



## Ralph E. Davis

May 21, 1952 - July 7, 2019

Ralph E. Davis transitioned to glory on Sunday, July 7, 2019 at Methodist University Hospital in Memphis, TN with his daughter, Ralonda, by his side. Ralph was born May 21, 1952 to the late Lundie (Thompson) Davis and Ralph Leroy Davis.

He accepted Christ at an early age at Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Mason, TN. He was an active member of Thankful Baptist Church where he served as a Trustee for several years, past chair of the Consecration Committee, a member of the Men's choir, and an active member of the Brotherhood of Thankful.

Ralph married his high school sweetheart, Glodine King Davis, on March 17, 1972. They have one daughter, Ralonda Davis.

He earned a degree in Political Science and History from East Tennessee State University in 1975. Ralph worked for Eastman Chemical Company for 40 years until his retirement in 2017.

Ralph was very active in the community and was dedicated to civil rights and social justice. He was a Charter member of the Umoja/Unity Committee where he was the past President. He was also the current President of the Johnson City / Washington County NAACP branch and the current NAACP State

Conference Area Director for East TN. He formerly served as NAACP State Conference Vice President – East TN for almost two decades. He was appointed in 2006 by Governor Phil Bredeson to serve as a representative to the Tennessee Human Rights Commission and served until 2013. He was also a current member of the Johnson City Black and White Dialogue and the Johnson City / Washington County community roundtable. One of his greatest last achievements was persuading the city of Johnson City to name a portion of a major street after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Freddie Davis; two sisters, Delphine Davis and Connie Davis; and his dear loving wife of 45 years, Glodine Davis.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his daughter, Ralonda; sisters, Sharon Adams; Sheila (Ronnie) Kelley; brother, Gregory Davis; his mother-in-law, Larue Albritton, and a host of nieces, nephews, and other family and friends who he loved dearly.

Funeral Services will be held at 12:00pm Saturday July 20, 2019 at Thankful Baptist Church in Johnson City. The body will lie in state at the church from 9:00am until 11:00am. Family visitation will be held from 11:00am until 12:00pm at the church prior to the service. Interment will follow at Washington County Memory Gardens In Johnson City.

# Previous Events

## Lie in State

JUL 20. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Thankful Baptist Church  
1501 E Watauga Ave  
Johnson City, TN 37601  
(423) 926-5241

## Visitation

JUL 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

JUL 20. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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1501 E Watauga Ave  
Johnson City, TN 37601  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph E. Davis*

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January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *CLINTON&PAM ROLLINS lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



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**CLINTON&PAM ROLLINS** - August 17, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ *Mildred Davis Henderson lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



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**Mildred Davis Henderson** - July 21, 2019 at 02:28 PM

MC


“ To the family of Ralph E. Davis, on behalf of the Mt. Zion family we are saddened by the loss of a great friend. Emma and I have been neighbors for the past four years but friends much longer. Ralph was my friend and I got to spend time with him when I replaced the floor in the downstairs. I will miss you my friend. Family may the peace of God comfort you now and forever. Rest well my friend.



*Rev. Dr. Melvin And Dr. Emma Conley,*

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**melvin and emma conley** - July 20, 2019 at 12:47 PM


 Brenda Akins Charles

“ Brenda Akins Charles sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph E. Davis



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**Brenda Akins Charles** - July 19, 2019 at 11:20 PM

 Brenda Akins Charles

“ James & Brenda Charles



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**Brenda Akins Charles** - July 19, 2019 at 11:19 PM

PJ

“ *Pete and Linda Johnson*

*Ralph was a close friend and co-worker for many years. He was always concerned for others and showed it in many ways. I think of him every day and will miss him very much!*

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**Pete and Linda Johnson** - July 19, 2019 at 03:02 PM

SK

“ *Shonda, Alfred & Houston Gonzales (Olathe, KS) purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ralph E. Davis.*



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**Shonda, Alfred & Houston Gonzales (Olathe, KS)** - July 19, 2019 at 12:51 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Davis.*



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July 18, 2019 at 11:22 PM

RL

“ This community will truly miss our dear brother Ralph Davis. There will not be another Ralph Davis in our time. Ralph served as a gentle giant to our community, working to bring equity and unity throughout the Johnson City area. His concern was for everyone, and he worked diligently to make sure that every person felt that they were of worth and value. To Rolanda and all of the family, our prayers are for your strength and your encouragement. We thank you for allowing Ralph to be a part of all of our lives.

