



James Arvil Davis

March 17, 1936 - August 9, 2020

James A. Davis, age 84, of Newport, passed peacefully into the arms of his Savior on August 9, 2020. He was born in Parrottsville to Howard and Ellen Freshour on March 17, 1936. After graduating from Parrottsville High School, he went to Airline Training School in Kansas City, MO. Upon completing school, he moved to Chicago and secured a job with O'Hare Airport as a reservations clerk. While living there, he was drafted into the US Army where he served from 1956 to 1958. Thirteen months of this service was in Korea where he was a member of the Security Police who patrolled the DMZ. Upon completion of his service, he returned to Newport, TN and took a job at Stokely Van Camp where he worked for 26 years. He was a foreman at the can shop when Quaker acquired it from Stokely's and then closed it. He next worked for United Business Forms in Greeneville as a Pressman/Mechanic until his retirement.

After his return to Newport, he met Barbara O'Dell who became his wife on August 12, 1960. The couple welcomed their daughter Melanie in 1963. He adored her and cherished every moment he spent with her. When she grew up and married Jeff Miller, he couldn't have been more pleased. They reside in Soddy Daisy, TN.

Living in the Bat Harbor community with his family for almost 60 years, he enjoyed hiking, gardening and taking care of his muscadine vines. After his retirement he enjoyed traveling with family, mostly in the northeast. The last two years they visited the Grand Canyon and Mount Rushmore.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Barbara O'Dell Davis, daughter Melanie and son-in-law Jeff; brothers: Horace Davis (Charlotte) and Harold Davis (Jamie), all of Parrottsville. Other survivors include a large extended family of nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law, brother-in-law, cousins, and many friends, all of whom he loved.

He was a Christian and faithfully attended Newport Church of God and especially enjoyed his Sunday School Class.

No services are planned at this time.

Family and friends may sign the guest register on line at: www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Arvil Davis*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss.. Our prayers are with you all. God bless*

Carroll and Marilyn Austin - August 17, 2020 at 04:11 PM



So sorry to hear Barbara! Our prayers are with you!!

Billy C. Shelton - August 19, 2020 at 02:35 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Jay. I will be thinking of you and praying for you. Shirley Cureton*

Shirley Cureton - August 16, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ *Barbara, we're so sorry for your loss, prayers for you & all your family*

Connie & Marsha Ball - August 16, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ *We are sorry about Jay's passing. We have been keeping you in our prayers. Ricky and Tammy Reed*

Ricky and Tammy Reed - August 16, 2020 at 07:29 AM

JC

“ Barbara , we are so sorry for your loss , prayers for you & all the family .🙏

Jan Caughron - August 15, 2020 at 09:09 PM

CA

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Love, Charlotte Atkins

charlotte atkins - August 15, 2020 at 08:29 PM

DS

“ Dear Barbara, Melanie and family,
I am so very sorry for all your family has endured during this horrific pandemic., with the ultimate loss being Jim. He was such a kind man. You will all be in my prayers

Donna Sallee' - August 15, 2020 at 06:39 PM

RM

“ So sorry for your loss. He was a good man.

Richard & Lois Meadows, and LuAnn Carrell

Richard Meadows - August 15, 2020 at 06:30 PM

MW

“ Missy And Mike Wood lit a candle in memory of James Arvil Davis



Missy and Mike Wood - August 15, 2020 at 08:39 AM

BA

“ Barbara, I can't believe that Jim is gone. He has made it a point to drop by to see me a couple times a year ever since we closed the can plant and I retired. He was such a conscientious employee and friend. I just thought about him this morning and now he is gone. Unreal. So sorry.

Bob Arnold

Bob Arnold - August 14, 2020 at 10:02 PM

CL

“ Deepest sympathy to all the family,
Bill & Charlotte Leibrock

Charlotte Leibrock - August 14, 2020 at 12:18 PM

MC

“ Our thoughts and prayers for the family and friends during this time of loss.

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman

Mary Chrisman - August 13, 2020 at 08:33 AM

MF

“ Love Lives On... Those we love remain with us, for love itself lives on and cherished memories never fade, because a loved one's gone. Those we love can never be, more than a thought apart, for as long as there is memory, they'll live on in the heart.

You are in my thoughts & prayers. Hold on to those wonderful memories. Stay strong!

Myra Woodson Fowler

Myra Fowler - August 12, 2020 at 10:51 AM

SI

“ *Sister Barbara,
I am sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Know that you will be in my thoughts in the days, weeks and months ahead. Prayers of peace and comfort for you and your family during this most difficult time.
Much love,
Spencer C Ivy*

Spencer C Ivy - August 12, 2020 at 12:02 AM

BC

“ *Barbara and family, we are so sorry for your loss. We have a lot of fond memories of Jim from the old days at Stokely's. He was always such a nice and kind man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad time.*

Herbert and Barbara Cureton

Barbara J. Cureton - August 11, 2020 at 11:39 PM

GH

“ *So sorry for your lose keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.*

Steve & Gail Holder &Caleb

Gail Holder - August 11, 2020 at 11:11 PM

JF

“ *So sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you all*

Jerry and Rita Ford and Family - August 11, 2020 at 07:22 PM

RE

“ *Sorry for your loss.*

Robin Ellison - August 11, 2020 at 02:02 PM

LJ

“ So sorry for your loss will keep you all in prayers. Billy and Lucille Jenkins



Lucille and Billy Jenkins - August 11, 2020 at 11:59 AM

TB

“ Barbara we are saddened to learn of Jim's passing .. know that you are in our prayers.. I know you will always cherish those wonderful years together and the great memories you shared with each other..

