



## Joseph C. Davis

January 2, 1936 - August 3, 2018

On January 2, 1936, James Edward and Lillie Mae Davis were blessed with another extension to their family, a son named JOSEPH CORNELIUS DAVIS. On that day, they were blessed with a double portion, twin boys. JOSEPH was raised in a loving home in Cape Charles, Virginia, with his twin brother William, brother James (Buddy), and his two sisters Evelyn and Delores.

Growing up, JOSEPH loved sports in Cape Charles, and was proud to be able to play football in both high school and in the US Army. In 1954, JOSEPH graduated from North Hampton County High School. Shortly after graduating, he enlisted in the US Army where he served for about 2 years. JOSEPH soon found his way to Brooklyn, New York to begin a new chapter in his life, far away from the “laid back” life of Cape Charles, VA. One of his most memorable early jobs was at a meat plant in Brooklyn. It is there where

he met the love of his life, Pearlie Mae Cheston, who also worked at the plant. In time, they grew to have a strong friendship and eventually began dating. On April 11, 1958, JOSEPH and Pearlie became husband and wife. They were blessed with four children: three sons James, Joe Jr., and Matthew, and one precious daughter, Delphia. JOSEPH was a strong man of faith who constantly taught his family to love each other and most of all to love the Lord. He considered himself to be a pretty good driver and the Lord soon blessed him with a fantastic job with the NYC Transit Authority as a bus driver. Before retiring from Transit after 20 years, JOSEPH was privileged to also work as a dispatcher, supervisor, and travel information assistant. God was always the center of their family and JOSEPH and Pearlie were blessed to share over 60 yrs. of marriage.

The Davis family had more than marriage to celebrate in 1958. JOSEPH and Pearlie began attending Refuge Church of Christ in Brooklyn, NY, where they both accepted the Lord and were baptized in the name of Jesus. Pearlie was the first to receive the Holy ghost, which made JOSEPH more eager than ever to receive. He might have tarred himself to death if he hadn't eventually been filled with the precious gift of the Holy ghost later that year. This Holy Ghost power couple was truly on fire for the Lord.

Because of his faithfulness and love for the Lord, it wasn't too long before JOSEPH became a Jr. Deacon at Refuge Church of Christ. In 1961, he was honored to be elevated to the position of Ordained Deacon. DEACON DAVIS continued to be a faithful servant at Refuge and while a member served as church secretary and eventually Chairman of the Board of Deacons. As part of The Churches of Our Lord Jesus Christ, DEACON DAVIS service in the church did not stop at the local level. He always loved working with the youth and was blessed to serve as State ABYPU (Youth Dept.) Treasurer, Vice President, and President. He also served as President for the Brooklyn Diocese's Deacons Board. On the international level, DEACON DAVIS served as Youth Congress Chaplin, Treasurer, Vice President, and President.

On Friday, August 3, 2018, DEACON DAVIS' journey in this earthly vessel had come to an end. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Delores Victory, his brother James Davis, his oldest son, James and only daughter, Delphia.

DEACON DAVIS leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted wife of 60 years: Mother Pearlie Davis; two sons: Joe Jr. and Matthew; two daughters-in-law: Pam and Marisa;

four

granddaughters: Dina, Dominique, Naima and Mia; one grandson: Tyree; one great

granddaughter: Madison Pearl; brothers: William Davis (twin brother), James “Buddy”

Davis, Wesley Davis; sister: Evelyn Hadley; sisters-in-law: Margaret Davis, Trisha Davis,

Mildred Davis, Dorothy Graham, Esther Clarke, Janice Cheston; brother-in-law: Solomon

Graham; godchildren: Sandra Bounty, Charmise Desire’, Priscilla Dobbins, Augelle

Dozier, Daniel Libson, Peter Radcliff Jr., Belinda Richardson, E. J. Sims, Linda Tatum,

Joann Woodley, Bishop Gary and Lady Babette Coach, as well as a host of other

relatives, church family and friends. He had a heart of gold and embraced everyone with

the love of the Lord. His memory will forever be a part of the fabric of so many lives.

Lovingly Submitted,

The Family

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# Tribute Wall

HS

“ *May the peace that surpasses all of your understanding be with you during this time!!!! Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We know that this is a difficult time and no words can take away the sorrow that you may be feeling but know that there is no pain Jesus cant heal and no sorrow he cannot heal for all things work together for the good of them who love the Lord. He will heal your sorrow and comfort you like no one else can.*

*We are sorry that we cannot be there with you, but please know that we will be there with you in spirit!!! May God forever Bless and keep you all.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
The Smith and Smaw Families*

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**Herbert Smith (Bunchie) and Gretchen (Smith) Smaw** - August 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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**Herbert Smith (Bunchie) and Gretchen (Smith) Smaw** - August 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. All of us have experienced the pain of death in some way sad to say. And, so, at difficult times like this we are confronted with the stark reality of how precious and fragile life can surely be (James 4:14). So, my wife and I send this condolence to you with the hope that we can in some small way comfort you as it has comforted us with what the Bible reveals to us about GOOD NEWS from Almighty God.

As recorded in the Bible, God's only-begotten son, Jesus promises that one day he is personally going to bring back to life all those who have died, just as he did when he was on earth as a man (John 5:28, 29; 11:43, 44). Just as death is an enemy to us, it is also an enemy to God (1 Corinthians 15:26). For that reason, as well as others, He promises to remove FOREVER all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and DEATH that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10, 11, 29). What a glorious and almost unbelievable day that will be! It's a reality and a sure hope we can rely on because it is absolutely impossible for God to lie (Titus 1:2; Isaiah 55:10, 11).

It is our hope that you NOT take our word for what has been written in this condolence; but that you read and accept what God's Word, the Bible says. We encourage you to please take a moment to read and meditate on all these referenced scriptures in your own Bible (1 Timothy 4:15, 16). My wife and I are confident you will be encouraged and comforted by the marvelous hope God has in store for us (Psalm 1:1-3; John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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George & Christine Ragusa - August 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ Mother Davis I offer you my sincerest condolences on the passing of Deacon Davis. I just found out about it and unfortunately I will not be able to attend. However my prayers are with you and the family.

Geraldine Drewery - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one and I would like to extend my deepest condolence to the family. May you find comfort in God's words in ( Psalms 34:18).

JoyceA - August 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ Sorry for your loss of a loved one. Read Psalms 34:18 for words of comfort and peace.

Irene - August 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss  
Jesus Loves Me  
I Am Special

Thomas Widgeon - August 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. may GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

M Jones - August 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM