

John Sammy Davis

March 24, 1952 - May 14, 2025

Mr. John Sammy Davis, age 73, of Dunlap, Tennessee, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at Erlanger Sequatchie Valley Emergency Department in Dunlap, Tennessee. Sammy was born March 24, 1952 to John Wesley and Jimmie Lee Davis of West Green, Georgia.

Sammy, a native of West Green, GA, was a 1970 graduate of Coffee High in Douglas, Georgia; 1976 graduate of Lee College in Cleveland, Tennessee, 1979 graduate of Emory's Theological Seminary, and 1990 graduate of Ohio State East Asia Studies. He served in the US Army for 12 years at multiple duty stations around the world. He retired from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee after 25 years. He attended Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church for the past 20 years. Sammy loved the land – hunting, fishing, and GARDENING, loved his family, and loved GOD.

Mr. Davis is survived by his wife of more than 47 years, Diane Willis Davis of Dunlap, Tennessee; 2 children: daughter, Cassia Randolph, and husband, Fielding, of Jackson, Tennessee, and son, Sammy Oshea Davis of Dunlap, Tennessee; 2 grandchildren: Agnes and Rosemary Randolph of Jackson, Tennessee; 2 brothers, Jimmy Bennett of Gallatin, Tennessee, and Charles Davis of West Green, Georgia; along with a number of nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Along with his parents, Mr. Davis was preceded in death by his son Joshua Wesley Davis and 2 sisters: Peggy Sue Sayers of Union City, Indiana and Shirley Faye Blair of West Green, Georgia.

Mr. Davis will lie in state at West Ward Church of God Monday morning, May 19, 2025, from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM. A funeral service will be held to honor Mr. Davis' life on Monday morning, May 19, 2025 at 10:00 AM at West Ward Church of God with Bishop Britt Peavy officiating. Interment will follow at the Douglas City Cemetery.

Active Pallbearers will include: Oshea Davis, Charles Davis, Wesley Davis, Jared Davis, Jackson Davis, Bobby Davis, Fielding Randolph, and Zenan Merritt.

Condolences, kind words, and fond memories may be shared with Sammy's family at www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com.

Sammy's arrangements have been entrusted to the kind and compassionate staff of Ricketson Funeral Home, Inc. of Douglas, Georgia.

Cemetery Details

Douglas City Cemetery

1622 North Gaskin Avenue
Douglas, GA 31533

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

West Ward Church of God
700 W Ward St
Douglas, GA 31533
(912) 384-4607

Funeral Service

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Interment

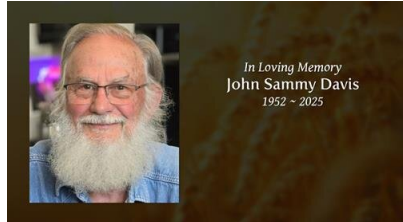
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Tribute Wall



“ *Ricketson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Sammy Davis*



Ricketson Funeral Home - May 17, 2025 at 05:57 PM

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Rest in peace Sammy.

George Sears - May 27, 2025 at 10:34 PM

LP

“ *Dear Mrs. Davis. My deepest and sincere condolences with the passing of your husband, to you, Cassia, O'Shea and all your loved ones. Lourens du Plessis. (lourens.duplessis@opwekking.nl)*

Lourens du Plessis - May 21, 2025 at 12:36 PM

TK

“ *Diane, we are sending you and your family our heartfelt prayers, comfort, and love during this sad time. We are your neighbors in the FMNR community. Unfortunately, we haven't met personally, maybe we can one day soon. We have always admired y'all's beautiful, cheerful, sweet, warm, inviting farm like home and property. We waved to you as we drove by many times seeing y'all working and enjoying outside. The video tribute to Sammy is beautiful! Wish we could have known him. If you need anything please let us know. Our loving thoughts and prayers to you and may our precious Lord Jesus be with you and your family and bring you His peace and comfort! Trudy & Dennis Kernaghan*

Trudy & Dennis Kernaghan - May 18, 2025 at 09:41 AM

LG

“ *Diane,
Our deepest sympathy to your family. We are so saddened by the earthly loss of Sammy's presence but so comforted that he is now present with the One who created him and in Whom he believed and worshipped.
Prayerfully,
Lisa and Ed Garbee*

Lisa Garbee - May 17, 2025 at 11:09 PM