

HER LIGHT REMAINS

*She moved through life with a spirit all her own—
with laughter, curiosity, grace, and joy.
She danced, she traveled, she loved deeply,
and she gave herself fully to the world around her.*

*Her smile could brighten a room,
her wit could turn a moment into laughter,
and her presence was impossible to forget.*

*Though we would have chosen more time,
we are grateful for every year, every memory,
every laugh, every journey, and every moment of love.*

*We will carry her with us—
in the stories we tell,
in the laughter we share,
in the love of family,
and in the faith that reminds us
that goodbye is not forever.*

*Her life was a gift.
Her love remains.
And her light goes with us.*

INTERMENT

*Spring Grove Cemetery
4521 Spring Grove Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45232*

PALLBEARERS

Friends and Family

A WORD OF THANKS

On behalf of our families, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for the overwhelming love, prayers, kindness, and support shown to us during this tragic time. Our faith reminds us that even in our deepest sorrow, we are never alone, and we have felt God's love through each of you. It is our sincere prayer that when you or your family experience a time of need, you are surrounded by the same extraordinary love, grace, and care that you have so generously given to us.



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COUNT IT ALL JOY

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

RANDOL GENTRY DAVIS

MAY 10, 1987 – AUGUST 26, 2026



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026 | 11:30 AM
QUINN CHAPEL AME CHURCH
10998 SOUTHLAND ROAD
CINCINNATI, OH 45240

OBITUARY

Randol Gentry Davis passed away on August 26, 2026. She was a beloved wife, daughter, sister, sister-in-law, artist, chef, writer, certified sommelier, and friend whose life reflected grace, creativity, intelligence, faith, and a deep love for family.

Randol was born on May 10, 1987, at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. Born on Mother's Day, she was the best Mother's Day gift her mother could have ever received. From the beginning, Randol brought beauty, spirit, and joy into the lives of those around her.

She had a lifelong love of history, English, and grammar, a gift she inherited from her late grandmother, Martha Jane Gentry. Randol was curious, thoughtful, sharp, and deeply expressive. She was the queen of a witty one-liner, and her smile, especially her unforgettable dimples, was a superpower all its own.

Randol threw herself fully into everything she did. As a young ballerina, she danced twice in The Nutcracker with the Cincinnati Ballet. In high school, she was a cheerleader, and in college, she continued her love of dance, performing at the Kennedy Center. She was also someone who believed in showing up for others, traveling twice to Mexico to help build and repair housing for children through Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy.

Her love of the world took her far beyond home. Randol traveled to Europe, Asia, South America, and other places that fed her curiosity, creativity, and appreciation for culture, beauty, food, history, and people.

Randol was a proud graduate of Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, where she earned Fine Arts Bachelor degrees in History and Dance. Her love of movement, artistry, and discipline shaped the way she moved through the world, both as a dancer and as a person.

Her creativity extended far beyond dance. Randol built a life around food, wine, hospitality, and storytelling. She completed intensive sommelier training at the International Culinary Center in New York and became a Level 2 Certified Sommelier through the Court of Master Sommeliers. Her career included work in restaurants, beverage management, culinary leadership, and wine writing, including time with Food & Wine Magazine.

Randol was multifaceted in every sense of the word. She brought taste, wit, care, and creativity to the things she loved. You felt her energy in every room she was in, whether she was quietly observing, laughing with joy, or engaging in a healthy debate. She had a way of making life feel more thoughtful, more beautiful, and more alive.

To know her was to love her. To feel her joy, her passion, and her heart was a gift. She believed passionately in love, family, friendship, and marriage.

To her family, Randol was cherished. She believed in family, in faith, and in the bonds that hold people together. She was tender and strong, brilliant and complex, graceful and unforgettable. Her presence will be missed in ways words cannot fully capture.

Randol is survived by her husband, Danny Elam; her mother, Deborah Gentry Davis; her father, James Earl Davis Sr.; her brother, James Davis Gilstrap; and her brother-in-law, Joshua Gilstrap. She leaves behind a wide and devoted circle of family, both chosen and extended, along with cherished aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends who loved her as their own and who will carry her memory forward with joy.

Randol will be remembered for her grace, her artistry, her sharp wit, her unforgettable dimples, her love for family, her faith, and the beauty she brought into the lives of those who loved her.

“Count it all joy.”

The words she lived by, in email and in life.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Parting View

Scripture Reading

Old Testament — Ecclesiastes 3:1–4, 11

New Testament — John 14:1–3, 27

Prayer

Selection

“Somewhere Over the Rainbow”

Denise Revely

Acknowledgement/Condolences

Remarks

James Davis Gilstrap, Dani McNeil Cameron

Caitlin Benedetti, Epiphany Davis

Reading of Obituary

(Please read silently and reflect upon
the blessing of Randol Gentry Davis)

Selection

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Denise Revely

The Eulogy

Pastor Dr. Jermaine D. Covington

Benediction

Pastor Dr. Jermaine D. Covington

Recessional

