



Paul McDaniel Davis

April 21, 1919 - November 12, 2020

Paul McDaniel Davis, age 101, Rose Hill, passed away November 12, 2020 at Lee Health and Rehab Center in Pennington Gap. He was born on April 21, 1919 in Hagan, Virginia.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Mary (LeMarr) Davis; parents, Elmer and Flora (Gobble) Davis; two brothers, Glenn and James Davis; two sisters, Ferne Lambdin and Jean Hatfield; and one grandson, Tim Hensley.

He is survived by his son, James L. Davis (Carolyn); two daughters, Jacinta Hensley (Edmond) and Teresa Susong (Dan); one brother, Claude Davis; 9 grandchildren, Melanie Stockwell, Paul Hensley, Shannon Brock, Jason Davis, Amanda Reasor, Amy Hensley, Mary Beth Ditterline, Andrew Susong, and Lydia Trissler; 19 great grandchildren, 4 great, great grandchildren; one special nephew, John D. Hines, as well as many more nieces and nephews.

During World War II, Paul and Mary worked in an airplane factory in Akron, Ohio. Upon returning, he began growing trees and shrubs, like his father and grandfather before him. In 1952, he entered in a partnership with Claude Davis to form Davis Brothers Nursery in Rose Hill. He served the tri-state region with landscaping materials and plantings as well as many projects for the Virginia Department of Highways for the next 30 years. Fourth and Fifth generation Davis family (James L. and Jason) continue the business today.

Upon retirement he concentrated more heavily on his passion for the game of Checkers. He began as a country store player in his youth, becoming more interested after losing to a New York Checker champion that was on an exhibition tour stop in Jonesville. He studied many books and played many matches until he began winning tournaments, later winning the Virginia State Championship, a title he defended many times. In 1979, he won the National Go As You Please Championship, and in 1988 won the National Three Move Championship, where the first three moves of the game are randomly drawn. He later represented as a member of the United States national team and traveled to England to compete. During the 1990's he suffered a stroke, which he battled back from, again winning the Virginia State tournament. The final year he competed, he decided to travel the shorter distance and compete in the Kentucky State Championship, which he won, but was not awarded as champion because he was not a resident of Kentucky. Even in latter years he would continue his love for the game he called "Checker" (not adding the s). In the nursing home he could beat all opponents regardless of age.

Paul Davis was a lifetime member of Silver Leaf Baptist Church in Rose Hill. He served as a trustee as well as the treasurer and maintenance supervisor for the Silver Leaf Cemetery. He dearly loved his family and was a great example of how a father and grandfather should be.

Services for Paul Davis will be Sunday, November 15 at Silver Leaf Baptist Church, starting at 1:30 with visitation. Funeral will be at 2:00 with Bro. Tim Varnadore officiating

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Silver Leaf Baptist Church
Rose Hill, VA

Funeral Service

NOV 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

Silver Leaf Baptist Church
Rose Hill, VA

Graveside service

NOV 15 (ET)

Silver Leaf Cemetery
Old Nursery Road
Rose Hill, VA 24281

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul McDaniel Davis*

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss!*

Debbie Garrett - November 18, 2020 at 02:37 AM



“ *JBruce Catron lit a candle in memory of Paul McDaniel Davis*



JBruce Catron - November 15, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ *Helen Marcum lit a candle in memory of Paul McDaniel Davis*



Helen Marcum - November 14, 2020 at 09:00 PM



So very sorry for your loss! I pray God will give you strength and peace during this difficult time and the days ahead!!

Helen Marcum - November 14, 2020 at 09:02 PM