetime member of First Christian Church serving as a deacon and elder for many years.

Loved ones include his wife, Irma Davis; son, Guy Davis and wife, Lisa; daughter, Gay Rittenberry and husband, John; daughter, Gwen Davis; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by his parents, Jewell and Elizabeth Davis; his daughter, Grete Davis; his grandson, Braxton Davis and his brothers, Johnny, Sam and Jerry Davis.

Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church.

Family visitation will be at Sanders Funeral Home Thursday, October 13, 2022, 6:00 to 7:30 PM. A celebration of his life will be 2:00 PM, Friday,

October 14, 2022 in First Christian Church with Reverend Paul Carpenter officiating. Graveside services will follow in City of Lubbock Cemetery. Please celebrate the life of William by visiting www.sandersfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street
Lubbock, TX 79404

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM.

Sanders Funeral Home

Funeral Service

OCT **14**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church
2323 Broadway Avenue
Lubbock, TX 79401

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Coach William Carroll Davis



Sanders Funeral Home - October 12, 2022 at 04:53 PM

DB

“ This was a good and decent man from a terrific family that acted as a role model every day of his life. I was blessed to be coached by Bill from 1958 to 1961 and never forgot the positive influence he had on myself and all others he touched. What a wonderful human being. Don Barrett. Daytona Beach.

Don Barrett - December 17, 2023 at 06:54 PM

JB

“ John and Betsy Bacon purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Coach William Carroll Davis.



John and Betsy Bacon - October 13, 2022 at 04:24 PM

JB

“ So sad for the passing of this wonderful man, and sending love and peace to all the Davis family. So many happy and terrific memories of Bill ... a great coach, teacher, counselor and friend. He learned from an early age from his father how to tease and joke, but always with warmth and followed by his famous smile. He helped hundreds of kids learn valuable, wholesome life lessons and become better people under his guidance.

You will live on in our hearts forever, Bill! Enjoy your well-earned rest and see how much you can tease the angels!

John Bacon - October 13, 2022 at 04:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Coach William Carroll Davis.



October 13, 2022 at 01:51 PM

JL

“ Pat and I send our love and condolences to the family and I'd like to share a story. Bill was a wonderful and kind man who loved to tease. I have many fond memories of the trips over the mountain and the marvelous and scary ghost stories he would tell, like Man from Valdez. On my first trip over the mountain as a young camper, we were sitting around the camp fire in the dark black of the night, when all of a sudden Bill says shush, I think I hear something and then he would shine the light around in the darkness and there was nothing. We resume telling stories and then another shush and all fell quiet as he shined the light around again and what was that, some shining eyes out there? At this point we are all scared out of our wits. He keeps shining the light over the glowing eyes and then we realize they were hanging in a tree! No monster out there. Joke on us. Such fun. We all felt in such good hands under his care. I know he will be missed.

Judy Gilmore Lepthien - October 13, 2022 at 10:31 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Coach William Carroll Davis.



October 13, 2022 at 09:55 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Sanders Funeral Home - October 13, 2022 at 09:08 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Coach William Carroll Davis.



October 12, 2022 at 11:10 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Coach William Carroll Davis.



October 12, 2022 at 11:06 PM



“ 90 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sanders Funeral Home - October 12, 2022 at 04:49 PM



“ 55 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Sanders Funeral Home - October 12, 2022 at 02:25 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Sanders Funeral Home - October 12, 2022 at 01:07 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Coach William Carroll Davis.



October 11, 2022 at 01:15 PM

VC

“ My family and I were fortunate enough to experience those multi “generational relationships” formed through Camp Davis; since my grandfather was one of Liz Davis’s first cousins. Bill cracked me up & teased me relentlessly as a kid (AND adult) which I loved. Although I didn’t see him often, when our eyes met there was always that mischievous glint in his eye that made him so beloved. Grateful to have known Bill and Irma & all of the extended Davis family.

Planning on making it to the visitation Thursday night from Brenham. 🚀

Sending love & strength to Irma and Family~VelAnne 830-998-5366



VelAnne Rowland Clifton - October 11, 2022 at 12:18 PM

MH

“ Matthew and Laurie Hopp purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Coach William Carroll Davis.