God bless,

Rev. Lester D. Lattany

Friendship Baptist Church

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Rev. Lester D. Lattany - July 18, 2019 at 07:38 PM

PB

“ Paul & Vanessa Braxton lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis



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Paul & Vanessa Braxton - July 17, 2019 at 12:38 PM

DM

“ Darrell & Janice Murphy lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis



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Darrell & Janice Murphy - July 17, 2019 at 06:15 AM

ED

“ Evelyn Debroy lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis



Evelyn Debroy - July 16, 2019 at 06:46 PM

JJ

“ Jennifer “j” Jones lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis



Jennifer “j” Jones - July 16, 2019 at 06:45 PM

AN

“ Angelo Newman lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis



Angelo Newman - July 16, 2019 at 06:44 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Davis.



July 16, 2019 at 06:43 PM

SW

“ Susan And Stever Wagner lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis



Susan and Stever Wagner - July 16, 2019 at 09:48 AM

SW

Many prayers for the family and friends. This community has lost a mighty worker. Susan and Steve Wagner

Susan/Steve Wagner - July 16, 2019 at 09:52 AM

SF

“ Sharon Adams and Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Ralph E. Davis.



Sharon Adams and Family - July 15, 2019 at 07:31 PM

MW

“ GOING TO MISS YOU MY FRIEND. THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES YOU AND I SHARED ABOUT GOLDNE AND COLUMBUS.

Mary K. Williams - July 15, 2019 at 12:23 PM

MW

“ *Mary K. Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



**Mary K. Williams** - July 15, 2019 at 12:06 PM

Brenda  
Akins  
Charles

“ *James & Brenda Charles*



**Brenda Akins Charles** - July 13, 2019 at 11:53 PM

Brenda  
Akins  
Charles

“ *Brenda Akins Charles sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



**Brenda Akins Charles** - July 13, 2019 at 11:49 PM

BC

“ *Earth has lost a good man, but heaven has gained a glowing Angel !*

*I got to know Ralph at work, and I never met a kinder man. He touched many lives, and his achievements will not be forgotten.*

**Bobby Crawford** - July 13, 2019 at 07:49 PM

TG

“ Thomas A Graham lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis



Thomas A Graham - July 13, 2019 at 02:03 PM

RP

“ HAVING WORKED AROUND RALPH AND HIS WIFE GOLDNE AT THE EASTMAN I FOUND THEM TO BE GOOD PEOPLE TO BE AROUND.BOTH WORKED HARD AND WERE FRIENDS TO ALL.I JUST TALKED TO RALPH TWO MONTHS AGO AND THIS IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND.THE WORLD COULD USE A LOT MORE LIKE RALPH.MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU RALPH.RAYMOND PERKINSON JOHNSON CITY

RAYMOND PERKINSON - July 12, 2019 at 05:49 AM

KM

“ Kathy Mills sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph E. Davis



Kathy Mills - July 11, 2019 at 09:37 PM

KM

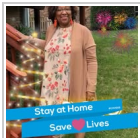
*My prayers are with Rolanda and family.*

Kathy Mills - July 11, 2019 at 09:38 PM

GG

“ *Ralph will always be remembered fondly by all who were blessed to know him. My condolences to Rolanda and the family.* ”

**Gail Goines** - July 11, 2019 at 07:31 PM



“ *Sending condolences to Ralonda and family. What a life well lived* ”



**Margaret Davis** - July 11, 2019 at 01:11 PM

CT

“ *Connie Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph E. Davis* ”



**Connie Thompson** - July 11, 2019 at 12:53 PM

GB

“ *G.L. Bristol lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis* ”



