

## *23rd Psalm*

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of  
righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;  
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD forever.

## *Acknowledgements*

Words cannot adequately express our sincere gratitude to each one of you for your outpouring of sympathy, love and support during this difficult time. Your prayers, calls, text and genuine acts of kindness have been comforting and are deeply appreciated.

Through God's grace and mercy, we will be able to navigate through this time of sorrow. Please continue to pray for us as we will also pray for you!

-The Davis Family



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# IN LOVING *Memory* OF



*Frederick Nelson Davis Jr.*

August 22, 1946 - January 2, 2026

January 9, 2026

Visitation: 2:00 p.m.

Funeral Service: 3:00 p.m.

Walker - Walnut Hills

2625 Gilbert Avenue

Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Min. Lavelle Betts, Officiating

## Obituary

Frederick Nelson Davis Jr. affectionately known as “Rusty” was born on August 22,1946 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Rusty was a loving father who passed away on Friday, January 2, 2026.

Rusty was born to Frederick Nelson Davis Sr. “Sonny” from Helana Arkansas and Dorothy Davis (nee Cantrell) from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Our Pops went by a few names: Frederick, Fred, Freddyred, Dad, Daddy, Brother, Uncle, Granddad, Big-Poppa, Poppa, Pops and most of all Rusty!

As the eldest son of eight siblings, Fred took on a supportive and guiding role, always looking out for his brothers and sisters. The Davis family first made their home in the Cumminsville/Millville neighborhood of Cincinnati before settling in Park Town on Linn Street. He attended grade school at St. Pius Catholic school, Garfield middle school and later graduated from Central High School now known as “Cincinnati State Technical College”. He played drums in the school band and loved music. He would hang his album covers on the wall as decorations. When he played baseball in school, Dave Parker was a freshman on the team and Dad was a senior. While in High School, he developed sewing skills and used them to create clothing.

Rusty found joy in fishing, golfing, playing cards and bowling and he never missed a chance to watch his favorite sports and westerns. He loved the quiet challenge of a good crossword puzzle.

Dad worked multiple jobs at times to take care of his family. He worked for the City of Cincinnati for over 30 years and retired in 2005!

Our Dad loved to help the veterans by donating food, clothing and time.

Dad will be remembered for that smile displaying his two gold teeth, sharing life stories, listening and learning from others and spending time with his family. Pops loved to laugh and was always up for a good time. Dad was just hilarious and animated in his conversations. He never liked drama and always wanted the best for everyone.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents Frederick Nelson Davis Sr. “Sonny” and Dorothy (Cantrell) Davis. Wife, Lillie Mae Key-Davis. Siblings: Fredrena “Rena” Davis, Mark “Tony” Davis, Paula Davis and Vincent Davis.

He leaves to cherish his memory: Siblings, Victor (Carmen) Davis, Debra (Bruce) Davis and Pam Davis. Children: Dorinda (Paris) Cox, Denise (Mervon) Hickson, Brian (Donna) Key. Grandchildren: Rayshawn Hickson, Erica (Corey) Jeffries, Keith Hickson and Sonya Hickson. Cynthia Rice (former wife, mother of Dorinda and Denise.) Cousins, Nieces, Nephews, Great-nieces and nephews, Great-grandchildren, friends, family and neighbors.

## Order of Service

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Musical Prelude	.....	"A Place in My Heart" -Sounds of Blackness
Parting View	.....	The Family
Prayer	.....	Min. Lavelle Betts
Scripture	.....	Erica Jeffries
Poem	.....	RayShawn Hickson
Acknowledgements	.....	Ayress Watters, Keith & Sonya Hickson
Remarks	.....	2 Mins Please
Obituary	.....	Read Silently
Selection	.....	"The Lord Will Make Away" -Sounds of Blackness
Eulogy	.....	Min. Lavelle Betts
Benediction	.....	Min. Lavelle Betts
Recessional	.....	"He Took Away All My Pain" -Sounds of Blackness

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### Pallbearers

Donte Key	Keith Hickson
Paris Cox	Corey Jeffries
Darian Jones	Gregory McGruder

### Honorary Pallbearers

Mervon Hickson	Brian Key
Victor Davis	

### Final Resting Place

January 10, 2026  
11:00 a.m.  
Vine Street Hill Cemetery  
3701 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220