Matthew and Laurie Hopp - October 10, 2022 at 01:53 PM

BW

“ Post

Bradley Leland Williams - October 09, 2022 at 03:00 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Coach William Carroll Davis.*



October 09, 2022 at 02:32 PM



“ *Coach Davis was an inspiration to all who knew him. He was our coach at Atkins and he and Coach Hogue lead us to the City Championship 1969. Our group stayed in touch with him over the years. Here is a photograph from one of our reunions with the coaches and players. We send our condolences to his family. A Way forever. Mike Farmer*



Mike Farmer - October 09, 2022 at 12:21 PM



Yes! As Micheal D. Farmer, alias "Tree" just said, Coach Davis was one of the great men in our lives. He graduated from LHS with my parents, Bill and Shirley, and my Dad first introduced me to him at 1st Christian where our family was also members. Later on, at Atkins, we were priviledged to have him as our Coach, mentor, teacher, and friend. He never forgot who we were, even many years later. The world needs more men like Coach who was not only extremely important to all of our lives, but a special husband, father, friend, servant of the Lord, and all around example of what we all should strive to be. I'll repeat what Micheal said, AWay forever, because of him. My Dad always called him "Toe"! A nickname to denote his great punting ability. RIP Sir. One of the great examples of what men should strive to be. Class of Atkins 1969, Bradley Leland Williams

Bradley Leland Williams - October 09, 2022 at 12:59 PM

JH

Coach Davis was one of the great men in my life and his life demonstrated integrity, discipline, service, and grace. His legacy is a long list of his family and countless former students at Atkins Jr High that he influenced to become honest and honorable people. I offer my deepest condolences to his dear family and to all of my teammates who share our love for this wonderful man. Thank you, Coach Davis!

Jim Harris

WBA 1967-1969

Jim Harris - October 09, 2022 at 02:19 PM

GY

I can only second the great comments of my friends. His influence on us was monumental.. he was tough but fair. We worked hard for him because of the respect all the team shared. It made us closer as teammates and now as life long friends. All my love for Coach Davis and condolences to his family.. Glenn Yarbrough. Tornados for life

Glenn Yarbrough - October 09, 2022 at 10:08 PM

BW

I attended WBAtkins JrHi Aug 1967- May 1970 with an extraordinary group of young athletes. I was a second stringer- in everything. I managed to be a very average pole vaulter, -just one more kid in the bunch. One day during track season Coach Davis arranged to take me, in his own car over to the high school so that I could be introduced to flex vaulting. It was a day that changed my life. The next week I smashed the city junior high vaulting record. In high school I won the State Meet my senior year. I went on to a track scholarship vaulting for two Division 1 universities. Later in life I had dinner with Bill Davis and asked him- "why in the world on a modest teachers salary would you go out of your way to arrange and take a second string kid over to the high school like that? I had little promise, it kept you overtime at school, you didn't get any additional compensation- why would you do that?" Without hesitation he answered- "EVERY kid deserves a chance." That floored me. That is the type of mentor Bill Davis was. That chance changed my life. For me, the world is a little less wonderful without Bill Davis in it. Rest well Coach. Justice W. Bruce Williams, Texas Court of Appeals, 11th District.

Bruce Williams - October 15, 2022 at 09:14 PM

MB

“ I remember that when we ran laps around the Atkins football field ("Hurrup! Hurrup!, as in "Hurry up!"), we were punished and had to run extra if we cut a corner at the end zone turn. It translated to me to be a life lesson about not cutting corners. Thought about that for decades.

Fortunately, when I went to see Michel Shami (retina guy, annual checkup) a year ago, Coach Davis was in the waiting room as well and we had a nice visit. The Davises lived around the corner from us. He asked about Byrnie and David and reminisced about my Dad and Mom.

I told him how much that cutting corners lesson meant to me, and when I said that, his face lit up which was interesting to me, since he was not a particularly demonstrative guy. Grateful I had a chance to tell him. Teachers and coaches don't always get the gratitude they deserve.

Peace to you, Coach Davis, and to your family.
Mark Bass

Mark Bass - October 09, 2022 at 11:50 AM

GW

“ Irma, so sorry. Can't be there. I just had cancer surgery. We loved teaching with Bill. Gene went to Camp Davis with him. He will be missed. All our love and prayers. Jan and Gene Williamson

Gene Williamson - October 08, 2022 at 09:49 AM