



John Charles Davis

February 22, 1949 - July 15, 2021

John Charles Davis, 72, of Knoxville, passed peacefully from this life at home on July 15, 2021. Charles was born in Little Rock, Arkansas on February 22, 1949, and grew up in Scott, Arkansas. After graduating from North Little Rock High School in 1966, he attended the University of Arkansas, where he received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in electrical engineering. He entered the Air Force immediately after graduation. While Charles was stationed at the Military Airlift Command (MAC) Headquarters at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, he was a lead Air Force project manager on the Airlift Deployment Analysis System (ADANS) project that was being developed by Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) to automate the airlift scheduling processes during Operation Desert Storm. Charles worked tirelessly throughout the war to ensure the airlift mission was accomplished, managing the ADANS airlift scheduling software development and enhancements to deliver and resupply troops and cargo between the United States and the Middle East. He retired from the Air Force after over 21 years of service as a C-141 pilot and instructor, an electrical engineer, and a computer programmer. After retirement from the Air Force, Charles was recruited to work with the Center for Transportation Analysis at ORNL where he was the lead interface between ORNL and the Air Force's Air Mobility Command. Most importantly, Charles was a Christian who was a member of the Karns Church of Christ. From the time he was baptized into Christ as a teenager, his faith was profoundly important to him. He selflessly served others and could always be found making visits, and working behind the scenes to make sure people were taken care of, and everything was running as smoothly as possible. Charles was an Eagle Scout. He had been an Amateur Radio Operator for more than 50 years, using the call sign WA5PGV and achieving an Extra Class license. He was a member of the Volunteer State Veterans Honor Guard. Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Manly Davis and Laura Mae Dexter Davis, and by his brother, Charles Dexter Davis. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Natalie; son, Christopher Davis and wife Amber; daughter, Jennifer Alsup and husband Brad; and six grandchildren all of Knoxville. He is also survived by a sister, Ann Wilkins and husband Dan of Guatemala. The family wishes to thank the Amedisys Hospice team for making Charles' wish to remain at home possible. We also wish to thank Charles' loyal caregivers. The family will receive friends on

Tuesday, July 20 from 9am until 11am at Rose Funeral and Cremation – Mann Chapel. A funeral service will follow immediately. Burial will be at the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery at 2200 East Governor John Sevier Hwy at 2pm the same day. Military honors will be rendered by the Volunteer State Veterans Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations in Charles's memory be made to one of the following:

Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies

6612 Beaver Ridge Rd., Knoxville, TN 37931: <https://makingpreachers.com>

Tennessee Memory Disorders Foundation: 1400 Dowell Springs Blvd., #340, Knoxville, TN 37909

<https://tmdf.org/>

Volunteer State Veterans Honor Guard: P.O. Box 22122, Knoxville, TN 37933

Arrangements by Rose Funeral and Cremation – Mann. Online condolences may be made at rosefuneraltn.com. Services will be livestreamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/RoseMannHeritage>.

Events

JUL **Receiving of Friends** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Rose Funeral & Cremation - Mann

6200 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN, US, 37919

JUL **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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JUL **Interment** 02:00PM

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East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery - Gov. John Sevier Hwy.

2200 E Governor John Sevier Hwy, Knoxville, TN, US, 37920

Comments



“ Dear Natalie and family,

At 9 a.m. Mountain Time today, Debbie and I stopped to honor Charlie and to remember his achievements and our friendship. As we were having this time that coincided with his service, we looked at the Life Tribute album and felt joy seeing what Charlie meant to his family. As he and I worked together years ago at Scott Air Force Base, we became friends, and he was truly a mentor in my life. Our son John vividly remembers as an eight-year-old, riding in the plane Charlie piloted, sightseeing around St. Louis.

We appreciate Charlie's service and commitment to the Air Force. He will be missed but not forgotten.

Harold and Debbie Howell

Harold Howell - July 20, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ 242 files added to the album LifeTributes



Rose Mortuary - July 19, 2021 at 04:26 PM



“ Natalie: Thank you for everything you and Charles did for my parents -- looking out for them and helping them (in so many ways) as they aged. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated by our entire family.

