

Rev. Dr. Victor L. Davis, Sr.

March 10, 1952 - May 10, 2021

Legacy of Life

Rev. Dr. Victor Davis was born on March 10, 1952, to the late Ruby M. Riddick and George Davis. He accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at the age of 12 and was baptized at the Piney Grove Baptist Church in Princess Anne County, Virginia. At the age of 19, he surrendered to God's call to the gospel ministry.

Rev. Davis graduated from Floyd Kellam High School in 1969, Norfolk State University in 1975, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, with a Master of Divinity degree in 1979; Union Theological Seminary, with a Doctor of Ministry degree in 1983, and a graduate of the Harvard University 2000 Summer Leadership Institute. His vocational and ministry occupations include serving as Associate Minister from 1977-1979 at the New Rising Star Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, Associate Pastor and Pastor of East End Baptist Church, Suffolk, Virginia, from 1980-1986; Director of Black Church Relations, Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1986-1991. From 1989, Dr. Davis has served as the Senior Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Dr. Davis has served the community through various organizations. He has served the Maggie Walker Governor's School and the Baptist Theological Seminary of Richmond, of which he was a board member. He has served as the President of the Canaan Housing Foundation where he successfully lead

in the building and current management of two Affordable Housing Complexes, the Bowler Retirement Community and the Bacon Retirement Community. Dr. Davis taught Health and Physical Education at Whitcomb Court Elementary, Clark Springs Elementary School, Fairfield Elementary, and George Mason Elementary School.

His Book *Ushering With A Mission: A Training Manual for the Development of the Usher's Ministry* was published in 1999. This work has earned him the title of "Father of the modern-day ushers' movement."

Dr. Davis married Rosa Bates on December 27, 1976. They were blessed with two children, Victor Jr. and Kristin, one granddaughter, Ivy Ingrao-Davis, three sisters-in-law, Joan Artis, Rosetta Brown (Gervais), Doreen Walls, one brother-in-law, Dr. Vincent Michael Bates, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

Walk through Visitation

MAY 14. 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

MAY 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Baptist Church
1920 Fairmount Ave
Richmond, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Dr. Victor L. Davis, Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



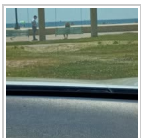
“ *We will greatly miss Pastor Davis, and wish to extend our condolences to his family and the church. I will never forget the first day I met Pastor Davis and he welcomed our family to the neighborhood and graciously allowed us to enter into partnership and use the day care for an after-school tutoring program. I was struck by his friendship, generosity, and vision. He was pretty bad on his motorcycle too! Offering our prayers, Murray & Lauren Withrow*

Murray Withrow - May 18, 2021 at 08:14 AM



“ *Dr. Davis and I were colleagues in Richmond Public Schools. My last assignment was with him at George Mason Elementary School. He will be remembered for the manner in which he engaged his students and his relationship with the staff and administration. I thank God for memories he left on the minds of those who met him. God's many blessings to his love ones.*

William L. James, Sr. - May 16, 2021 at 02:57 PM



“ *Angela Fleming lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Victor L. Davis, Sr.*



Angela Fleming - May 16, 2021 at 05:22 AM

FF

“ *Frances Chatman And Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Victor L. Davis, Sr.*



Frances Chatman and family - May 15, 2021 at 02:38 PM

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Frances Chatman and family - May 15, 2021 at 02:37 PM

LP

“ *Dr. Davis will be sorely missed in our community! I am grateful to Pastor Davis for all the opportunities to preach and minister that he provided me. My family and I will miss seeing him on the mountain at Ridgecrest in the summer and during our joint Thanksgiving Services. My prayers of peace and comfort are with Sister Rosa and the family. May the God of all comfort hold and comfort you.*

Lorae Darcel Ponder - May 15, 2021 at 10:53 AM

CC

“ My thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort go out to the Davis family. Victor Davis married my husband and i almost 37 years ago. I was petrified to meet with him for premarital counseling because of the circumstances, but he was kind and encouraging. I was so impressed that my brother and I drove past two cities to hear him preach. We had never heard anyone make Gods word so clear at the pulpit like Pastor Davis did. He was always kind and full of positive energy and life.

Charlotte Carter - May 15, 2021 at 07:12 AM

TE

“ DR DAVIS I AM STILL IN SHOCK..WE LOVE YOU AND RIP.. TERRY



Terry - May 15, 2021 at 03:23 AM

VJ

“ My heart is broken right now. Pastor, Rev. Dr. Victor L. Davis has changed his address. He now lives in a mansion in the sky with all the angels. To First Lady Rosa, son Victor Jr and daughter, Kristen I render my deepest sympathy. The man that left you is not gone. The cherished memories of your life with him will always be a part of you. May those moments help to comfort you and I pray you find peace knowing that Dr. Davis' work on earth was WELL DONE and he entered the gates of Heaven as a good and faithful servant. God bless you and keep you.
Vicki Jones



Victoria Jones - May 15, 2021 at 02:37 AM

MI

“ *Min. Talliscia C. Irby lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Victor L. Davis, Sr.*



Min. Talliscia C. Irby - May 15, 2021 at 01:37 AM

DJ

“ *Deacon Carolyn Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Victor L. Davis, Sr.*



Deacon Carolyn Johnson - May 14, 2021 at 11:57 PM

RW

“ *Renée W. Walker lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Victor L. Davis, Sr.*



Renée W. Walker - May 14, 2021 at 11:48 PM

RJ

“ *Ricky L Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Victor L. Davis, Sr.*



Ricky L Johnson - May 14, 2021 at 09:05 PM

GE

“ *My condolences to the family! May God bless and be with you during your time of need.*



Gerard Edwards - May 14, 2021 at 04:52 PM

MH

“ *Michael B. Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Victor L. Davis, Sr.*



Michael B. Hawkins - May 14, 2021 at 03:51 PM

AH

“ *Arlinda Hairston lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Victor L. Davis, Sr.*



Arlinda Hairston - May 14, 2021 at 03:50 PM

SH

“ *Condolences to the Davis family. My husband, the late Dr. Charles Edward Jones, former pastor of Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, was a colleague of Dr. Davis, as they both pastored churches a block from each other. I am truly saddened to hear of Dr. Davis' passing.*

Sandra Hayward-Jones

Sandra Hayward-Jones - May 14, 2021 at 01:25 PM

RN

“ *Rosalind W Nelson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Victor L. Davis, Sr.*



Rosalind W Nelson - May 14, 2021 at 01:00 PM

TB

“ *so sorry to hear of this loss. Dr. Davis was very active in ministry and with the kids desperate for a positive role model. He was my mother's pastor and when I visited with her I enjoyed his services and the good word he shared of God and to the community. I pray that God comforts the family and the congregation with Peace during this time.*

Whitaker-Brooks Family

T. Brooks - May 14, 2021 at 11:38 AM

MR

“ *Monica Ryan lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Victor L. Davis, Sr.*



Monica Ryan - May 13, 2021 at 11:42 PM

JW

“ *I remember Victor from the time he spent in Texas. Many Sundays he ate dinner at my home. In 1979, he and Rosa became godparents to my twins; Terrick and Terricka. When my husband and I got married, he was the officiant. Rest in Heaven, my friend.*



Jewel Wallace - May 13, 2021 at 10:44 PM

MR

My deepest sympathy to Rosa and the family on the loss of Rev. Davis. His presence will be greatly missed at Ridgecrest. I enjoyed the Ushering classes he taught and it help me tremendously when I became chair of the Greenforest Community Baptist Church Ushers Ministry.

