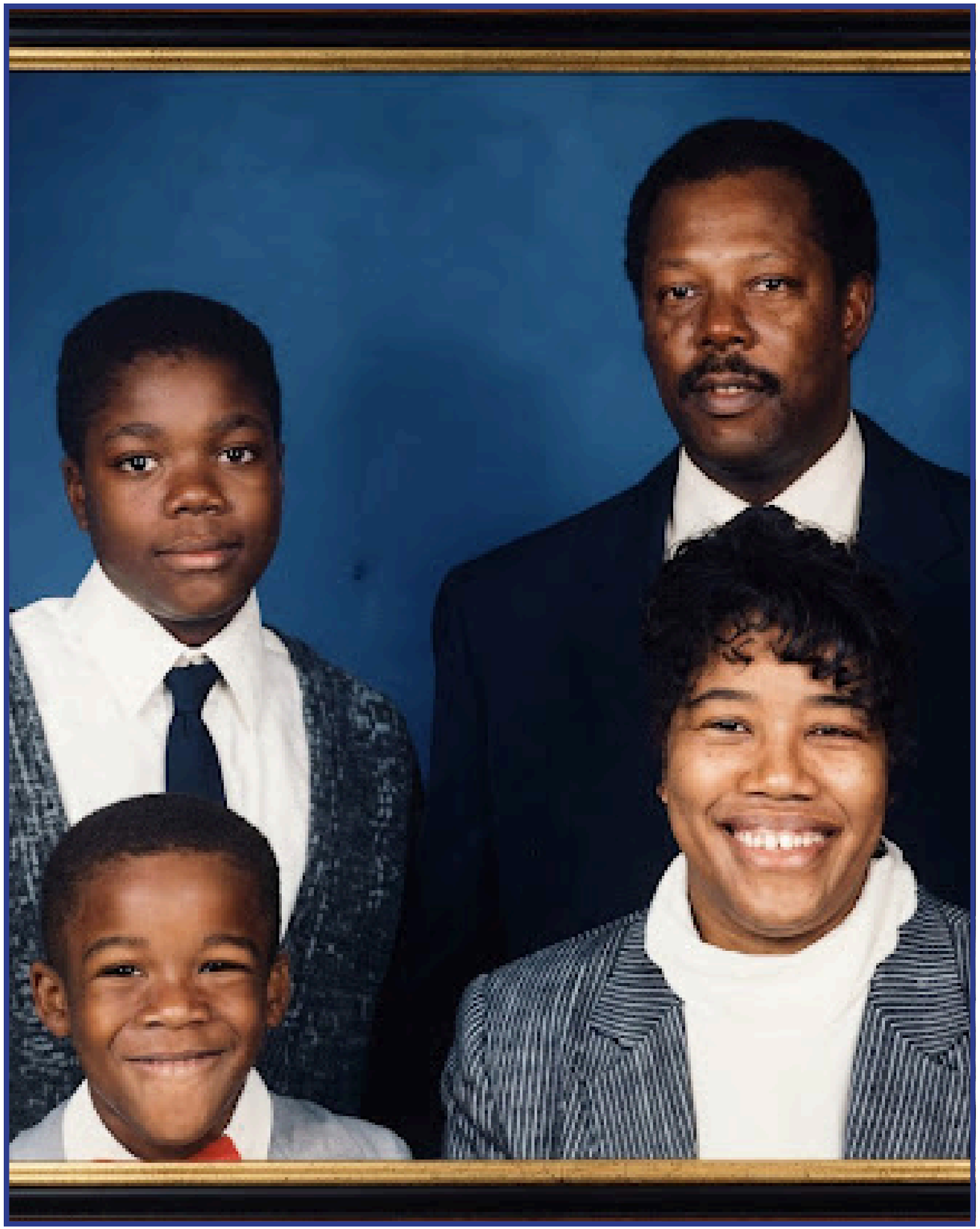


Reflections of His Life

A LIFE WELL LIVED

William James Davis, affectionately known as “Bill” to his friends and “Puck” to his family, lived a life shaped by faith, service, learning, hard work, humor, and love. He will be remembered for the knowledge he shared, the meals he prepared, the laughter he inspired, and the many ways he cared for the people around him. Born on June 18, 1948, in Lee County, South Carolina, Bill grew up in the close-knit Churchwoods community of Bishopville, in a home affectionately known as the Pink House. Its bright color made it easy to recognize, but the love within its walls made it truly special. The Pink House was where Bill’s earliest memories were formed and where the bonds that shaped his life began. He enjoyed growing up among his many cousins, who lived nearby on the same street, across the street, and nextdoor. Although life later carried him far beyond Bishopville, Churchwoods always remained an important part of his story.

