

***The Homegoing Celebration
for
Jimmie L. Davis***

***Sunrise
January 30, 1947***

***Sunset
December 21, 2021***



Thursday, January 20, 2022

Viewing: 10:00 a.m.

Service: 11:00 a.m.

***From the Heart Church Ministries®
Annex at 5055 Allentown Road
Suitland, Maryland 20746***

Bishop John A. Cherry, II – Pastor

Obituary

Our beloved Jimmie L. Davis was born on January 30, 1947, to Helen B. Davis Evans and Jerry E. Evans, Sr. He transitioned to be with our Lord on December 21, 2021.

In 1966, Jimmie enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and over time was promoted to the rank of corporal. He received an honorable character of service but not before being awarded the National Defense Service and Good Conduct Medals. And in 1972, after having been discharged from the Marines, Jimmie joined the U.S. Army and was ranked sergeant. For a second time in his military career, the expert shooter was awarded the National Defense Service and Good Conduct Medals. As a serviceman, Jimmie traveled throughout Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Vietnam, and Afghanistan among other countries. He loved traveling and would always return home with gifts for his sisters. They called him “Mr. International,” a name he wholeheartedly embraced. In 1992, Jimmie retired after 26 years of service to our country.

Jimmie and his brothers in arms were a tight-knit bunch that stayed in touch with each other after leaving the military. If you were the brother in need, the others would assist whenever, however, and wherever, even if it meant driving out-of-state.

Jimmie would often sit and reflect on his time in the service, recalling what he had seen and endured, and the many comrades who did not make it back home—it saddened him very much. His family knew that reflection time brought about pain as he remembered those who were lost; and joy, for those whom he loved. Thankfully, he did not suffer flashbacks, or post-traumatic stress disorder. Moreover, to show their appreciation, his family made Veterans Day and his birthday incredibly special occasions.

On February 12, 2003, Jimmie married the love of his life, Regina. Their union sustained the test of time. For 18 years, the couple lovingly cared for each other as they both endured health challenges. And although he wed late in life, he considered himself fortunate that his marriage to Regina came with children, and grandchildren. It was the grandchildren who stole his heart and brought him immense joy. Furthermore, Jimmie was blessed by the love, support, and acts of kindness he received from Regina’s family. He spoke fondly of his brothers-in-law, June Bug, and Billy, as he was very appreciative of their frequent uplifting, and encouraging phone calls to him. Jimmie was genuinely loved by everyone. His family, friends, and neighbors together provided care during his time of need. And for that, he was forever grateful.

Jimmie had a fond love for his family who was consistently there for him. Moreover, he relished the time spent with his nieces and nephews and was extremely proud of their outstanding accomplishments. Of course, he took the credit for their successes! Patrick, his nephew, would drop by at any time to check on him; an act of kindness that made Jimmie grin from ear-to-ear. Additionally, he was a very opinionated, outspoken man with a tender loving heart. And, he had a lot to say about politics, music, and the world we live in, especially during this time. After all, he was Mr. International!

Obituary (continued)

Jimmie enjoyed the finer things in life like nice clothes, especially tailor-made shirts, and suits. He was always impeccably dressed both in and out of uniform. Jimmie also enjoyed the fine arts, theater, and Motown music; Smokey Robinson was his favorite singer. He would tease his sisters by telling them that he taught Smokey how to sing. Furthermore, he was the greatest Washington sports fan—faithful to the Washington Football Team and the Washington Wizards. In fact, whenever his family had a sport gathering and the guys played a game of basketball, Jimmie would jokingly claim to have played ten years in the NBA, and another ten in the NFL. He even went as far as to claim to be the star players' manager or coach. Those unfounded statements always garnered a hearty laugh, and an “in your dreams” comment from those listening.

After Jimmie retired from the military, he continued his career at the United States Postal Service where he worked for 12 years. While there, he met and befriended Ed “Grip” Griffin. Jimmie was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease that worsened over time, and Grip was there to assist him as the condition progressed. Grip, a true friend, often visited and volunteered to transport him to and from his doctor's appointments. Additionally, Jimmie would express his gratitude for the care Regina provided him during his illness; and continued to do so until the very end of his life.

Jimmie a man of faith, believed and trusted God for all things in his life including keeping him safe throughout his journeys and bringing him back home without incident. He knew how blessed he was to be able to return to his family following a tour of duty. In 1992, he joined From the Heart Church Ministries where he subsequently grew strong in the Lord and established a loving relationship with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He loved the Lord with all his heart and soul. Regina would make sure he could partake in the weekly worship services and he would always say, “That was a good message.” Knowing that the Lord would be there waiting to receive him gave Jimmy joy, peace, and the strength to fight his final battle.

Jimmie will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. He is survived by his wife, Regina Davis; siblings: Angela McCollough (Andre), Deborah Evans, Ava Jackson, Jerry Evans, Jr. (Nikki), Michael Evans (Recita), and Rhonda Weaver; aunt, Constance Graham (Charles); nephews: Patrick Evans (Sherritta), Douglas Jackson, Joseph Weaver, III (Jayme), Ian McCollough (Krystal), Evan McCollough, DiMario Evans, Jerry Evans, Myles Evans, Gavin Rackett, and Jaelen Rackett; nieces: Patrice Sanders (Monte), Patrina Jackson, and Christina Mitchell (Eric); stepdaughter, Rique Johnson; stepson, Tiawan Harris; sister-in-law: Margaret Presson; brothers-in-law: Swindell Presson (Michelle), James Alston, and Billy Alston; and a host of other fond relatives and friends.

Jimmie was preceded in death by his parents, Helen and Jerry Evans, Sr., and brother, Vincent J. Davis.



Order of Service

Invocation

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Isaiah 32:15-18
New Testament: Ephesians 6:10-18

Prayer of Comfort

Selection *FTH Psalmist*

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Dr. Ruby M. Thomas, Mt. Hope Missionary Baptist Church
Ed "Grip" Griffin, U.S. Postal Service
Patrick Evans, Nephew

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation *FTH Psalmist*

Message of Hope *Minister James H. Johnson, II*

Call to Christ

Recessional

Interment
Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery
11301 Crain Highway
Cheltenham, Maryland

Family Sentiments

Eulogy for a Veteran



Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there, I do not sleep.

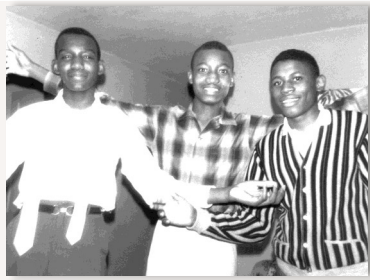
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glint on snow.

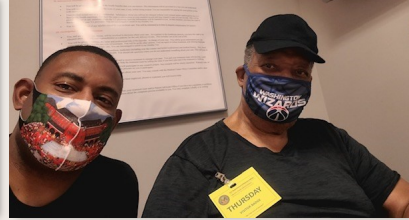
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight,
I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there, I did not die.







Pallbearers

*Patrick Evans
Douglas "CJ" Jackson
Tyree Jackson
Evan McCollough
Ian McCollough
Joseph Weaver*

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgements

We the family of Jimmie L. Davis sincerely thank all of you for your prayers, comfort, love and support. Your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace!

We would also like to thank ComForCare , Fort Washington Nursing Rehab Center, and Hospice of the Chesapeake for the love and care they provided. And a very special thanks to Ed Griffin and CSO Robert Young (Chapter 17/DAV.)

Services Entrusted to:

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