*Rest in peace, your work on earth is finished.
We all have benefited from your teaching.*

*Minister Monica Ryan
Atlanta Georgia*

Monica Ryan - May 13, 2021 at 11:40 PM

RS

“ *To Rosa, Victor Jr. and Kristin, may the Lord’s strong arms of comfort bless you in the coming days with both perfect peace and assurance. I am praying for your strength in the Lord. I am so grateful God gave us Victor! He has been a life long friend who has inspired me as a child of God and minister. He has made us proud with all he has accomplished for the cause of Christ. I am here for you in the days, months and years to come; so feel free to call on me. May God richly bless you and Godspeed! Bob Diggs*

Robert Diggs, Sr. - May 13, 2021 at 10:39 PM

DS

“ *Derwin & Jeannette Sharpe sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Dr. Victor L. Davis, Sr.*



Derwin & Jeannette Sharpe - May 13, 2021 at 09:24 PM

GJ

“ *Dr. Davis has been my pastor and Bethlehem my church family since my return to Richmond and Bethlehem almost 30 years ago. It was always such a blessed feeling to have a pastor who knows my name. I am so grateful for the blessing of having him as my pastor and guide. I thank the Lord for sharing him with us for the years of life he had at Bethlehem. To Rosa, Victor Jr., and Kristin...thank you for sharing him with us. My sincere condolences and prayers to you and all his family for comfort.*



Glenda Jackson

Glenda B. Jackson - May 13, 2021 at 07:04 PM

PM

“ *To First Lady Rosa; Victor Jr. and Kristin; the entire Bethlehem Baptist Church family. My heart is broken like yours in the home going of my friend and mentor. It is so true that Earth Has No Sorrow That Heaven Cannot Heal! My thoughts and prayers are with you and for you during this time. Dr. Davis has earned his reward and I am sure heaven said JOB WELL DONE!*

Pastor Keith Manuel

Pastor Keith Manuel - May 13, 2021 at 04:08 PM

TP

“ To the Davis family and congregation,

Our sincerest condolences on the tremendous loss to your family and to our community. Our family thanks Pastor Davis for embracing my son, who gave his life to Christ a couple of years ago. Pastor Davis guided him and allowed him to make his own decisions as he grew into a young deacon in training. We will never forget your love and light, and hope that you all find comfort in the fact that Rev. Davis was loved and respected by so many people.

The family of Twajuon Palmer

Twajuon Palmer - May 13, 2021 at 03:23 PM



ML

“ To the Davis Family and Bethlehem Baptist Church:

Words cannot express our sadness at the passing of a great teacher and kind man, Dr. Victor Davis. He was always gracious and full of life on his visits to Durham, NC to serve at First Calvary. He will be missed. Be Encouraged, and May God fully comfort and cover you.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Fredrick A. Davis and the Staff, Leadership and Congregation of First Calvary Baptist Church

Mrs. Dennise Lindsay - May 13, 2021 at 01:52 PM



JP

“ *Davis Family & Loved Ones:
Thank you for sharing Bro. Victor with us!
I remember him, when I was in Virginia Beach at Mount Olive Baptist Church and he was in Suffolk at East End Baptist Church. By the grace of God, we have continued that friendship, when we both came to Richmond.
Know that we at Providence Park Baptist Church are praying for you and celebrating with you, as this Servant of the Lord has completed his charge! May the Resurrection-Presence keep your family-circle unbroken!*
*Jerome C. Ross, Ph.D.
Pastor, Providence Park Baptist Church*

Jerome C. Ross, Ph.D. - May 13, 2021 at 01:36 PM

AN

“ *Praying for Victor's family and friends. So many fond memories. Particularly those from Holland Road in Virginia Beach. Always brought a smile to your face. Rest in peace cousin.*

Anita - May 13, 2021 at 01:31 PM

MB

“ *I am a member of Bethlehem. However when my father passed, not a member, Dr. Davis spoke at his wake and this is something our family will always cherish. Dr. Davis was a good man. I will certainly miss his mastery of his sermons.
Condolences and comfort to First Lady Mrs Rosa Davis and their family.
From the Brown's Family (Horace Jr., David and Cynthia)
Major Brown*

Major Brown - May 13, 2021 at 01:26 PM

DB

“ *My sincerest condolences to Mrs. Rosa Davis, and family in the passing of your beloved husband, father and grand-father. I was so saddened to hear of your loss. I recall many years of happy memories, via LaVerne Brockington, of the love and friendship shared by she and your family. My prayers are with you during this most sorrowful time. Praying for God's comfort and peace for each of you individually, and collectively as a family. Rest in peace Rev. Davis!*

