



## Mr. Curtis Eugene Davis

July 23, 1932 - December 14, 2023

Curtis Eugene Davis, 91, husband of the late Whyoma Nichols Davis, of Seneca, SC, passed away on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at Dominion Senior Living.

A native of Broxton, GA, Mr. Davis was the son of the late Clarence and Mae Davis. He was a United States Army Veteran who served in the Korean War and retired from Wickes Lumber. Mr. Davis was a member of St. Mark United Methodist Church, the Rotary Club of Seneca, and the Retired Officers Club. He was very active in the Salvation Army.

Curtis Davis is best known by his family to be a husband, father, and grandfather who was loving, fun, energetic, and full of life. He and his wife, Whyoma, built a loving home, filled with laughter and great memories. He was also known by his friends and family as quite the entertainer. He was a master of impressions and he entertained groups for many years.

Curtis Davis was a generous man. He was a carpenter/handyman who used those abilities to serve the community by heading up the Smurfs Organization through St. Mark United Methodist Church. He and the Smurfs repaired 583 homes of those in need through the years. He also helped lead the Salkehatchie Project, which helped numerous needy homeowners. This led him to be awarded the Governor's Silver Crescent Award, which is the state's

highest award for community service.

Mr. Davis was also an inventor. He had numerous patents through the years, but his invention that had the greatest impact was his Starscope that he invented while in the Army. His invention led the Army to reproduce it as night vision and distribute it to the American soldiers in Vietnam, which saved thousands of lives. His invention is still used today to see at night in the event of a fire. His version of night vision is not affected by heat, unlike lasers, so he is still saving lives today.

Mr. Davis is survived by his son: Gary Davis (Dr. Debra Meadows); daughters: Pam Anderson, Kelly Dioguardi (John), Ann Davis, and Teresa Brown (Jim); grandchildren: Matthew Anderson, Mallory Anderson, Jennifer Hanner, Eric Davis, JD Brown, Mackenzie Brown, Donovan Dioguardi, and Jillian Dioguardi; great-grandchildren: Ian Davis, Carson Hanner, Harrison Curtis Hanner.

In addition to his wife and parents, Mr. Davis was preceded in death by his brother: Dewey Todd, and sister: Ophelia Morgan.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at St. Mark United Methodist Church with burial to follow at Heritage Memorial Gardens.

A visitation will be held from 1:00 PM-2:00PM, prior to the service, at St. Mark United Methodist Church.

Flowers are accepted, or memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, Oconee County Service Center, PO Box 536, Seneca, SC 29679.

The family is at their respective homes.



# Cemetery Details

## Heritage Memorial Gardens

4500 South Highway 11  
Westminster, SC 29693

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark United Methodist  
616 Quincy Rd  
Seneca, SC

## Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark United Methodist  
616 Quincy Rd  
Seneca, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Curtis Eugene Davis.



December 20, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ The Durham Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Curtis Eugene Davis.

**The Durham Family** - December 20, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Curtis Eugene Davis.



December 18, 2023 at 07:50 PM



“ Joe, Linda, Adam, Jen, Alex, Audrey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Curtis Eugene Davis.

**Joe, Linda, Adam, Jen, Alex, Audrey** - December 18, 2023 at 07:50 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Curtis Eugene Davis.*



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December 17, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *I first met Curt and Whyoma Davis and their family when they moved from OH to NJ 55 years ago. Within a short time, the Davis family pretty much "adopted" every kid in the surrounding neighborhood, myself included. You could feel the love and kindness in their family, which they generously extended to all who were blessed to be near them. Mr. Davis was so much fun to be with, entertaining us with fascinating stories, his laughter, great impressions of famous people and sharing ideas for his new inventions.*

*He was involved with the Boy Scouts in our NJ community, and after moving his family to SC, he generously served the communities in and around Seneca.*

*Throughout the many years, whenever my wife and I would visit the Davis's, they made us feel like family. Curt Davis was a wonderful man who touched so many lives in such a positive way. He will be greatly missed.*

*Bob and Sue Reed*

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**Robert Reed** - December 17, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Curtis Eugene Davis.*



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December 17, 2023 at 01:49 PM



“ *Cynthia Morgan lit a candle in memory of Curtis Davis*



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**Cynthia Morgan** - December 16, 2023 at 06:31 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Curtis Eugene Davis.*



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December 16, 2023 at 06:27 PM

CM

“ Fair winds and following seas Uncle Curt! Thank you for your positive spirit, master at entertaining, collecting things like stamps, and keeping innovative inventions alive! We love you! Attached is a cassette you gave me of your funny songs. ❤️👍❤️



Cynthia Morgan - December 16, 2023 at 03:01 PM

NV

“ Uncle Curt was my favorite uncle. His kindness, humor, smile and laughter will be carried in my heart. I enjoyed so much the time our families spent together. Due to the long distances, the times were not frequent but were very, very special and filled with love and laughter. And his impressions were THE BEST! Rest well Uncle Curt. We love you.

Nancy Morgan Vaughan

Nancy Vaughan - December 16, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Curtis Eugene Davis.



December 16, 2023 at 10:00 AM

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“ Nancy Morgan Vaughan and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Curtis Eugene Davis.

Nancy Morgan Vaughan and Family - December 16, 2023 at 10:00 AM

WS

“ So sorry to hear about Curt's passing. He was a long time neighbor and my first ever boss when I worked at Wickes in high school. Passionate about service whether his time in the Army, though his church or through community involvement. May he rest in peace.

Wes Sutton - December 15, 2023 at 01:30 PM

JM

“ Uncle Curt was a magnificent man. Wherever he was, there was laughter and fun. He impressed me with his knowledge of the stock market and how he shared his knowledge with his son through paper trading when Gary was young. And more importantly how quickly he fell in love with his wife and their long lasting marriage. He definitely was a role model. We will all miss you Uncle Curt. ❤️

Joy Morgan - December 15, 2023 at 10:55 AM