



## Mr. Gerald Foster Davis

February 8, 1936 - October 1, 2020

Gerald Foster Davis, 84, of 403 E. Arctic Avenue, Folly Beach, SC, passed away Thursday, October 1, 2020, at Roper Hospice Cottage in Charleston, SC.

A native of Oconee County, Mr. Davis was the son of the late Ben Howard and Era Mae Medlin Davis. He received his Doctorate in Education. He conquered many things in his career such as, Administrative Assistant at Mott Foundation, Flint Michigan, Supervisor of Adult Education in S.C. Department of Education, Executive Director of Mountain Projects in Jackson and Haywood Counties in NC, Director of Community School Programs in Oconee County, SC and Principal and Superintendent of Cleveland Schools. Mr. Davis taught mathematics at Americas High School in Georgia; while at Americas he coached the boys and girl's tennis team. At Cleveland he coached the boys' and girls' basketball teams. While at Americas he was named "Man of the Year" by the Jaycees and again In Oconee County in the Walhalla's Lion Club. In the early seventies he served on the greater Salvation Army Board. He was a retired mathematics instructor at Trident Technical College in Charleston for over 30 years; he was the Administrator of Dialysis and Transplant Program at the Medical University of SC; Director of Admissions and Chairman of Emery College at Palmer College, Charleston; Executive Director of Special Training and Education Program for the State of Mississippi; and Education Consultant for Folly Publishing Company. He served for four years on the Folly Beach

City Council. When the part of the Island became a city, he was appointed by the governor to service as the Folly Island township Commissioner. He served several terms as the Chairman of the Folly Beach Election Commission. Some of his other accomplishments included, being a college mathematics instructor, president, vice president and treasured of the Folly Island Civic Club, member of the Folly Beach Exchange Club, the Salvation Army Advisory Board of Greater Charleston, Heart Sunday Chairman, and Goodwill Industry Member. Mr. Davis was also a member of Poplar Springs Baptist Church.

Mr. Davis is survived by his son: Doug Liptak (Marianne); brother: Jimmy Davis (Rita); sisters: Betty Dickard and Dot Long; grandchildren: Ben, Morgan and Sam Liptak; sisters-in-law: Francis Davis and Jane Davis; special niece: Amelia Davis; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Davis was preceded in death by his sisters: Louise Dickard and Linda Joan Justice; and brothers: Ben and Kenneth Davis.

Graveside services will be conducted at 4:00 PM, Monday, October 5, 2020, at Ocone Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 2:30-3:30 PM, Monday, prior to the service, at Davenport Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Poplar Springs Baptist Church, Attn: Building Fund, P. O. Box 458, Walhalla, SC 29691 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

The family is at their respective homes.

# Cemetery Details

## Oconee Memorial Park

1923 Blue Ridge Boulevard  
Seneca, SC 29672  
<http://oconeememorialpark.com?>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 5. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home  
311 S Highway 11  
West Union, SC 29696  
(864) 638-3611  
[davenportfhome@gmail.com](mailto:davenportfhome@gmail.com)  
<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

## Graveside Service

OCT 5. 4:00 PM (ET)

Oconee Memorial Park  
1923 Blue Ridge Boulevard  
Seneca, SC 29672  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gerald Foster Davis*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *My mom and Dad Rita and John Gardner were friends with Jerry for a long time . My husband and I met him when our kids were little . When we would go to South Carolina He would bring us Iced down Beer and the Kids Iced Cream Sandwiches. We all loved Jerry. He will be missed.*

**Kathy and Houston Marshall from Indiana** - June 17, 2021 at 06:58 PM



“ *while i was in the navy as a corpsman i took night classes in math with Jerry he befriended me and i spent many weekends at his beach home in Folly beach 1977 -1979 he was a great guy and very giving he helped me a lot to understand advance math problems/ once he told me one of his professors in college was on the Manhattan project who made the A-bomb /I became a Registered Nurse worked for 40 years as a nurse due to his influence to continue my education/ once his gas lawn mower did not work so i got a book from the library and fixed it , his was impressed, i went on to fix small engines for the next 50 years as a side line and even taught night school in adult education small engine// I will miss him he was never puffed up kind of person/ i did not know he had his PHd in ED /// Bruce Mac Gloan RN/BSN 53 Planters Run Ct Dover DE 19901 ///bmacgloan@verizon.net 302 538-5022 Semper FI friend*

**Bruce MacGloan** - January 30, 2021 at 12:38 PM

HB

“ Hunter Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Foster Davis



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Hunter Brown - December 02, 2020 at 10:11 AM

HB

“ So many memories of being with you. Was not over many many years but was crammed into a childhood. Visiting you all the time at the beach and you always bringing TJ and I saltwater taffy knowing we loved it. All the gifts for my birthday and christmas and the shelf of elephants. I got those huge binoculars now and they always remind me of the fun we had. Rest easy, i love you.