Denise R. Bynum - May 13, 2021 at 10:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Victor L. Davis, Sr..*



May 13, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ *My prayers are with the family and all who loved Pastor Davis. I was blessed to grow up in his ministry and be baptized by him at such a young age. I will always remember the kindness and warmth he showed every time I saw him. May his legacy continue to live on forever.*

Keela Butler - May 13, 2021 at 10:01 AM

AC

“ To :The Davis Family,.
You have my deepest sympathy for the loss
of your Loved One.Earth has no sorrow the
Heaven cannot Heal .Rev.Davis was a
blessed man of God he will be missed.Gone
but never forgotten.Praying that God will give the Family the
strength they need to get through this.
Deacon Althea Coleman



althea coleman - May 13, 2021 at 09:25 AM

HM

“ To The Family May The LORD CONTINUE
TO COMFORT EVERYONE ❤️ HEART And
The Morris Family LOVE YOU and Will
CONTINUE to Pray On Behalf of The Davis
family and Bethlehem Church.



LOVE Howard and Denise Morris and My Brother Wendell Morris

Howard Morris - May 13, 2021 at 12:52 AM

DT

“ I was deeply saddened to hear news of Dr.
Davis passing. To First Lady Rosa, Victor Jr.,
and Kristen, I send condolences and prayers.
Dr. Victor Davis was a marvelous man of
God. I will truly miss his smile, character and
encouraging words. May he rest and be at peace. And may the
word of God comfort and keep you'll at this heartfelt time. Amen,
Amen



Donna Tyler-Miller - May 12, 2021 at 06:41 PM

JT

“ We were saddened to hear of the passing of Dr. Davis. On behalf of our families, Nannie E. Curtis, Curtis Taylor, Billups Brown, and Horton, we extend our condolences to his family and church family.
Joanne Curtis Taylor.

Joanne Curtis Taylor - May 12, 2021 at 06:39 PM

KB

“ *Condolences and prayers to the Davis family. Rev. Davis was always there for our family in our time of need. He will truly be missed but never forgotten.*

*The Brown Family
(Kim, Vallarie, Veronica, & Billy)*

Kimberly Brown - May 12, 2021 at 05:00 PM

AC

“ *I have never been so shocked as I am now to hear of Dr. Davis's passing. Dr. Davis was the nicest person, always joking and making me laugh. He was so Funny to me and my son's. I worked as his Admin. Assistant in the early 90's and one of my son's attended the Church School. My sincere condolences to First Lady Rosa, Victoria and Victor, Jr. Rest in Paradise Dr. Davis. You will be missed.*

Ms. Angela Hayes Crump

Angela Hayes Crump - May 12, 2021 at 03:18 PM



ML

“ To the Davis family, we send our deepest sympathy and condolences to you. Dr. Pastor Victor L. Davis, we consider to be our family pastor and friend. Although we are no longer attending Bethlehem, we never forgot that our relationship with the Lord started at Bethlehem. Pastor Victor L. Davis, Sr. has preached some of the best sermons I have ever heard in my life at Bethlehem Baptist Church. He truly impacted my life as a child of God. He will be missed! Pastor Davis, Rest On In Jesus!



Michelle (Shelly) Lacks-Waller and the Lacks Family

Michelle Lacks-Waller - May 12, 2021 at 02:42 PM

BM

“ Barbara J Mangum lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Victor L. Davis, Sr.



Barbara J Mangum - May 12, 2021 at 02:39 PM



“ So saddened to hear about Mr. Davis! He was a great friend and colleague and he will be missed!

Stephanie Turner - May 12, 2021 at 01:50 PM

KS

“ I am shocked to hear of Rev. Davis's passing. He was a great man of God and has helped the Jackson family in our grandparents celebration of life. Sending my deepest condolences to his family and my Bethlehem Church members. God Bless.

