



James Varner Davis (Jimmie)

October 8, 1917 - September 29, 2025

James Varner Davis (Jimmie), 107 years old, formerly of Albany, Georgia, died on September 29, 2025. Mr. Davis was born October 8, 1917 in Lexington, North Carolina. The oldest of four children, he was raised in Columbus, Georgia. He graduated from Columbus High School in 1934, Young Harris Junior College in 1937, and Emory University School of Law in 1941. He moved to Albany, Georgia in 1941 where he became a member of the Georgia Bar Association and began to practice law. In 1952, he formed the law partnership of Farkas, Landau, and Davis along with Leonard Farkas, Sr. and Edmund Landau, Jr. Mr. Davis was Mayor of Albany from 1964 to 1968, and served as City Attorney from 1968 until 1992. After retiring from general practice, he became “of counsel” to the law firm of Hodges, Erwin, Hedrick, and Coleman, and later Perry and Walters.

Mr. Davis was devotedly and happily married for 64 years to the late Jean Bennett Davis, who became quadriplegic after contracting Polio in 1953, just six years after they married. He provided Jean with excellent care in a loving manner throughout their marriage until she passed away in September 2011. After the passing of his wife, Mr. Davis continued to live at home for over five years with the assistance of his housekeeper Ms. Jenetta Sharon Hall. When he was no longer able to maintain a household, Mr. Davis moved to Alabama to be with his daughter, Carol Davis Adair, and (now late) son-in-law, Allen Adair.

In his younger years, Mr. Davis loved sailing on Lake Eufaula, and taught himself to navigate by the stars. He was a well known local poet and published two books of poetry: "Trickles From A Dry Well", and "Late Harvest". Mr. Davis was an avid hunter, and loved walking in the woods identifying trees and plants. He was a life member of the Albany YMCA, and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Albany, Georgia. Mr. Davis will be remembered for his devotion to his family and friends, and for his many civic contributions to Albany.

The family wishes to thank the loyal friends, neighbors, co-workers, and caregivers who treated Mr. Davis with so much kindness, and love. Survivors include his daughter Carol Davis Adair of Mountain Brook, Alabama, and numerous nieces and nephews in various states.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Mr. Davis will be held in the Chapel at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Home, 1503 Dawson Road, Albany, Georgia, beginning at 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 22, 2025. The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM in the Chapel until the service begins. Per his request, Mr. Davis's remains will be cremated, and his ashes will be mixed with the ashes of his beloved Jean. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to your favorite charity.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Memorial Service

NOV **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GD

“ *Psalm 90:10 says "The span of our life is 70 years, or 80 if one is especially strong." Surely Uncle Jimmie was very strong. He will be long remembered, loved and missed. Carol, we love you and miss you. We wish we were able to be there with you and the rest of the family.*

Your cousins,

Gil & Nancy Davis

Gil Davis - November 22, 2025 at 12:43 PM



“ *Lit a candle 🕯️ in Remembrance*



Elena Taylor - October 19, 2025 at 09:42 PM

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“ *Rest In Peace, Jimmy. Deepest condolences to family and friends.
Tony Duckworth | President and CEO | Albany Area YMCA*

Tony Duckworth - October 17, 2025 at 02:42 PM

TW

“ *Mr. Jimmie lived a good and full life. It was an honor to know him. He and Dr. John Inman, Jr. were Albany YMCA members the longest, starting as kids at the old Y on the corner of Pine and Jefferson. My prayers for Jimmie's family and friends. Be comforted to know Perpetual Light shines on him. Jimmie Davis and his memories will be a blessing to us always. God's peace to all.*

Tim Ward, Retired CEO Albany Area YMCA

Tim Ward - October 15, 2025 at 09:44 AM

JB

“ *Jerry & Ginny Barnes lit a candle in memory of James Varner Davis (Jimmie)*



Jerry & Ginny Barnes - October 15, 2025 at 06:15 AM

FA

“ *He was A Giant of a man in so many ways!! am a better person for having known him.RIP my friend 🙏*

Frank Ahouse - October 14, 2025 at 01:29 PM

DW

“ *Danny & Brenda Gail Wall lit a candle in memory of James Varner Davis (Jimmie)*



Danny & Brenda Gail Wall - October 13, 2025 at 08:20 PM



*Mr. Davis' family=Our thoughts & prayers are with you all! We remember Mr. Jimmie from the Albany YMCA! What a wonderful smile!
Brenda Gail & Danny Wall*

Danny and Brenda Gail Wall - October 13, 2025 at 08:23 PM