EDUCATION, MILITARY SERVICE, AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Bill graduated as salutatorian of Dennis High School’s Class of 1966. His intelligence and curiosity continued to guide him as he pursued studies at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, South Carolina. He later answered the call to serve his country. Commissioned into military service, Bill served in combat in Vietnam. After returning home, he continued his education and professional development through studies and programs associated with Clemson University, the University of South Carolina, and Midlands Technical College. Bill worked for United Parcel Service before beginning his engineering career. He later served as an environmental engineer and project coordinator with PSI Industries. Colleagues, employers, and clients respected him for his knowledge, professionalism, and careful attention to his work.

A LOVE THAT BEGAN IN CHURCHWOODS

In July 6, 1973 (53 years) following his return from Vietnam, Bill married his childhood sweetheart and lifelong partner, Maec Boyd, who also came from the Churchwoods community. Their marriage grew from shared beginnings and a lifelong understanding of one another. From the community where they first knew one another to the home and family they created, Maec was Bill’s partner in every season of life.

A FATHER, GRANDFATHER, AND GREAT-GRANDFATHER

Bill was the proud father of two children: William “CeCe” Davis of New York and Jonathan P. Davis, Columbia, SC whose partner is Lakisha Montgomery. He was also a grandfather to five grandchildren and a great-grandfather to one great-grandson.

FAITH: THE FOUNDATION OF HIS LIFE

Bill was baptized at an early age at Barnettsville Baptist Church in Bishopville, South Carolina he was known for leading beautiful, heartfelt prayers. With sincerity and reverence, he could bring a family gathering to a quiet and meaningful moment of gratitude.

A DISTINCTIVE SPIRIT

Bill was funny, generous, loyal, and unmistakably himself. He was confident, direct, and never afraid to express his opinion. He appreciated quality and enjoyed the finer things in life, but he was happiest in the company of people he loved, sharing good food, conversation, and laughter. Bill was also a gifted cook and an exceptional host. He loved to barbecue, prepare meals, welcome guests, and bring people together around the table. There will never be another Bill.

A LIFE OF DETERMINATION FAMILY ROOTS AND THOSE WHO REMAIN

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Dan and Ada H. Davis; his eldest brother, Dan “Jay Boy” Davis Jr.; and his sisters, Ida M. Davis, Rosa Lee Weaver, and Ruby Nell Johnson.His family also included five relatives who were adopted and raised by his parents: Ed Jenkins, Mary Ruth “Sis” Jenkins, Barbara Ann Jenkins, Thomas Jenkins, and Wilhelmina “Baby Mae” Ferdinand of Lawrenceville ,ga and Thomas Jenkins of Florida.He also leaves his brother-in-law, Edward Leroy Boyd, of Columbia, South Carolina; sister-in-law Eva Durant of the Churchwoods community in Bishopville, South Carolina; and a special cousin, Jim Odell Stuckey, affectionately known to Bill as “Doc”. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Maec; his two children and their loved ones; five grandchildren; one great-grandson; surviving relatives; cherished cousins; and many dear friends. The family also remembers the late Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Boyd, Bill’s parents-in-law, whose connection to Churchwoods formed part of the shared history at the heart of his marriage.

A FINAL TRIBUTE: REST WELL, BILL. REST WELL, PUCK.

