



Mr. Larry Michael Davis Obituary

July 16, 1956 - January 21, 2012

Larry Michael Davis, 55, of Albany died Saturday, January 21, 2012. Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at Gillionville Baptist Church. Concluding service and interment will follow at Park Hill Cemetery Mausoleum in Columbus, Georgia at 3 p.m. Visitation will be held Wednesday, January 25, 2012, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kimbrell-Stern. Rev. Tony Haefs and Rev. Giles Lovejoy will officiate.

A native of Columbus, Georgia, Mr. Davis graduated from Baker High School in 1974 and graduated from Columbus State University (formerly Columbus College) with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. Upon graduation he moved to Albany in 1979 where he began his employment with the Albany Police Department. He served in various capacities as a patrol officer, Detective, SWAT team member/leader, as well as in Planning and Training. He was a Police Academy Instructor from 1987 – 1989 teaching firearms and officer survival. In 1991 he became a Dougherty County Deputy Sheriff / investigator with Water, Gas and Light where he was presently employed having worked a total of 32 years in law enforcement. He was a member of Gillionville Baptist Church and a former member of Sherwood Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Patti Williams Davis of Albany, a daughter, Shannon Virginia Burch and her husband Matthew of Baker County, a son Brett Michael Davis of Albany, a daughter Kendyl Ellen Davis of Albany, and

one grandchild, Shelbie Virginia Burch of Baker County. Mr. Davis was predeceased by his parents, Louie David Davis and Winifred Inez Corbett Davis.

In honor of Larry Michael Davis, memorials may be made to: Gideon's International, Post Office Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214-0800 www.gideons.org, Wounded Warriors Project, 4899 Belfort, Road, Suite 300 Jacksonville, Florida 32256 www.woundedwarriorsproject.org, or Special Olympics Georgia, 4000 Dekalb Technology Pkwy, Suite 400, Bldg. 400, Atlanta, Georgia 30340 www.specialolympicsga.org

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 25. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 26. 10:30 AM (ET)

Gillionville Baptist Church
4614 Gillionville Road
Albany, GA 31721

Interment

JAN 26. 3:00 PM (ET)

Parkhill Cemetery
4161 Macon Rd
Columbus, GA 31907

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Larry Michael Davis Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mr. Larry Michael Davis Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Without a shred of doubt we know where Mike is today... and for that we are joyful! Without that knowledge the pain I feel would be overwhelming. Our heart goes out to you, Patti and the children. We loved the times we had together. I will never meet a more pleasant, honest man of integrity than Mike. I always enjoyed talking with him..... I just wish I had done it more often. We will continue think and pray for you all. In HIS Name.*

Joe and Donna Powell - Albany, GA - Friends in Jesus - February 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Larry Davis was my Field Training Officer when I started with the Albany Police Department in 1984. Larry was a "Top Cop", a true professional and dedicated Family man. He shared stories about his family and his faith and imparted knowledge that has in all likelihood saved my life several times over. I am better off for having known him.*

*Chuck White
Director of Security and Emergency Preparedness
Jacksonville Port Authority*

Charles White - Former Co-Worker - February 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ i wish to express my codolences to larrys family i met larry during the flood of 94 at sherwood baptist church he was always willing to help others in their time of need i will surely miss the conversations we had together if theres anything you need please feel free to contact me @229-395-1201 or at facebook god bless you and comfort you during these times

courtney dervan - albany , GA - friend - February 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Patti, I am so sorry to learn of Larry's passing. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Debbie

Debbie King Sutton - Albany, GA - friend - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Mike leaving us is such a shock to everyone. May you find comfort in God during this time in your lives. He will give you the strength you need to get through this time. Everyone says that time is a good healer, but no one tells you how long it takes for you to feel better. Know that Mike is looking down from heaven and is watching over you at all times. May God bless you. Tim and Lydia

Tim and Lydia Burch - Newton, GA - Friend - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ to Patti and family, it was a tremendous shock to hear of Mike's homegoing. Brenda knew Mike growing up at Southside Baptist Church and i had the privilege of mееing him in 1968 when Brenda and I got married. He was a joy to talk with and his smile that he always had for who he would come in contact with. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Our hearts and prayers are with you during this time. May God's grace sustain you!

Dave and Brenda Klobe - Columbus, GA - Friend - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I worked with Larry Davis at the Albany Police Department for many, many years. No matter when I saw him he was always smiling; he was the kind of person that always had a kind word. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family during this difficult time. May God bless you!

Johnnie Carruthers

Johnnie Carruthers - Albany, GA - Past Co-Worker and Friend - January 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Larry was a prince among men and a blessing to many through the depth of his character. I often looked to him for advice through the years, and never failed to come away all the better for it. I am grateful to God for his life and example. Our deepest sympathies to all his family and loved ones, friends, and co-workers.

Julius Culp & Family - Albany, GA - colleague - January 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Condolences to you and your family. We are thinking of you in your time of sorrow.

Evelyn and Jerome Phillips - Baker County, GA - friend - January 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Larry was a wonderful and kind person. My family send our prayers and may God give your family the comfort needed at this time.