Craig Harrel - July 19, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Charles Davis.



July 19, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Charles Davis.



July 19, 2021 at 08:15 AM



“ Pilot Company Development, Design, Epa Dept purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Charles Davis.



Pilot Company Development, Design, Epa Dept - July 19, 2021 at 08:04 AM



“ Charles was one of the finest examples of a humble Christian man that I have known. We all know his eternity has begun.

Richard E Slagle - July 18, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ I worked with Charlie for many years at ORNL while Charlie was the Air Force program manager for ADANS & after he became an ORNL staff member. I will never forget his laugh and the way his face would light up. Charlie was a dear friend and a very kind and honorable person and co-worker. He cared about people and was always in a good mood. I will never forget the day he came into my office to tell me personally about his illness and how both of us cried. This evil disease took a great person far too early and we all miss him so much.
Much love to Natalie and the family. I am so very sorry for all that everyone endured.
Susan Williams

Susan Williams - July 18, 2021 at 11:41 AM



“ We mourn with you in Charles' passing but we rejoice with you in his going home to be with Jesus. He was a big part of our lives when we were at Karns. We love you all.
Steve and Becky & Sasha Russell”

Sbsr1sbsr1@gmail.com - July 18, 2021 at 11:13 AM



“ Natalie, our prayers for God's comfort during this time. I so admired Lt Col Davis and you actively participating in military funeral honors and consoling our veterans' families. His outstanding military career speaks for itself, and his deep faith in Christ and gentle spirit were inspiring to so many of us.

God Bless and keep Charles, may he rest in peace.

Jim and Jeanie Mungenast

Jim Mungenast - July 17, 2021 at 08:59 PM



“ Charles showed me so much kindness; visiting my husband daily, he didn't know my husband as he had been admitted to long term care shortly after moving to Tennessee. Yet this kind man visited my husband and if I wasn't there when he visited would call me with a report. Prior to he, himself, being home bound he and his wife would greet me at the church door with a hi and a smile. Charles was a man who we should all take example of living a Christ filled live. We will all miss him. However, if we continue to the end to live our lives as the Word has instructed we will see him again.

Debi Flock - July 17, 2021 at 06:25 PM



“ Charles his made is last flight. He has been cleared by Air Traffic Control and His LORD to climb unrestricted to paradise. Great Man and friend. M/Sgt Frank Bellizzi

Frank Bellizzi - July 17, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ The world has lost a fine Christian man, and heaven has gained a worthy soul. Both celebrating the life of no finer a human, and sending love and comfort to Natalie, Chris, and Jen. We love you!
The Bellizzi Family

Shari Bellizzi-Davis - July 17, 2021 at 12:08 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of John Charles Davis.



July 17, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ Terry and Bernardine Taylor, Cincinnati purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Charles Davis.



Terry and Bernardine Taylor, Cincinnati - July 17, 2021 at 08:54 AM



“ "High Flight"

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
of sun-split clouds,-and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of-wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air....
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark nor ever eagle flew-
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God

By John G. Magee

To my brother in arm and in Christ. You are true officer and a gentleman. Thank you for always being such a wonderful example to me and all those who have had the honor of knowing you...



Adrian and Lisa Marsh - July 16, 2021 at 06:14 PM



“ Our Beloved Natalie and Family ~ We thank our God every time we remember our beloved brother Charles. In all our prayers for you, we always pray with joy. Adrian and I send you our deepest condolences regarding the loss of your beloved husband, father and grandfather. Though no words can hurry what you're going through, please know how much you are being thought about and how deeply we wish you are comforted by the sweet memories you hold.

Through our tears and heartache we see the tears of God as He grieves also. When we grieve, we join God in the beautiful act of lamenting that which has been broken, and we anticipate the day when all will be restored.

Our dear Natalie you set the example for better or worst you loved your dear husband. I will never forget you living out your wifeness as stated in God's Word. We pray for peace that only God can give over you and your beloved family during this time.

Adrian and Lisa Marsh - July 16, 2021 at 05:18 PM