



## Richard James Davis

November 29, 1944 - April 1, 2020

Richard “Rick” James Davis (75) of Springfield, Virginia, passed April 1, 2020. He is the beloved husband of Carol L. (Tingley) Davis; loving father of Jeannette C. Di Giulian (the late James), Eric R. Davis (Janet), and Anna M. Williams. He was preceded in death by his parents Ret. Lt. Col. Glen E. Davis and Laurie E. Davis. He is survived by his brother Glen E. Davis, Jr. (Alice). He is the cherished grandfather of 11: Emily Di Giulian (15), Natalie Di Giulian (15), Jayda Pearson (13), Brandon Davis (13), Julian Williams (12), Isabella Di Giulian (11), Autumn Davis (10), Craig Williams (9), Jazmyn Pearson (9), Ruby Williams (6) and Warren Davis (3). He is also survived by numerous friends and extended family.

Rick was born to his parents on November 29, 1944 in Des Moines, Iowa. His military family moved frequently during his upbringing and he cherished the years spent in Germany where the Davis’ have extended family. As a young lad he enjoyed boy scouts and games of strategy. Upon return to the United States, Rick’s family planted themselves in Springfield where he ultimately graduated from Lee High School—but not before meeting his sweetheart of 53 years. He continued his education at The Virginia Military Institute where he took the nickname “Bear” and graduated in 1967. He then married his high school sweetheart Carol at Olivet Episcopal Church and joined the Air Force beginning his career as a computer systems analyst. The Air Force sent him to graduate school at Georgia Tech. Following his service Rick worked for the General Service Administration where he retired. Never one to be idle, he continued working as a contractor for various corporations until his grandchildren came along and he became an “Opa”.

Rick was an avid collector of various things throughout his life to include stamps, tools, cars, coins, hats, knives, and guns. He loved soccer and played until his knees couldn’t take it. Later in life he was a dedicated coach for the Springfield Youth Club and even led one of his granddaughter’s teams to a championship. He enjoyed canoeing and working in his extensive vegetable and flower garden. He was a skilled wood crafter and spent much of his adult life as The Village Toymith selling his creations at craft fairs. He ultimately took up whittling and created a house full of hand-crafted birds. He spent a lot of time in his rocking chair in his wood shop perfecting his skill. Rick enjoyed traveling with Carol

and top-down rides in his convertibles, hosting family barbeques, and a good scotch whisky. He frequented as many Oktoberfest activities as time would allow and would sport his kilt or lederhosen. Always a family man, Rick organized many yearly vacations with his children, their spouses and ultimately grandchildren in attendance. Opa will be sorely missed by those who know and love him.

A private family viewing will be held at Jefferson Memorial Chapel in Alexandria, Virginia.

A Memorial Service will be held at The American Legion Post 76, 6520 Amherst Ave. Springfield, VA 22150, on Friday, October 15, 2021 at 8:30AM.

Inurnment directly following at Quantico National Cemetery Triangle, VA.

In lieu of flowers, if you are inclined, please make a donation to:

Food for Others <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/foodforothers?code=website>

American Legion Post 176

<https://www.members.legion.org/tal/donatenow#legion-org>

# Cemetery

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## Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Rd  
Triangle, VA, 22172

# Events

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**OCT 15** **Memorial Service** 08:30AM - 09:30AM

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American Legion Post 76  
6520 Amherst Ave., Springfield, VA, US, 22150

**OCT 15** **Burial** 10:30AM - 11:00AM

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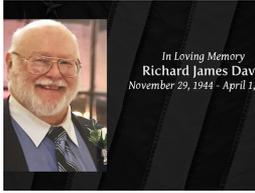
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18424 Joplin Rd, Triangle, VA, US, 22172-1636

# Comments

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Jefferson Funeral Chapel - April 04, 2020 at 12:57 PM

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Joyce W. - April 12, 2020 at 03:05 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Joyce W. - April 12, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ Mrs W! These are great pics, thanks so much for sharing. I saw more than a few of you and Dad and Tim M and more of the ole crew when we were going thru pictures. :)

Eric - April 17, 2020 at 07:46 PM

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“ It was sad news hear about Bear's passing, but I am glad I could "attend" the viewing. I have many fond memories of Bear and hope I will be able to attend the service at Quantico.



**NEIL SCHLUSSEL** - April 04, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ Rick, this was a terrific tribute to you and your family and to a life well lived. Saluting you, as always. Rest now, Rick. So very well earned, my friend.

Nancy Petersen

**Nancy Petersen** - April 05, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ Our heart and our prayers go out to you and your family. We send our Sympathy on behalf of all of Bear's Brother Rats from VMI. Jan and Joan Abernathy '67

**Jan Abernathy** - April 06, 2020 at 10:48 PM



“ Rick was a big big part of my life growing up next door. The stories he told about my Dad and Mom were wonderful and I never tired of hearing.

One event I will never forget was Rick, my parents and my godfather ringing the trees in the backyard with empty wine bottles celebrating the birth of his son and my godparents returning to the US

We'll miss you Rick

**Joseph Johnson II** - April 09, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ Rick was an outstanding colleague who enriched our work and personal lives. He will be missed by many. May he rest in peace. My sympathy and prayers for his family.

Eric Schilling

**Eric Schilling** - April 15, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ I worked for Rick at GSA and he was a good man and demanding boss. He was a mentor and recognized and awarded good work. Few really knew him as I did. I had a family emergency while working for him and he showed that loving, caring side. It was a time when I needed someone to talk to and he was there for me and allowed me the time to deal with my problem. We stayed in touch for years and met for lunch many times. He was a good friend and I will miss him! He is in a better place. RIP Rick!

Dave Yeager

**David Yeager** - April 19, 2020 at 11:21 AM