



from Gabriel by Edward Hirsch

I did not know the work of mourning
 Is like carrying a bag of cement
 Up a mountain at night
 The mountaintop is not in sight
 Because there is no mountaintop
 Poor Sisyphus grief
 I did not know I would struggle
 Through a ragged underbrush
 Without an upward path
 Because there is no path
 There is only a blunt rock
 With a river to fall into
 And Time with its medieval chambers
 Time with its jagged edges
 And blunt instruments

I did not know the work of mourning
 Is a labor in the dark
 We carry inside ourselves
 Though sometimes when I sleep
 I am with him again
 And then I wake
 Poor Sisyphus grief
 I am not ready for your heaviness
 Cemented to my body
 Look closely and you will see
 Almost everyone carrying bags
 Of cement on their shoulders
 That's why it takes courage
 To get out of bed in the morning
 And climb into the day



Honorary Pallbearers

Georgia College Basketball Teammates
Members of the Imperial Bachelors Brotherhood

Flower Attendants



Family and Friends

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Johnny Lee Davis, Jr. appreciates every call, every text, and every contribution you have made during our season of mourning. We rest in the peace of God, knowing that you are praying with us as we adjust to life without our Johnny Pete. May God graciously bless you for every expression of love you have given to us.

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JOHNNY LEE DAVIS, JR

JULY 22, 1958 - JULY 31, 2025

Friday

AUGUST 8, 2025 3:00 pm

ALLEN TEMPLE AME CHURCH

1235 JONES ROAD BYRON, GA 31008
PASTOR WILBUR E. GREENE, OFFICIATING

OUR BELOVED JOHNNY PETE

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven...” Ecclesiastes 3:1

Johnny Lee Davis, Jr. (Pete) was born on June 22, 1958, in Byron, Georgia, to Tracy and Johnny Lee Davis, Sr. He attended Peach County High School, where he excelled in basketball, ultimately resulting in his acceptance to Hiwassee Junior College in Tennessee. Upon graduation, he attended Georgia College, where he was one of the leading members of the men’s basketball team, chosen to represent his team in Australia for an international program that allowed him to mentor younger players. While at Georgia College, Johnny also served as a dedicated member of the Imperial Bachelors Brotherhood, forming lifelong friendships with other members of the organization.

After his time in college, Johnny took advantage of an opportunity at Bluebird Body Company, where he became the lead on the fabrication team and dedicated over 30 years of faithful service while also supporting his father and uncle in the family sheetrock business. Johnny was a supportive husband, an engaged father, brother, and uncle, and the world’s best G-daddy who lovingly sang to his grandbabies, “Lemonade, such a cool, refreshing taste!”

Whenever he took time off, he enjoyed following his Peach County High Trojans to every game and watching his Georgia Bulldogs. He also enjoyed traveling to Atlanta, Georgia, Greenville, SC, and Charlotte, NC to visit his children and grandchildren.

Johnny is preceded in death by his mother and father, a younger brother, Victor Davis, his aunts Lena Jefferson, Edna Smith, Bertha Christopher, Gladys Smith, Betty Moore, Maggie and Barbara Jean Jackson and his uncles Leon (Bubba) Davis, Will Brown, and Ernest Brown.

Left to mourn his absence are his devoted wife, Connie Davis; his loving sons: Preston Gray (Anitra), Russell Blount (Jamie), Jarvis Davis (Coco), and Brandon Pounds; his seven adoring grandchildren: Alivia, Olivia, Christopher, Da’Nasia, Jayla, Jardai, and Carley. He also leaves to mourn his passing a sister, Gwen Davis; brother, Keith Davis; three aunts: Lillie Mae Lowe, Maeliza Canady, Myrtis Gary; one uncle, Buddy Hicks; three adopted sisters: Amy Little, Tonya Gibson (Jerry), Lisa Daniels (Jeff); three devoted nieces: Whitney West (Alex), Victoria Canady, and Roselyn Geyman; and a very special great nephew, Ace West. Also among the loved ones to mourn him are four special brothers-in-law; Larry Gray (Louvenia), Herbert Gray, Leon Farrar (Faye), Apostle Leon Pounds (Shellie) and Calvin Pitts; a very close cousin, Dezanna Bell; a goddaughter, Zaya Brown, and a fellow sports fanatic, Mayor Barbara Williams along with a host of other family and friends.

“Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” –1 Corinthians 15:51-52



Order of Service

Pastor Wilbur E. Greene
Officiating

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL
Family & Clergy

INVOCATION
Charlie Canady

SCRIPTURE READING | OLD TESTAMENT
Pastor Alex Sands, Kingdom Life Church

SCRIPTURE READING | NEW TESTAMENT
Chaplain Jay Jones, Bluebird Body Company

MUSICAL SELECTION
Jazmine Gabrielle and The Precision Band

REFLECTIONS
Ron Wilson, Georgia College Basketball Teammate
Darrel Pauldo, Imperial Bachelor's Brother
Richard Wright, Beloved Cousin
Charlie Lowe, Lifelong Friend

TRIBUTE TO G-DADDY
Christopher Xavier Blount

MUSICAL SELECTION
Elijah Bell Jr.

WORDS OF COMFORT | EULOGY
Pastor Wilbur Greene, New Damascus Baptist Church

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POSTLUDE

NEVER FORGOTTEN

HEAVEN GAINED AN ANGEL

YOU WILL BE MISSED