**G.L. Bristol** - July 11, 2019 at 12:38 PM

MH

MR RALPH DAVIS U WAS LIKE A FATHER U HELP OUT MANY WAYS SURE DO MISS YOU YOU WAS A VERY GOOD FRIEND I WAS SO GLAD TO MEET YOU N HELP YOU AT THE UMOJA Festival God has a angel sitting with him

Michael humphreys - July 11, 2019 at 04:20 PM

TB

“ Trish Bristol sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph E. Davis



Trish Bristol - July 11, 2019 at 12:16 PM



“ Katherine Madison lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis



Katherine Madison - July 11, 2019 at 11:37 AM

CE

“ Chad Edney lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis



Chad Edney - July 11, 2019 at 08:49 AM

CE

*Prayers go out to Ralonda and Family. Ralph was a Great Man, he will be missed. R.I.P. Ralph.*

**Chad Edney** - July 11, 2019 at 08:56 AM

AS

“ *Andre Stevens lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



**Andre Stevens** - July 11, 2019 at 07:15 AM

YT

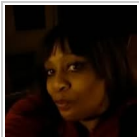
*To the family Of Ralph Davis, you have my deepest sympathy , make God bless you and keep you. Hold on to God unchanging hand, He will bless you and give you strength.Love Yvonne turner*

**yvonne turner** - July 11, 2019 at 08:56 AM

JM

“ *The world needs more men like Ralph. He was a wonderful and tireless fighter for others, and a man who fiercely loved God and his family. He will be truly missed.*

**Joy Miller** - July 10, 2019 at 11:07 PM



“ *Paulette Robinson lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



**Paulette Robinson** - July 10, 2019 at 11:01 PM

DB

“ Diane Bradley lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis



Diane Bradley - July 10, 2019 at 10:06 PM

FF

“ Frankie Hunter & Geneva Fain lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis



Frankie Hunter & Geneva Fain - July 10, 2019 at 08:43 PM

GF

“ Gary & Moricina Fain lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis



Gary & Moricina Fain - July 10, 2019 at 08:40 PM

MB

“ Mike And Terry Bradley sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph E. Davis



Mike and Terry Bradley - July 10, 2019 at 07:10 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Davis.*



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July 10, 2019 at 06:37 PM



“ *Toi Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



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**Toi Williams** - July 10, 2019 at 01:59 PM



“ *Tiffany Ryans sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



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**Tiffany Ryans** - July 10, 2019 at 08:01 AM



“ *Raymond & Carol Oxendine sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



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**Raymond & Carol Oxendine** - July 09, 2019 at 11:43 PM

Mary Rollins

“ *Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



Mary Rollins - July 09, 2019 at 11:16 PM

JL

“ *Julia Anderson Letcher sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



Julia Anderson Letcher - July 09, 2019 at 06:53 PM

JL

*Fly high my friend .RIP*

Julia Anderson Letcher - July 09, 2019 at 06:56 PM

HB

“ *Hattie Barkley lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



Hattie Barkley - July 09, 2019 at 04:44 PM

WB

“ *Walter & Yvonne Buford sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



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**Walter & Yvonne Buford** - July 09, 2019 at 04:36 PM

WB

*A man of honor, commitment and sincerity has left his presence known on the hearts of many ... Ralph will be heart-felt missed. Our prayers are with the Davis family during this trying time.*

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**Walter and Yvonne Buford** - July 09, 2019 at 04:40 PM

JW

“ *Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



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**Janice wells** - July 09, 2019 at 03:51 PM

JW

“ *Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



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**Janice wells** - July 09, 2019 at 03:50 PM

JW

“ *Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



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**Janice wells** - July 09, 2019 at 03:50 PM

VP

“ *Viola Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



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**Viola Patton** - July 09, 2019 at 03:46 PM

JW

“ *Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



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**Janice wells** - July 09, 2019 at 03:46 PM

TM

“ *Teresa Sis McAdams lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



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**Teresa Sis McAdams** - July 09, 2019 at 03:40 PM