*Prayers for the family
Todd and Tammy Binkley*

Tammy Binkley - August 11, 2020 at 11:57 AM

IT

“ So sorry Barbara. Praying for you and your family
Ailor and Imogene Turner

Imogene Turner - August 11, 2020 at 10:58 AM

SD

“ Barbara and family, So sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.

Sherrie Dillard - August 11, 2020 at 09:43 AM

AS

“ Barbara & Melanie, I'm so sorry to hear about Jim's passing. Remembering you and your family in prayer.

Arzella Mantooth Shelton - August 11, 2020 at 09:22 AM

ML

“ Barbara and Melanie, words cannot describe my sorrow for your loss of James. He was such a nice kind person. I enjoyed our Sunday morning chats on gardens, news and various subjects. Sunday School won't be the same without his friendly smile. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I'm keeping you in my thoughts and praying that God will give you strength and comfort during this difficult time.



Mary Lindsey - August 10, 2020 at 08:18 PM

PS

“ I enjoy working with .Jay at United Business Forms about 12 years. I got to enjoy his muscadine and he sure enjoy telling you about them. Remember the family in prayers.

Patsy Sauls - August 10, 2020 at 05:32 PM

MG

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for your family.
The Monroe, Shirley & Mark Grigsby.

Mark Grigsby - August 10, 2020 at 04:58 PM

MH

“ Barbara, so sorry to hear about Jim passing. Living near them as a child, my family could not have had better neighbors than Jim and Barbara Davis. Lifting you and Melanie up in prayer.
Nathan, Michelle and Leah Hannah

michelle hannah - August 10, 2020 at 04:47 PM

 Lorri Rollins

“ Barbara and Melanie sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with you

Lorri Rollins - August 10, 2020 at 04:35 PM

JK

“ Barbara, Melanie, Jeff and all family,
I am so sorry to hear of Jim's illness and his passing. I know you are heartbroken as he was a very special man. He is in the presence of the Lord. My mother and dad thought the world of Jim as well as I. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Betty Dunn & Janey "Sissie" Clevenger Kinser

Janey "Sissie" Clevenger Kinser - August 10, 2020 at 04:23 PM

LW

So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the families.

Lana & Charlie Williamson - August 15, 2020 at 08:35 PM

CS

“ Barbara and Family I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Cindy Schoolcraft - August 10, 2020 at 04:08 PM

NS

“ Mrs. Davis I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family. Nancy Lafond Swanger

Nancy Swanger - August 10, 2020 at 03:13 PM

SC

“ Barbara, so sorry to hear about Jim. Thinking of you, Melanie and Jeff during this difficult time. Prayers for all!

Sandra Calfee - August 10, 2020 at 02:06 PM

LW

Harold, Horace and families so sorry for your loss. Prayers for all of you.

Lana & Charlie Williamson - August 11, 2020 at 09:54 AM

MV

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for strength and comfort during this difficult time.
Mary Anne Vick

Mary Anne Vick - August 10, 2020 at 01:53 PM

SW

“ Barbara,
We are so sorry for your loss and your families. We are praying for God's peace to cover you at difficult time. We love you.

Jamie, Shandi, Kameron & Ava Wheeler

Shandi Wheeler - August 10, 2020 at 01:45 PM

CL

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Many hugs and lots of love to Barbara, Melanie and Cotton. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers. I know Melanie will always be daddy's little girl. I love you all.



Charlene and Lanny - August 10, 2020 at 01:38 PM

JT

“ Although we never met Jim, we felt we knew him from knowing Melanie and Jeff. She always referred to him as Daddy. One could tell her parents meant a lot to them. We extend our sympathy, love and prayers to the family in this time of great sorrow. May God grant His peace.

*In Prayer with you,
Jake & Gloria*

Jake Toering - August 10, 2020 at 01:32 PM

VM

“ My deepest condolences for your loss.

Vickie Maner - August 10, 2020 at 01:02 PM

RJ

I am so sorry to hear this I love talking to him at work at ubf

Regina Jackson - August 10, 2020 at 01:58 PM



“ I am so very sorry. I loved Jim, he was always so nice to me. He was a precious man that I will never forget. I have bought muskedine grapes from him. Praying for all of you Barbara, Melanie , Horace and cotton, so sorry

Mary Gentry - August 10, 2020 at 12:47 PM

SS

“ Barbara, Melanie and Jeff, I am heart broken to hear of Jim's passing. You guys are the perfect family. So full of love and joy. I'm sure Jim was your center of life. He was always so kind and helpful to everyone. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you Sarah Morgan shaver

Sarah Shaver - August 10, 2020 at 11:56 AM

MW

So sorry to hear about your loss. Prayers for you and your family and friends. 🙏🙏

Marie Wood - August 10, 2020 at 05:34 PM

DO

“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of our cousin. Sincere sympathy to Barbara, Melanie, and all the other kinfolks. May you be surrounded by angels in the coming days.* ”

Duay and Kay O'Neil - August 10, 2020 at 11:50 AM

ME

“ *Barbara and Melanie my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.* ”

Melanie Eslinger - August 10, 2020 at 11:28 AM