



## Hon. Arrie Wilson Davis

July 21, 1940 - November 27, 2023

Arrie Wilson Davis, son of Arrie W. Davis Sr. and Mary Edna Wilson Davis, was born in Baltimore, MD on July 21, 1940. He departed this life on Monday, November 27, 2023. His exemplary life began by attending primary and secondary public schools in Baltimore, graduating from Frederick Douglass Senior High School in 1957. Arrie had a lifelong appreciation for music, playing and listening to classical piano including Beethoven and Tchaikovsky. He was also an avid swimmer, working as a lifeguard at the Druid Hill Park pool in his teenage years.

After initially attending the University of Maryland to pursue a career in medicine, he earned a Bachelor of Arts from Morgan State College in 1963, Master of Arts from New York University in 1966, and his juris doctor from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1969 and was admitted to the Maryland Bar the same year. In addition to his full-time positions as an Assistant States Attorney for Baltimore City (1970 - 1971) and Assistant Attorney General in the Appellate Division (1971- 1981), he also taught paralegal studies at Morgan State University (1971–1981) and the Villa Julie College (1972 –1980). Beyond teaching, Arrie never missed an opportunity to mentor young attorneys. Arrie was also a member of the Maryland State, Baltimore City, Monumental City, J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Associations, and the Harry A. Cole Judicial Council.

On March 2, 1981, Arrie was appointed as an Associate Judge for the District Court of Maryland for District 1 located in Baltimore City. Two years later, he was elevated to the Baltimore City Circuit Court, where he served as an associate judge for seven years. From December 1990 until 2010, he served as Judge for the Court of Special Appeals, Maryland's second highest court. He continued serving as a retired judge, specially assigned until 2017.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wonderful wife of 59 years, Joan Queen Davis, two daughters, Joanne Davis and Aria Davis Crump, son-in-law Regan Crump, granddaughter Noelle Crump, sister Ramona Davis Hamilton, several cousins and his best friend, Judge Robert M. Bell.

# Cemetery Details

## Arbutus Memorial Park Cemetery

1101 Sulphur Spring Road  
Baltimore, MD 21227

# Previous Events

## Wake

DEC 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD

## Service

DEC 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

March Life Tribute Centers - December 15, 2023 at 12:01 PM



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Hon. Arrie Wilson Davis*



March Life Tribute Centers - December 07, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ *Kerry A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hon. Arrie Wilson Davis.*

Kerry A. - December 15, 2023 at 09:42 AM



“ *Belinda S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hon. Arrie Wilson Davis.*

Belinda S. - December 14, 2023 at 08:43 PM

PH

“ I am so saddened to hear about the passing of The Hon. Judge Davis (UBalt Law Class of '69)! I'm sending my sincerest and most heartfelt condolences to his family and to all of those who loved him!



Unfortunately, I never had the opportunity to meet Judge Davis personally. Our BLSA Chapter at the University of Baltimore School of Law has a Scholarship Award named in honor of him. We were hoping to have Judge Davis as a guest at our annual chapter banquet last school year, but we learned that, unfortunately, he was not in good health at that time. Our chapter will continue to honor Judge Davis's legacy and to cherish his memory in our hearts!

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**Paris J. Holmes** - December 14, 2023 at 02:35 PM

HJ

“ Judge Davis was the consummate professional in every respect. He never let his robe stand in the way of caring about people. We have had many interesting discussions over the years and I valued his wise counsel. Thank you for your service to our profession.

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**Harry S. Johnson** - December 14, 2023 at 01:41 PM

ET

“ The Honorable Arrie Wilson Davis was a wonderful scholar and gentleman. I have many fond memories of him at social events held by our mutual friends the late Honorable Soloman Baylor and Dr. Ernestine Walker. I have always appreciated the opportunity to meet him.

*Elva E. Tillman, Esquire and James E. Jones, Retired Professor of Fine Arts.*

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**Elva E. Tillman** - December 14, 2023 at 01:15 PM

BH

“ Sincere condolences to the family of Hon. Arrie Wilson Davis. Had the great to serve as his Courtroom Clerk at one time or another.

Bill Hill - December 14, 2023 at 09:03 AM

LJ

“ Judge Davis gave his sage guidance to so many of us African American judges, as our numbers swelled from the few to more, in a manner that was gentle yet uncompromising. He made certain that we understood the significance of our roles and the context within which we served. As a leader of the Harry A. Cole Judicial Council, he helped fellow members remember our history, impressing upon each of us how that history informs the present. Not merely a scholar and brilliant legal mind, Judge Davis was a friend and unacknowledged mentor to me and so many others that he dared to urged to give our best.

Larnzell Martin, Jr. - December 12, 2023 at 05:21 PM

LJ

“ Larnzell Martin, Jr. purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Hon. Arrie Wilson Davis.



Larnzell Martin, Jr. - December 12, 2023 at 04:39 PM

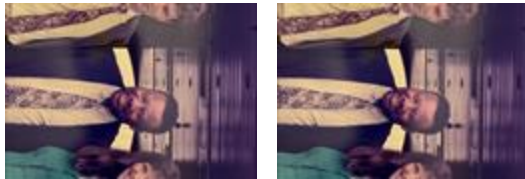
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Larnzell Martin, Jr. - December 12, 2023 at 04:39 PM

SL

“ Rest in peace Judge Arrie W. Davis. Condolences to Judge Davis’s family, loved ones, friends, former law clerks and staff. In 1993, Judge Davis took a chance and hired me as one his two Law Clerks. It was one of the best, most important, experiences of my life. Judge Davis treated me and his entire team with incredible trust and respect. He shared with me how he thought as a jurist and a writer and helped me improve my legal thinking and writing. Judge Davis was an incredible hard worker with a passion for detail and clear writing (He was at his desk at 6 am if I recall right!). Every opinion he authored went through a painstaking process to make sure it was right in every way. He cared deeply about the people he served. Working for Judge Davis was a joy because he always made people feel important and capable. He generously showed his appreciation. I’ll always recall a decision we worked on together that went from being the dissenting opinion to becoming the majority view. Judge Davis stood his ground when he knew he was right, and he trusted his team. Judge Davis – Thank you for your contributions you are missed. (Attached photo (1994?) – Judge Davis took Martha (my co-clerk) and I out for a fancy crab cake lunch!



Scott Levinson - December 08, 2023 at 01:48 PM

GB

“ I appeared before Judge Davis countless times. He was a gentleman. He cared deeply about the law and allowed you to try your case and to be a lawyer. He was thoughtful and compassionate in his sentencing. He was just a good man. We all lost a quality, decent human being who gave more than he took. Rest in Peace. Gary S. Bernstein

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**Gary S. Bernstein** - December 06, 2023 at 04:07 PM

WP

“ 2 files added to the album Judge Arrie Davis Law Clerks



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**Wendy P** - December 06, 2023 at 12:33 PM

DC

“ I have great memories of my father-in-law, a very distinguished man, who loved his family. He was a dedicated public servant of the highest caliber. Here is a great picture of him with his good friend, the Hon. Robert Bell, on a day Judge Davis was being honored himself. May he rest in peace, but may his memory and legacy live long.



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**Dr. Regan Crump** - December 05, 2023 at 01:23 PM

MW

“ 6 files added to the album Judge Arrie Davis Law Clerks



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**Maggie Witherup** - December 02, 2023 at 12:17 PM

RB

“ Robert m B. planted a grove of 50 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hon. Arrie Wilson Davis.

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**Robert m B.** - December 01, 2023 at 01:42 PM

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“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Life Tribute Center (Randallstown)** - November 29, 2023 at 01:42 PM