



## Mr. Billy "Bill" Connel Davis

August 24, 1941 - July 14, 2024

Mr. Billy Connell Davis, 82, of Commerce, GA passed away on July 14, 2024 at Piedmont Athens Regional Hospital. He was born in Commerce on August 24, 1941 to the late, Fairer Bell Owensby and Clarence "Pete" Davis. Bill was the oldest of 4 brothers. Tony and Mike, who have passed and Ken who now resides in Gainesville, GA.

Bill is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 63 years, Barbara Ward Davis. They were 2 Peas in a Pod, rarely apart and always together supporting their 2 sons; Greg and Derrick as well as 6 grandchildren; Abbey, Britt, Landon, D.J., Ty, Cam, and 2 great grandchildren; Karleigh and Braleigh.

After graduating from Commerce High School, Bill enlisted in the United States Navy where he proudly served for 4 years, most notably aboard the U.S.S Bache while he and his wife Barbara were stationed and living in Beeville, Texas. He was very proud to tell the stories of his travels but nothing joyed him more than being a husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. A member of Madison Street Baptist Church where you could find the Davis family sitting about 6 rows back on the left side and later on the back row as his health began to decline. He dedicated much of his life to helping others and sharing his love of sports. Many nights spent at the old Gordon field where his teams, Strickland's BBQ and Baxter's Well Service would dominate the local men's softball league and later coaching the State

Farm Insurance Little League team. Later, Mr. Davis would serve 20 plus years on the Commerce City Board of Education, serving as Chairman twice and dedicating many hours to trying to make Commerce City Schools the best around. But no one will ever forget those Friday nights over the PA system at Tiger Field. Beginning in the 1970's for 40 years Bill Davis's voice rang out over the speakers, calling many notable games in Tiger Football history and instituting the forever loved "Tiger fans look into the sky, it's potluck football at Commerce High. And will we ever forget that one player that always seemed to play for the opponent and making tackles, Jabo Johnson was in on many tackles although never listed on the roster, and what about the historic "It's only 9 miles, but it's a long, long ride home. Mr. Davis put joy in many Tiger fans' hearts on Fall Friday nights and the stories will last forever.

Bill Davis never met a stranger and rarely walked into a place where he didn't know someone and the stories would start to flow. Mr. Bill Davis will surely be missed by many.

Visitation will be held at Little and Ward Funeral Home in Commerce, Wednesday July 17th from 5:00 until 8:00. Funeral services will be held at 4:00 at Madison Street Baptist Church, Commerce on Thursday July 18th with Dr. Billy Owensby officiating. Internment will follow at Grey Hill Cemetery.

Little-Ward Funeral Home, Commerce is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Grey Hill Cemetery

Clayton St.  
Commerce, GA 30529

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Little-Ward Funeral Home  
115 State Street  
Commerce, GA 30529  
(706) 335-3175  
lwfh@windstream.net  
<https://www.little-wardfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

JUL 18. 4:00 PM (ET)

Madison Street Baptist Church  
188 Madison Street  
Commerce, GA 30259

# Tribute Wall

LG

“ *Mrs. Davis,  
You were always so sweet and helpful to me when I taught at the  
primary school. I only met Mr. Davis a few times and he always  
made me laugh.  
I am thinking of you and praying God will give you and your family  
moments of peace and comfort now and in the future.  
With sympathy,  
Lorie Grimes*

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**Lorie Grimes** - July 17, 2024 at 04:58 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the  
family of Mr. Billy "Bill" Connel Davis.*



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July 17, 2024 at 11:24 AM

PS

“ *Patricia Seagraves sent a virtual gift in memory  
of Mr. Billy "Bill" Connel Davis*



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**Patricia Seagraves** - July 17, 2024 at 09:39 AM

WC

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Bill and Barbara when Bill worked at Franklin County High School several years ago. He was a super nice guy and became a good friend. My sympathy to the family and may God give you peace, comfort and strength for days ahead. He will be missed.

Wayne Chitwood

Wayne Chitwood - July 17, 2024 at 09:25 AM

SF

“ Sandra Hayes Freeman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy "Bill" Connel Davis



Sandra Hayes Freeman - July 17, 2024 at 09:07 AM

TE

“ Was neighbors to Mr Bill and Mrs Barbara. Very sweet family. Heaven truly gained another Angel, very Godly man. Sending my love and prayers up to you Mrs Barbara and the family. May God be with you all and give you peace and comfort

Terri Edwards - July 17, 2024 at 01:39 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Billy "Bill" Connel Davis.



July 16, 2024 at 09:26 PM

NW

“ *Norma Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy "Bill" Connel Davis*



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**Norma Ward** - July 16, 2024 at 09:23 PM

BW

“ *Baxter Wright purchased the Full Heart for the family of Mr. Billy "Bill" Connel Davis.*



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**Baxter Wright** - July 16, 2024 at 08:03 PM

BW

“ *Baxter Wright planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Billy "Bill" Connel Davis.*

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**Baxter Wright** - July 16, 2024 at 08:03 PM

GW

“ *Sorry to hear of his passing. I have known him all my life. I will miss seeing him at the ballgames.*

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**gwynmcgee** - July 16, 2024 at 04:14 PM

JD

“ *You will be greatly missed.* ”



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**John David** - July 16, 2024 at 04:06 PM

CO

“ *Cristy Owensby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy "Bill" Connel Davis* ”



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**Cristy Owensby** - July 16, 2024 at 02:29 PM

DM

“ *Dianne Matthews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy "Bill" Connel Davis* ”



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**Dianne Matthews** - July 16, 2024 at 11:32 AM