



John Earl Davis Jr.

January 5, 1933 - June 30, 2018

"The righteous perish, and no one takes it to heart: the devout are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death. (Isaiah 57:1-2)

Deacon John Earl Davis Jr., 85, of Richmond, Virginia transitioned to his heavenly home on Saturday, June 30, 2018. He was born January 5, 1933 in Rocky Mount, North Carolina to the late John Davis, Sr. and Jeanette Vaughan Davis. He was preceded in death by his daughters, Valencia Davis Goodall and Gail Davis; and his three sisters, Pearly Davis, Mable Davis and Earline Davis.

He received his formal education at Booker T. Washington High School in Rocky Mount, where he graduated. John was an all around athlete and excelled in football, basketball and baseball. He was outstanding so much that he received a four-year scholarship to Elizabeth City State University. However, John was drafted in the United States Army. He served his country proudly, completing his time of service and received an honorable discharge. John accepted Christ as his Savior and was united with Sharon Baptist Church. He was an Usher, a Deacon (one of the most dedicated in the church), Vice President of the Finance Committee; Assistant Sick Chairman for many years; Benevolence Chairman; Church School, Bible Study, Prayer and Praise Leader among many other spiritual ministries, all as a volunteer.

He also founded the Dr. MLK Birthday Celebration which he spearheaded for 25 years.

On April 13, 1955 in Rocky Mount, John was united in holy matrimony with the love of his life, Vera Bell. Their union was blessed with three children. John was a family man and wonderful provider. He leaves a legacy of noble honor serving his heavenly father, a belief in his Christian faith and determination. He formally worked at the Treasury Department in Washington, DC; Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond and transferred to Bellwood Defense Supply Center as a shipping clerk for 35 dedicated years. After retirement, began another career at Second Baptist Church at Gaskins and River Road. There he sustained their floors and the catering department. John also maintained the order for the Senate of Virginia during the General Assembly for 12 years.

He is survived by his loving and devoted beloved wife of 63 years, Vera Bell Davis; devoted daughter, Terry Davis Mayo; grandchildren, Daniel A. Goodall, Jr. and Monica V. Goodall; 2 devoted sons-in-law, Harold Wayne Mayo and Rev. Daniel A. Goodall, Sr.; 4 devoted sisters-in-law, Annie, Jean, Mary and Joyce Bell; 2 devoted brothers-in-law, Joseph Bell, Sr. and Deacon James Bell, Sr.; 2 devoted nieces, Shirley Davis and Marjorie Armstrong of Rocky Mount, NC; 4 adopted loving sons, Rev. Earvin Melvin, Rev. Ronnie Fleming, Deacon Robert Winston and Deacon Wayne Gilpin; a host of nieces, nephews, other relative and friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

viewing

JUL 6. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

JUL 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
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Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *John Earl Davis Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Family, mom(Bertha) always flashed a smile whenever I played this song("Don't Let The Green Grass Fool You"). According to her, this was one of his favorite songs when he and Aunt Vera were younger.*

*Love always,
Linda*

Linda Armstrong - July 06, 2018 at 12:15 PM



“ *So sorry to here of passing of Mr Davis GOD
Bless your Family*



Eli & Amy Morris - July 05, 2018 at 01:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
John Earl Davis Jr..*



July 05, 2018 at 10:58 AM

RJ

“ *Rev. Drucilla Jeter And James Jeter-ABC lit a candle in memory of John Earl Davis Jr.*



Rev. Drucilla Jeter and James Jeter-ABC - July 04, 2018 at 11:12 PM

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“ *Linda Williams-Brown lit a candle in memory of John Earl Davis Jr.*



Linda Williams-Brown - July 04, 2018 at 02:20 PM



“ *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.*

March Funeral Homes - July 02, 2018 at 03:22 PM