William James Davis lived a full and meaningful life. From the Pink House in Churchwoods to his academic achievements, military service, professional career, and family home, each chapter reflected his intelligence, dedication, and love for the people around him.He was a veteran, an engineer, a husband, a father, a grandfather, a great-grandfather, a cousin, and a friend. He was also a teacher in the everyday sense of the word, sharing knowledge, offering guidance, and helping others see possibilities they might not have recognized on their own. His prayers, meals, stories, laughter, and advice will remain part of the memories held by those who loved him. His chair may be empty, but the moments shared with him will continue to bring comfort and smiles. The sound of his voice, the food from his kitchen, the days spent on his boat, and the gatherings he hosted will all remain treasured reminders of his presence. The Pink House will always symbolize the beginning of his story—a home remembered not only for its color, but for the love and family life it held. Bill’s influence will continue in the people he loved, the lessons he shared, and the memories that will be told for years to come. He lived with faith, purpose, humor, and devotion. He served his country, built a career, cherished his wife, and gave his family a lifetime of memories. Rest well, William James Davis. Rest well, Bill.

Rest well, Puck.Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, and your love will remain with us always. Forever loved. Forever remembered. Forever a part of us.

Family Memories



















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Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Expression of Gratitude

We are deeply grateful for your presence and support during this time of loss.

Your compassion has sustained us in ways we cannot fully express. Whether through your prayers, kind words, visits, calls, messages, flowers, or simply being here with us, you have shown us that love transcends grief. Each gesture—no matter how small—has brought comfort to our hearts and reminded us of the community of care surrounding our family. We thank you from the depths of our hearts for honoring our loved one and supporting us through this sacred time.



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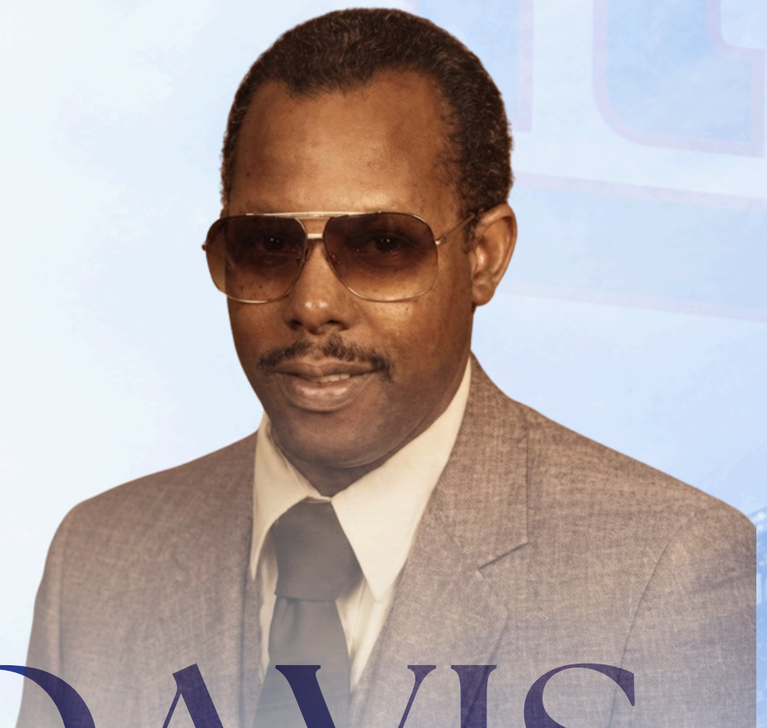
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Processional and Final Farewell
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New Testament
Reverend Blakely N. Scott

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Remarks
Bishop Dwight Alexander

Words Of Comfort
Deacon Thomas Mackey

Recessional

Committal, Prayer and Benediction

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Dear Puck

We were together almost sixty years.
You and me, from the same hometown,
and somehow we built this whole life side by side.
You took care of us.
You worked hard, you provided,
you were a good husband and a good father.
We raised our two children,
watched five grandchildren come along,
and even got to know one great-grandson.
We stayed in the same place all those years,
just living our days together.
I loved you every one of them.
And I know you loved me too.
Now the house is too quiet.
My heart is broken,
and I miss you more than I know how to say.
I miss your voice, your presence,the ordinary way you were just here.
I don't know how to do the rest of this without you,
but I will carry you with me.
I will love you for the rest of my days.
Rest now, sweetheart.
I am still yours.

Yours Truly,
Maec
Mrs.William J.Davis
Chris, Patrick, Kisha,Destini,Deandre,
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