



Samuel Davis

December 18, 2011

MATOAKA – Samuel M. Davis, 93, of Matoaka, died Sunday, December 18, 2011. Born November 8, 1918 at Matoaka, he was the son of the late J.M. Davis and Lula B. Wheeler Davis.

Mr. Davis operated J.M. Davis & Son Grocery in Matoaka from 1945-1985. He was a lifetime member of the Matoaka Methodist Church where he served on the Board of Directors, was a member of the choir and was a Sunday School teacher. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Force where he served as a sergeant and Link Trainer Instructor. He was a 50 year member of the Matoaka Kiwanis Club and was the longest serving member of the Matoaka Volunteer Fire Department where he served on the Board of Directors and as Assistant Fire Chief. He was a member of the Matoaka Town Council for more than 50 years. He was named West Virginia Citizen of the Year and presented a check in the amount of \$5000 for the Town of Matoaka. In 2010 he was the co-Grand Marshal for the Matoaka Town Reunion. Over the decades he was awarded numerous awards and recognitions for his selfless service to the community and his church. He was known by friends and business owners alike as a pillar of the community and it is impossible to know how many lives he touched in his 93 years. His was truly a wonderful life.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Geraldine Straley Davis in 2009; two brothers, James W. Davis and Wilford Davis; and one sister, Maxine Evans.

Survivors include two sisters, Sibyl Wright of Rock and Mary Jane Artrip and her husband Bob of Falls Mills, VA; one brother, Henry H. Davis and his wife Doris of Denver, CO; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 22, 2011 at the Rowland H. Bailey Funeral Chapel of the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with the Revs. Bill Crawford, David Damewood and David White officiating. Interment will follow at the Wesley Chapel Cemetery at Rock where military honors will be conducted by the Mercer County Veterans Council and the honor guard of the West Virginia National Guard. Nephews and men of the church will serve as pallbearers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Matoaka Methodist Church, c/o Doug Hawks, P.O. Box 177, Matoaka, WV 24736.

Friends may visit from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, December 21 at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Samuel Davis*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Sam was so special. When I lived as a teenager in matoaka, it was fun to go to the store. He was always quick with a joke and so much fun to talk to. My dad even worked with him for a while when he retired. A wonderful friend, he showed the very best of the human spirit. Yes, Donna, I'm sure he has everyone laughing in Heaven and I'm sure our parents are right there with him!*

Claudia Nesbit - December 26, 2011 at 09:05 AM



“ *Matoaka has lost a jewel and friend.*

Lt. Col. Tom Cook, USMC - December 23, 2011 at 02:39 PM



“ *Knowing Uncle Sam for only a short time, I have to say he will be missed by everyone. His life's story was amazing, his wit, and smile contagious. His 90th birthday party was a testimony to the lives he touched. Good Bye Uncle Sam, happy home coming, see again you on the other side.*

Gwen McComas - December 21, 2011 at 06:34 PM

MD

“ Sam will be missed ... His years of service with our department will never be forgotten. His service was greatly appreciated. He gave his all to our dept. & to the Town of Matoaka. Heaven called and you answered that final call. So long our fellow fire fighter and friend!

Matoaka Vol. Fire Dept. - December 21, 2011 at 04:49 PM

WF

“ Sam will truly be missed ... He is and was a Great Icon for Matoaka ... Heaven is brighter with you and your beautiful smile and sense of humor ... Rest in peace ...Farewell , Until we meet again on the other side.

Wayne & Phyllis Billings & Family - December 21, 2011 at 04:43 PM

AG

“ My prayers are with the family during this time!! Sam was truly a Godly man. I remember many days having conversations with him at the store!! He definitely touched many hearts during his time here!! May God Bless you All!!

Angie Gillespie - December 21, 2011 at 02:24 PM

VJ

“ I loved this man, he always had a smile for anyone he met. Many times he would give my day a happy start with is pleasant teasing nature. God bless and give you rest.

vanessa jones - December 21, 2011 at 01:16 PM

TL

“ There were no two better people than Dean and Sam. He had a love for people and life that are a lesson to us all. His life will be a testimony to us all of what has intended for us to be. May he rest in peace, reunited with his beloved wife and his brother James. Tim Lusk Tucson, AZ

Tim Lusk - December 21, 2011 at 11:05 AM

RF

“ Always there with a joke and what a wonderful sense of humor that Sam had. Vesta, James and Geradine and Sam were always there to support me when God called me into the ministry. Heaven is a better place today because of saints like these. He believed in God, Country, and Church. Look forward to seeing you on the other side brother. Denae, Devin, Kevin Farmer

Rev Kevin Farmer - December 20, 2011 at 12:06 PM