



Howard William "Big Bill" Davis

February 23, 1936 - October 27, 2016

Howard William "Big Bill" Davis, 80 went home to the Lord on October 27, 2016, at his home surrounded by his loved ones.

He was born on February 23, 1936, in Cambridge, the son of the late Derwin "Buddy" Davis and Roberta (Allison) Davis.

He graduated from Cambridge High School, Class of 1954. He then joined the Marine Corp and proudly served his country as a Sergeant in Korea. He attended Otterbein College and graduated from Muskingum College in 1963 with a B.S. in education, and received his Masters in Business from the University of Notre Dame.

Bill started his career as a teacher and coach with the Cambridge City Schools. He was the voice of the Bobcats on W.I.L.E. for many years and was a state track and field official. He was sales manager at Ken Bender Motors, Regional Manager of Jostens and Balfour Ring Companies. He loved Cambridge and served as the President of the Cambridge Area Chamber of Commerce for 14 years.

He was a lifetime member of First Baptist Church, an active member and past president of the Cambridge Jaycee's Kambri Aladdin Shrine, Kiwanis Club, and was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. He was an active member of BPOE 448 Elks Club and VFW Post 2901, where he spent many hours doing what he loved best, sharing a joke and a laugh. He was an avid golfer, bowler, and sports fan. He loved the Bobcats, Ohio State, Cleveland Indians and always enjoyed driving a sharp car.

He leaves his "Sweetie Pie", Betty (Gray) Davis, they just recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Three loving daughters, Denise (Fred) McBride, Diane (Steve) Warden of Cambridge and Donna (Dan) Adair of Gahanna: seven grandchildren, Hilarie (Dan) Delik, Sarah McBride, Anna (Andrew) Brantley, Gavin (Rachel) Warden, Duke Adair, Isaac and Spencer Warden; great grandson Dominic Delik; cousin Ralph Morrow; special friend and care giver Cathy Lingafelter; several brother and sister-in-laws; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his half brother Edwin "Eddie" Davis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Guernsey / P.O. Box 1165 / Cambridge, Ohio 43725 or to the First Baptist Church / 136 E. 8th Street / Cambridge, Ohio 43725. Visitation will be on Sunday, October 30, 2016 at Bundy-Law Funeral Home from 1 to 4 pm. His service will be held at 11 am on Monday, October 31, 2016 with Rev. Jim Gibson and Pastor Dan Milburn officiating. Burial will follow in Northwood Cemetery, where Military Graveside Rites will be performed by the Guernsey County Veterans Council. Bill's online tribute wall may be viewed and signed at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home
120 North 11th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725
(740) 432-5705
info@bundy-lawfuneralhome.com
<https://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com>

Service

OCT **31**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CG

“ hugs & prayers for everyone!
Carla & Jeff Grimes



carla grimes - November 05, 2016 at 10:27 AM

AD

“ Bill was one of the greatest guys I have had the pleasure to know. Always a gentleman, as the head of the local chamber he always was involved with our programs at the state level. I never heard him say "no" to any request. I respected him greatly and will miss him as a friend and colleague.

Andrew Doehrel, President and CEO of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce

Andrew Doehrel - November 02, 2016 at 10:12 AM



“ I will always remember Bill as our paper boy and senior manager of the Bobcats basketball team. It was a pleasure knowing such a fine gentleman. My sincere condolences to his beautiful wife Betty and his family. May he Rest In Peace.

Ken Philipson

Ken Philipson - November 01, 2016 at 07:12 PM

SS

“ I wanted to say hello to the Davis family and pass along my fond memories of Bill. I knew him as the father of a friend (Diane). He cheerfully supported all sleepovers and shenanigans of our middle school friendship and I have never forgotten the kindness and cheerful demeanor he demonstrated every day. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Shawn Armstrong Strohl

Shawn Strohl - November 01, 2016 at 08:08 AM

VR

“ Betty & family, I'm So sorry for your loss!! Bill was a terrific man. He was so helpful to promote Cambridge & the people of Cambridge!! I sure am going to miss him!! RIP Big Bill!! 🏈 🏌️ 🏀 🧑‍🦰

Vic Rowe - October 31, 2016 at 07:51 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard William "Big Bill" Davis.



October 30, 2016 at 08:44 PM

SC

“ My deepest sympathy to all of you.
Prayers,
Susan DuBeck Crews

Susan Crews - October 30, 2016 at 02:43 PM

BT

“ To Betty and family. Sorry to hear of the loss of Bill. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love, Bob & Jo Taylor

Bob & Jo Taylor - October 30, 2016 at 12:20 PM

NS

“ Dear Betty and family,

So sorry for your loss. Bill was always nice to me and had some good times at the Plaza. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

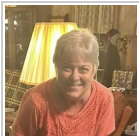
Sincerely,
Nikki Salupo

Nikki Salupo - October 30, 2016 at 12:06 PM

DK

“ So sorry for your loss Betty and family. We will keep you all close in our thoughts and Prayers. Fond memories of Bill will remain in our hearts. Dick & Freda Kennedy

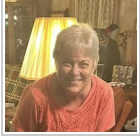
Dick & Freda Kennedy - October 28, 2016 at 10:27 PM



“ Linda Landaker lit a candle in memory of Howard William "Big Bill" Davis



Linda Landaker - October 28, 2016 at 09:21 PM



“ I always enjoyed talking with Bill at the VFW when he came in. He had a big heart and was a wonderful person. Prayers to his family at this difficult time. I am glad I got to get to know him.

Linda Landaker - October 28, 2016 at 09:20 PM



“ *RIP Bill*

Tom and Janet Burkhardt

Tom Burkhardt - October 28, 2016 at 07:09 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Howard William "Big Bill" Davis.*



October 28, 2016 at 04:15 PM



“ *Ellen lit a candle in memory of Howard William "Big Bill" Davis*



Ellen - October 28, 2016 at 03:16 PM

EL

“ Dear Betty and family so sorry for your loss. I send my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Ellen - October 28, 2016 at 03:16 PM

JG

“ Joyce Goodwin sent a virtual gift in memory of Howard William "Big Bill" Davis



Joyce Goodwin - October 28, 2016 at 01:53 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time*

May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Howard William Davis, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your work on earth is complete. I thank you for your service and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family of.....

*US Marine Veteran, Howard William Davis, “A True American Hero”
God Bless†*

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - October 28, 2016 at 07:13 AM

DS

“ *Bill,
Fair Winds and Following Seas, Marine.
Once a Marine Always a Marine.
(Last Line of the Marine Corps Hymn)
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded
By United States Marines.
Semper -Fi
Dan Speedy
Major USMC (Retired)*

Dan Speedy - October 27, 2016 at 12:21 PM

BR

*Davis Family,
It is with great sadness to learn of the passing away of Bill. He was a
fantastic individual, great family man, and friend of the entire
community. May he R.I.P. and may you and your loved ones remember
the great times you enjoyed together.
Warmest regards,
Bill and Dixie Reese*

Bill Reese - October 28, 2016 at 12:14 PM

CS

Sorry to hear about the passing of Big Bill. You our in our prayers.

Craig Standiford - October 29, 2016 at 06:06 AM