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Hunter Brown - December 02, 2020 at 10:10 AM

ST

“ I'm sad to hear of the passing of such a wonderful friend. Lots of great memories over the past 30 years. My husband at the time was a Citadel grad and Gerry was like family to us. Our children were born and raised to know Gerry just as we did. He welcomed us into his home many times and was always so overwhelming generous. Gerry was such a beautiful soul with a heart of gold. I'll never forget the wedding in Chicago we all attended and laughed until our sides hurt. My friend, I'll always have your laugh etched in memory and will remember you always. See you later until we meet again. Thank you for the light you brought into our lives many times over!

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Stacey Abbott, Knoxville Tennessee - October 29, 2020 at 08:16 PM

Jl

“ I met Gerald at Folly Beach when I was around 7 years old. He rented a downstairs apartment from my grandmother (Marie B. Sseppard) and purchased the house in 1973. He was like family and I enjoyed visiting him and talking inside and on the front porch. He was kind, good hearted, and will be truly missed and remembered with treasured memories. I am very sad he has passed. My Dad also passed away Oct 1, 2020. My condolences go out to Gerald's family and friends.

*John R. Sheppard IV*

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**John R. Sheppard IV** - October 06, 2020 at 12:56 AM

RC

“ Robert N Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Foster Davis



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**Robert N Clark** - October 05, 2020 at 12:16 PM

RC

“ Gerry and I were colleagues together for almost 25 years at Trident Tech here in Charleston. He was such a lovely, big-hearted person, a giant of a human being, a man with a huge and generous soul. I shall miss his warm smile and gentle ways. My deep condolences go out to his family and friends.

*RIP, Gerry.*

*Dr Robert Clark  
Park Circle, North Charleston  
5 October 2020*

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**Robert N Clark** - October 05, 2020 at 12:10 PM

LM

“ Lynn Merrill purchased the *Beautiful Dreams* for the family of Mr. Gerald Foster Davis.



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**Lynn Merrill** - October 05, 2020 at 08:58 AM

LM

“ Gerry and I spent so many years rocking on his front porch discussing life events. I will miss him more than words can say. Arctic and 4th St. will never be the same. Rest in peace my friend.

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**Lynn Merrill** - October 05, 2020 at 08:48 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald Foster Davis.



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October 04, 2020 at 12:26 PM

DA

“ Don and Jackie Ammons purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Mr. Gerald Foster Davis.



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**Don and Jackie Ammons** - October 04, 2020 at 11:16 AM

FD

“ GERALD, IT IS HARD TO SAY GOOD BY TO YOU SO I WILL SAY SEE YOU LATER. YOU HAVE BEEN MY BROTHER IN LAW SINCE WE WERE MUCH YOUNGER FOR 65 YEARS AND YOU WERE ALWAYS KIND, FUNNY, CARING AND LOVING ALL THE NEICES AND NEPHEWS AS THEY GREW UP. SAY HELLO TO THE LOVE OF MY LIFE UP THERE BEN. REST IN PEACE YOU SERVED VERY WELL DOWN HERE AND MADE THIS EARTH A BETTER PLACE. WILL MISS YOUR E MAILS. LOVE FRAN

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**fran davis** - October 03, 2020 at 05:38 PM

WL

“ Wanda Long sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gerald Foster Davis



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**Wanda Long** - October 03, 2020 at 12:45 PM

BD

“ Bobbie Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Foster Davis



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**Bobbie Duncan** - October 03, 2020 at 10:55 AM

RT

“ *Reg Tatum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Foster Davis*



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**Reg Tatum** - October 03, 2020 at 08:03 AM

KH

“ *Kay And Pat Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Foster Davis*



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**Kay and Pat Hall** - October 02, 2020 at 07:41 PM

CC

“ *Fond memories of Gerald, kin to me by marriage. He warmly welcomed my aunt and uncle (Gerald's brother Ben) and their family into his Folly Beach home and they Took me along. It was a very big and fond memory of my childhood. He was a kind man.*

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**Cindy Clardy** - October 02, 2020 at 07:31 PM

RA

“ *Rod & Katherine Albertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Foster Davis*



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**Rod & Katherine Albertson** - October 02, 2020 at 06:04 PM

ID

“ *Dennis & Iris Duncan lit a candle for Mr. Gerald Foster Davis*



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**iris duncan** - October 02, 2020 at 03:39 PM