A Celebration of Life
And
Honoring the Legacy of

Deacon
John Linton Davis

Sunrise — Sunset
March 30, 1937 | October 14, 2026

Saturday – October 24, 2026

Visitation | 11:00 AM
Service | 12:00 PM

Unity Temple COGIC
161 North Hamilton Road
Columbus, OH 43213

Pastor Jerry Revish | Host Pastor
Pastor Stephanie Meredith | Eulogist

Monday | October 26, 2026

Visitation | 11:00 AM
Trinity Baptist Church
235 Highland Avenue SW
Warren, OH 44485

Interment

Pineview Cemetery
4049 Youngstown Road SE | Warren, OH 44484

Pallbearers

Carlton Wilkes - Dino Haynes - Ephraim Hooks-Bennett
Jeremiah Mooreland - Jordan Pollard - Jeffrey Pollard

Honorary Pallbearers

Clark Burgess - Robert Burgess - George C. Davis - Hutson Davis
Jonathan Davis - Otis Davis - William Meredith, Jr. - Billy Strickland

Acknowledgements

The family of Deacon John Linton Davis wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation for the many expressions of love, prayers, kindness, and concern extended to us during this time of bereavement.
Your thoughtfulness, compassion, and support have been a source of comfort and strength.
Every act of kindness has touched our hearts and will always be remembered.
Formal acknowledgments will be sent at a later date.
Humbly Submitted,
The Family of Deacon John Linton Davis



Marlan Gary Funeral Home
1 Funeral Home | 5 Locations

Ministry Of Comfort Entrusted To:

North Chapel
2500 Cleveland Ave.,
Columbus, OH 43211
614-267-8310

East Chapel
5456 Livingston Ave.,
Columbus, OH 43232
614-604-8774

Mansfield Chapel
753 McPherson St.,
Mansfield, OH 44903
419-524-6999

Springfield Chapel
823 South Yellow Springs St.,
Springfield, Ohio 45506
937-325-1447

Cincinnati Chapel
647 Forest Ave,
Cincinnati Oh 45229
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"Memories are the legacy of love."



"Gone from our sight,
but never from our hearts"

Obituary

With heavy hearts and deep gratitude for a life well-lived, the family of John L. Davis announces his peaceful passing on October 14, 2026. Born on March 30, 1937, in Luverne, Alabama, and later making his home in Warren, Ohio, John's remarkable journey was defined by love, faith, and an entrepreneurial spirit that touched everyone around him.

John was well-known as an entrepreneur, owning and operating J Davis Construction LLC, The Davis Night Club in Hubbard, the St. Clair gas station, a car wash, and Davis Trucking—all at the same time. His tireless dedication to his businesses was matched only by his commitment to lifting up his family and his community, always building not just structures, but opportunities and connections.

A man of deep faith, John enjoyed being in church and was a devoted servant of God. He was a charter member and an active deacon at Agape Christian Ministries in Columbus, Ohio, and previously served at Meredith Temple COGIC and Resurrection Power COGIC. John sought the Lord often, asking God for guidance in all things, and freely shared his faith with those around him.

John's hands were rarely still. He found joy in building and rebuilding, especially transforming basements under large buildings. He loved to sing and took special pride in tending his goldfish in the pond he built at home. His gentle nature shone through in the way he befriended the squirrels in his backyard, talking to them and feeding them as he watched them run along the power lines.

Among his many achievements, John was proud to have received recognition of outstanding service from The Basement Doctor in 2012, and he partnered with the Vaughn Group Ltd. On several projects, including work on SR 422. He bowled with a team and cherished the trophy they won together.

John is lovingly remembered by his wife of almost 28 years, June E. Davis; his children: Tracy M. Miller, Leslie A. Hooks, Gina (Cedric) Haynes, Kathy (Clyde) Wilkes, Stephanie L. Meredith, Dino Haynes, Jonathan Davis, Jeffrey W. Pollard, Julianne V. Pollard, and Jordan A. Pollard. He is also remembered by his brother, George C. (Lustean) Davis; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other family members, and friends. Special mention goes to his cousin, Hutson Davis, who called almost every day.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Booker T. Davis and Lidie Peterson; three brothers, BT, Hoover, and JD Davis; three sisters, Coper A. (Henry) Phillips, Geraldine Davis, and Ruthell Robinson; his beloved son, Brian L. Davis; son-in-law, Scott R. Hooks; and grandsons, Scott R. Hooks Jr. and Jonathan D. Davis Jr.

John's favorite saying, "If I cannot help you, I won't hurt you," perfectly captures the kindness and integrity that defined his life. His legacy of love, hard work, and faith will continue to inspire his family, friends, and the many lives he touched.

Until We Meet Again

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**We think about you always,
We talk about you still,
You have never been forgotten,
and you never will.**

**We hold you close within our hearts,
and there you will remain,
to walk and guide us through our lives, until we meet again.**

Order of Service

Presiding
Bishop John T. Coats, II

ORGAN PRELUDE
ACM Musicians

PRAYER
Pastor Jerry Revish

SCRIPTURE READING
Old Testament: Psalm 46:1-5
Deacon Charles Daniels

New Testament: John 14:1-3
Minister Andrea Bowman

TRIBUTES AND REFLECTIONS
(Two to Three Minutes Please)
Thom Johnston - Bishop Chris Crump
Jordan Pollard - Jonathan Davis

POETIC TRIBUTE
Carol Colon

CONGREGATIONAL SELECTION
"If It Had Not Been for the Lord on My Side"
ACM Praise Team, Led by Sis. Knee-C Williams

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RESOLUTIONS
Minister Christina Bolden

READING OF THE OBITUARY
Minister Jocelyn McGuire

MUSICAL SELECTION
"I Trust in God"
ACM Praise Team

THE EULOGY
Pastor Stephanie Meredith
Agape Christian Ministries

BENEDICTION
Bishop John T. Coats, II

RECESSIONAL
Clergy, Family and Friends
"Every Praise"
ACM Praise Team, Led by Bro. Alan Tyson