



Reverend Joseph M. Davis

August 11, 1924 - November 19, 2013

The Reverend Joseph M. Davis died Tuesday morning, November 19, 2013 at CarePartners Hospice in Asheville, NC at age 89. He was the son of a United Methodist minister and a proud native of Kentucky. In 1986 he retired to Asheville and has been a resident of Givens Estates United Methodist Retirement Community for the past 22 years.

Rev. Davis served as a United Methodist missionary in the Congo from 1950 to 1975 together with his late wife, Dorothy Quillin Davis. Throughout the years, he maintained a deep love for the African people and the Church in the Congo.

Rev. Davis was ordained an Elder in the Kentucky Annual Conference in 1948 and was a lifelong, stalwart United Methodist. After returning from Africa he served as Superintendent of the Red Bird Missionary Conference in southeastern Kentucky, and later as pastor of the London and Wilmore United Methodist Churches prior to his retirement.

“Joseph” married “Mary” Overmyer Moon in 1979. Before their marriage, Mary served for over 26 years as a United Methodist missionary in India. Following formal retirement, they served in interim pastoral ministry appointments in Bimini, Ethiopia, and Alaska. He also volunteered at Asheville-Buncombe County Christian Ministries for over 20 years.

He received an M.Div. degree from Asbury Theological Seminary and an honorary Doctor of Divinity as well as the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Asbury University.

Rev. Davis was a member of Central United Methodist Church and a teacher of the Covenant Sunday School Class. He was an avid walker and reader, and dearly loved his family and grandchildren. His greatest joy was serving his Lord Jesus Christ.

Surviving relatives are his wife, Mary Davis, sons Rev. Dr. Warner F. Davis (TingTing), Dr. Ted Moon (Jackie), Jack Moon (Edie), Rev. Dr. Bob Moon (Betty), and daughters Diane Keegan (Jim), and Becky Lowe (Jon). He is also survived by eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in the chapel at Givens Estates on Friday, November 22, 2013 at 10:30 am. The Rev. Robert Blackburn and Rev. Edward Hillman will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Red Bird Missionary Conference (70 Queendale Center, Beverly KY 40913) or CarePartners Hospice (PO Box 25338, Asheville NC 28813).

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **22**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Norma F. Pulliam Chapel in Asbury Commons of Givens Estate
2360 Sweeten Creek Road
Asheville, NC 28803
<http://www.givensestates.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Reverend Joseph M. Davis*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Stan Beck lit a candle in memory of Reverend Joseph M. Davis*



Stan Beck - November 26, 2013 at 10:26 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3-4 states, And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death. Hope these words give you a new hope.*

Ana - November 26, 2013 at 08:55 AM



“ *Warner,*

*Fred and I have you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.
Peace.*

Fred and Mary Shambach

Mary and Fred Shambach - November 22, 2013 at 04:42 PM

MS

“ Mary And Fred Shambach lit a candle in memory of Reverend Joseph M. Davis



Mary and Fred Shambach - November 22, 2013 at 04:33 PM

FR

“ It was my privilege to volunteer with Joe on Thursday mornings at the ABCCM Crisis Ministry. I enjoyed learning about Kentucky and his ministry in Africa. What a fine Christian gentleman! My sympathy to his family. Sincerely, Florence Rowe

Florence Rowe - November 22, 2013 at 02:30 PM

ET

“ Diane, We are sorry for your loss, but we know your father is with Christ in heaven now. If we can do anything please call on us. Sincerely Ed and Dukie Tabor

Ed Tabor - November 22, 2013 at 11:11 AM

JS

“ Diane: Your father sounds like a very special person and a true servant of Christ. Olivia and I have you and Jim in our hearts and prayers. God bless. Jerry Saunders

Jerry and Olivia Saunders - November 21, 2013 at 06:29 PM

AA

“ Mary, our hearts are with you and your family with the passing of Joe. He was a very special person and will be missed. Our prayers are with you. God bless, Dot and Alec Alvord

Alec and Dot Alvord - November 21, 2013 at 03:39 PM