CF

“*Rolanda, I am so sorry for the loss of your father (Ralph), I will continue to pray for you and the family. If I can do anything please let me know. A family that the Fain's will never forget. Be Blessed.*  
*Carolyn Fain*

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**carolyn fain** - July 09, 2019 at 12:00 PM

EB

“*Elaine Brady lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



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**Elaine Brady** - July 09, 2019 at 11:14 AM

WJ

“*Wilma Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



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**Wilma Jenkins** - July 09, 2019 at 10:50 AM

CB

“*Charles Buford lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



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**Charles Buford** - July 09, 2019 at 10:23 AM

CB

*Going to miss u Ralph many blessings*

**Charles Buford** - July 09, 2019 at 10:25 AM

LB

“ *Lee & Lydia Bridwell lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



**Lee & Lydia Bridwell** - July 09, 2019 at 09:22 AM

CF

“ *Carla Forney lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



**Carla Forney** - July 09, 2019 at 08:28 AM

MD

“ *Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



**Melvin Drumgoole** - July 09, 2019 at 08:03 AM

PD

“ *Pauline Douglas lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



Pauline Douglas - July 08, 2019 at 10:15 PM

PB

“ *Paul And Vanessa Braxton lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



Paul and Vanessa Braxton - July 08, 2019 at 09:24 PM

RC

“ *Rhonda Conley lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



Rhonda Conley - July 08, 2019 at 08:48 PM

KB

“ *Katie Bailey-Hynes lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



Katie Bailey-Hynes - July 08, 2019 at 07:28 PM

CB

“ Carol Bradley lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis



Carol Bradley - July 08, 2019 at 06:28 PM

HF

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the Davis family during this time of bereavement! He was a very wonderful man who dedicated his work to the community! Howie really admired Ralph since he first started joining the NAACP 10+ years ago and was the youngest to be a part of the organization and still currently in it! Much love and prayers to the family!!!



Howie Kemper & Family - July 08, 2019 at 06:00 PM

HF

“ Howie Kemper & Family lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis



Howie Kemper & Family - July 08, 2019 at 05:58 PM

CR

“ Cheryl Rhea lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis



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**Cheryl Rhea** - July 08, 2019 at 05:49 PM

CR

*Understanding God's Will is Sovereign, very sad to say farewell friend. Praying for Ralonda, Sharon and all who held you close. Thanks for your encouragement in my journey. Sending our sincere condolences, Love , Cheryl Rhea and Family*

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**Cheryl Rhea** - July 08, 2019 at 06:02 PM

BH

*I worked with Ralph for years. He was a great mechanic and hard worker. And above all a great man. His locker was beside mine and we would always have a laugh about something silly at shift change Rest in peace my friend.*

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**Bill Hart** - July 12, 2019 at 10:21 PM

RB

“ Roddy Bird lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis



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**Roddy Bird** - July 08, 2019 at 03:50 PM

PR

“ *Worked with Ralph at Eastman, Community projects, and church functions; in all conditions he was a good man of Great Honor! He will be Greatly Missed!*  
- Pastor Mark Redd

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**Pastor Mark Redd** - July 08, 2019 at 02:25 PM

CA

“ *Crystal Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



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**crystal anderson** - July 08, 2019 at 01:33 PM

VR

“ *Vanessa Robinson lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



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**Vanessa Robinson** - July 08, 2019 at 12:41 PM

LB

“ *Lynn & Rayetta Bachman lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Davis*



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**Lynn & Rayetta Bachman** - July 08, 2019 at 12:11 PM

SW

“ *Ralph Davis was on my crew at Eastman when he retired. He was not only a great co-worker but a great friend. No matter what he was going through he was always concerned about others. It was a blessing to know him. I know he is reunited with Glodine and they are rejoicing with the Angels*

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**Sherry Williams** - July 08, 2019 at 11:44 AM

CP

*Carl F. Phillips*  
*Ralph was a point of light in this community. He will be surely missed.*



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**Carl Phillips** - July 08, 2019 at 09:32 PM

LA

“ *Prayers are with the Rolanda and family...may the Savior's grace grant comfort and peace.*



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**LAB** - July 08, 2019 at 07:00 AM