Kristy Sharpe - May 12, 2021 at 01:28 PM

RC

“ Rev Sheila Crump lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Victor L. Davis, Sr.



rev sheila crump - May 12, 2021 at 10:31 AM

TT

“ It's strange I was thinking about Dr. Davis a lot as my wedding anniversary approaches. This man helped me to get back into church. I remember many conversations and laughter shared. He baptized my oldest and married me and my husband. Whenever I saw him he always remembered me and asked about my family. I am sadden by his death and am sending prayers to Mrs. Rosa, Victoria and Victor Jr.

Thomascine Taylor - May 12, 2021 at 08:25 AM

MJ

“ So sorry for your loss peace 🙏 be with u

Maxi Jordan - May 11, 2021 at 06:37 PM

SM

“ To Mrs. Rosa Davis and family...
May the memories held deep inside your heart help to comfort you...
You're in my prayers!
With deepest sympathy,
Sylvia Mason

Sylvia Mason - May 11, 2021 at 05:43 PM

JW

“ My deepest condolences to Dr Davis family, Dr Davis was a true soldier for Christ, he was a Pastor that was there for everybody , Dr Davis did the funeral for my son , and spent time with him getting him to repent of his sins on his way to Jesus, no one will ever know your family loss, be my prayers 🙏🙏🙏 will be for you all .
Joyce Wade

Joyce Wade - May 11, 2021 at 03:59 PM

BS

“ mrs rosa davis and family my sincere condolences. dr. davis is already missed in my heart. my heart is heavy . no words can even express how i (we) are feeling right now. you are in my prayers LORD please help our congregation through our grief. in JESUS NAME amen RIP DR. DAVIS NO MORE SUFFERING

BRENDA SIMMONS - May 11, 2021 at 03:45 PM

ED

“ Sending condolences to the Davis Family.
Elinor Dark Ex co worker at Foreign Mission Board

Elinor Dark - May 11, 2021 at 02:28 PM

PC

“ To Mrs. Rosa Davis. I'm sad to hear of Victor's passing. My earnest prayers are for you and your family. Love, Reverend Percy Chase, Durham, NC

Percy Chase - May 11, 2021 at 02:00 PM

WN

A GREAT OERSON AND A MAN OF THE CROSS.MAY GOD BLESS HIS FAMILY AND THE CHURCH FAMILY. WILLIAM E. NEWSOME SUFFOLK AND EAST END BAPTIST CHURCH.

william newsome - May 13, 2021 at 04:56 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 - May 11, 2021 at 08:16 AM

MJ

Extending my heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your love one.God bless you and your family. Marie Jackson

Marie Jackson - May 11, 2021 at 11:20 AM

MJ

Extending heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your love one,God bless you and your family.

Marie Jackson - May 11, 2021 at 11:25 AM

RA

*Sending condolences from the family of Dr. Ruby L. Allen
(Cousin Patty) and
the relatives in the former Princess Ann County ,now Virginia
Beach*

Ruby Allen - May 11, 2021 at 05:46 PM

FH

*Condolences from the Hobbs Family. We pray for peace and comfort to
your family at this difficult time. Pastor will be greatly missed. RIH
Pastor Davis.*

Felecia O Hobbs - May 12, 2021 at 07:45 PM

DC

Condolences and prayers are sent. God bless and keep you.

Dr. Audrey Cypress & Family

Dr. Audrey Cypress - May 13, 2021 at 10:59 AM

EW

Praying for you and your family. God peace be with the family.

Evelyn Washington - May 15, 2021 at 01:33 PM

EW

Praying for you and your family.

Evelyn Washington - May 15, 2021 at 01:34 PM

DS

*Sincere sympathy to Mrs. Davis and the family. Dr. Davis was truly a
devoted pastor who took great pride and joy in sharing his faith,
knowledge, and wit, with so many. Having worked with him at the FMB
and again at his beloved Bethlehem Baptist Church, I found that he
was well loved and appreciated. He will be missed.*

Dee Stewart

Dee Stewart - May 18, 2021 at 06:30 PM