



Michael Joseph Davis

June 11, 2019

Michael Joseph Davis, 72, passed away Tuesday, June 11th, 2019. Born in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late Jerry and Geraldine Davis. Mike graduated from the University of Virginia in 1970 (Go Hoos!) with a degree in nuclear engineering and earned an MBA from the University of Arkansas. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a nuclear safety officer during the Vietnam Era and was stationed at RAF Bentwaters, United Kingdom. It was there he developed a passion for British history and culture. He recalled those years with fondness and often referred to them as among the happiest times of his life.

After the Air Force, Mike was a shift test engineer at Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Virginia. He worked for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission since 1979 and retired from that position.

A very skilled amateur photographer, he chronicled every family event. Many of his friends benefited from his passion for music and his extensive collection. For several decades, he maintained an active correspondence with a noted Chinese author He Li-Yi, from whom he learned a great deal about events in that country.

He was extremely proud of his alma mater and always looked forward to the time the Cavaliers would win a major national basketball championship. Mike will be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, and

grandfather whose wit and humor will bring a smile for years to come.

Mike is survived by his wife of 49 years, Dorothy (Dottie) Davis; son, Dr. Michael E. Davis (Christina), and daughter, Jennifer A. Davis; two beloved granddaughters, Tristyn (9) and Evyn (5); brother Stephan R. Davis (Billie), and sister, Kathleen D. Harmon (Michael) as well as several nephews and extended family.

The funeral service with military honors will be conducted on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 2 pm in Loving Funeral Home in Portsmouth, Virginia. Rev. Dabney Walters will officiate. The interment will be private in Alfred G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in support of our veterans to the Gary Sinise Foundation. www.garysinisefoundations.org

Cemetery Details

Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery

5310 Milners Road
Suffolk, VA 23434

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Tribute Wall



“ Mike and I worked in the same branch in NRC many years ago. He was always very kind and helpful to me and other colleagues of ours. I still remember the conversation we had right before he was retiring from the NRC, which I will share with his daughter, Jennifer. He always had her best interest in his heart. Thank you, Mike, for your big heart.

Tilda Liu - July 18, 2019 at 03:07 PM



“ Wow, what a loss to us all, but Michael has gained heaven. He had the warmest of hearts, radiating honest kindness, and sincere strength to all with whom he came in contact. He will be sorely missed, but I look forward to seeing him again in heaven. We will both have a lot to catch up on. He has left us with fond memories, improved lives and a better world through his Godly sacrificial character, and the result of living a life as a great husband, father and friend. He left a great legacy, making the world is a better place, and my family better. Many thanks to my friend Michael Joseph Davis.

David Thompson - June 25, 2019 at 01:42 PM

“ You'll be seeing Big Mike "in all the old familiar places that this heart of yours embraces." The smallest detail will bring him to mind in so many ways throughout the days to come. He has given you a forever within the numbered days still ahead. It will take courage to get out of bed some days and climb into your day. And slowly hope will whisper, "It will be happier." As you make your way through grief, remember that those who die live on in us. May we all be worthy of his legacy.

*Near a shady wall a rose once grew,
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,
Watered and fed by the morning dew,
Shedding it's sweetness day and night.*

*As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,
Slowly rising to loftier height,
It came to a crevice in the wall
Through which there shone a beam of light.*

*Onward it crept with added strength
With never a thought of fear or pride,
It followed the light through the crevice's length
And unfolded itself on the other side.*

*The light, the dew, the broadening view
Were found the same as they were before,
And it lost itself in beauties new,
Breathing it's fragrance more and more.*

*Shall claim of death cause us to grieve
And make our courage faint and fall?
Nay! Let us faith and hope receive--
The rose still grows beyond the wall,*

*Scattering fragrance far and wide
Just as it did in days of yore,*

*Just as it did on the other side,
Just as it will forever-more.*

(By A. L. Fink)

*We love you like the family you are!
David and Elizabeth Harris*

Elizabeth Harris - June 22, 2019 at 08:18 PM

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“ *My heartfelt condolences go out to the Davis family on the passing off Mr. Davis. I always enjoyed chatting with him when I saw him at Nix. May the good memories his family and friends have sustain them in the difficult days and weeks ahead.*

Marvin Fanny Jr - June 20, 2019 at 02:07 PM

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“ *Our sincere sympathy to a beautiful family. John and I have such fond memories and we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers being sent. John and Sondra Underwood*

John and Sondra Underwood - June 20, 2019 at 07:59 AM

DJ

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I was fortunate enough to meet Michael Joseph Davis at my Dad's memorial Edgar F. Myers (cousins) several years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time 🙏*

Debbie Johnson - June 19, 2019 at 10:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Michael Joseph Davis*.



June 18, 2019 at 09:15 AM