Janice, Dornicia and Jonathan Johnson

Janice Johnson - Albany, GA - Retired co-worker WG&L - January 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ We send our prayers and thoughts to you and your family at this time. May God help you to find peace within your hearts. David and Sharon Noel

David and Sharon Noel - Rabun Gap, GA - friend and co-worker at APD - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ Our prayers & love go out to your family at this time of your lose. We are here for you at this time of your lose . Love & prayers, Foy & Jowanna Hammack

Foy & Jowanna Hammack - Leesburg, GA - Freind - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Mike was my training officer when I started with APD in 1984. I have never forgotten his kindness, his dedication to his family and his genuine compassion for everyone. He was truly a great person and I am so sorry for your loss. I hope you find comfort in knowing that he is in Heaven and we will one day see him again.

Sharon Haggerty

Sharon Haggerty - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ I will always remember Mike working at the football games at SCA. Our kids at the same school. precious memories. I am so sad for you guys. We love you and he will be so missed.

Gayle & Mark Meagher - Albany , GA - friend - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I have known Mike Davis for many years. I worked with Mike and Giles at A.P.D. for many years and during this time we became friends. During our career together, I knew I could learn from him and I knew he could definitely shoot. Also, with working with him and developing a friendship I knew that he cherished his family and church more than anything. These things always came first. He truly loved God and his family.

Later when Mike moved to Water, Gas and Light as an Investigator, and I came to work in Worth County at the Worth County Sheriffs Dept., he assisted in developing a Traffic division with our Department. I know I could rely on Mike with anything. He always had your back.

I can not stress enough how much he truly loved his wife Pattey, his children and God. And he was a very good and reliable friend. I knew if I ever needed anything, he was only a phone call away. Pattey, I love you and the children, I am very sorry for your loss. There will never be another Mike Davis or anyone that will ever be able to carry the admiration that he had from his friends.

Your Friend,
John Daniel

John Daniel - Sylvester, GA - Friend/Former co-worker APD - January 25, 2012
at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *It is with great sadness that I learned from my dad, Albert Vineyard, that Mike had passed away suddenly.*

Mike or Mr. Davis as I called him when he was my RA director when I was in 11th & 12th grades at Sherwood Baptist. The lessons I learned from Mike have stuck through my college years and on into my adult life.

Mike was also very special to my parents. Mike got up at 3:00 AM to take them to the airport for their 50th anniversary trip. Mike returned the next week to pick them up on their return as well.

Please know that Mike touched a lot of people with his words and his actions. Anyone that knew him, knew that he loved his family and the Lord.

Mike was a special man, and our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this difficult time.

Doug & Jennifer Vineyard - Raleigh, NC - Friend, former Sherwood Baptist -
January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Patty and family,*
We are so sorry that you have lost your precious Mike and father. Though this in itself is tragic and seemingly untimely, we all do know that God is in control and Mike is with His Heavenly Father. We are here for all of you. We are only a phone call away.

Love,
Debbie and Robert

Debbie and Robert Titus - Albany, GA - friends - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ My prayers go out to the family, Larry was a great person, always helping someone. I work with Larry several years with APD. He will surely be missed.

Gail Mitchell - Albany, GA - Co/worker - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ I was very saddened to hear of Larry's passing. He will be greatly missed by me and many others. He always said hello when our paths crossed and took the time to help me when I called. I feel fortunate to have known him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Reggie Hurst, Deputy U.S. Marshal - Albany, GA - Associate - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Patti,
I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of your husband, Mike. I don't know if I have ever seen so many wonderful things posted about someone before. He must have truly been a blessing to everyone he knew. I work in the Nashville office of Hall, Booth and although we've never met, I just wanted to make sure you knew that people all over are praying for you and your family. May God bring you a peace and understanding that eases your pain as only He can.

Sincerely,
Jaimee Johnson

Jaimee Johnson - Nashville, TN - Patti's co-worker - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Larry was one of my best officers. Alway had a smile,it was a blessing to have Larry in your present. May the love of the Lord,be with you.

Norm Denney

Norman Denney - Albany, GA - Friend - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you find comfort in knowing the Lord is always near to carry you through during your time of loss.

Bill & Yvonne Gilbert - Sugar Valley, GA - Nephew's Father-in-Law - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ Mr. Mike was one of the best men I ever knew. He was more like a father to all of Kendyl's friends, rather than just another adult. From driving us to and from softball tournaments, trips to the mall, basketball games and lugging all those coolers on softball trips, he did anything and everything he could just to make us happy. He will surely be missed by everyone who knew him.

Erin Parker - Tifton, GA - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Patti,

I just learned of this news today. Remember Peggy Branch. Her son called her at work today and told her this news and in return she told me. I am so sorry. Words can't express how I know you must be feeling right now. I am here for you. You and your family are always in my thoughts even though we do not see or talk to each very much any more. I always enjoy your Christmas cards each year and seeing the picture of your family. I know you are a strong person and I know God lives in your heart. I know in the coming days, it is going to be hard for you, but I also know the Lord will comfort you. Jesus is there with his arms wrapped around you right now and you hang on to Jesus. I love you so much and my heart breaks for you and your family. I will pray for all of you.

*Your friend,
Deanna*

Deanna Hughes - Albany, GA - Friend - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ My deepest and most sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Larry Davis whom I have known for the past 30 years. He was a great man, a great law enforcement officer and I am truly honored to have known him as a friend. He was a man of honor, courage, strength, wisdom, character, and last but certainly not least, he was a man of faith, the foundation of who he was. He was called home early and unexpectedly and he responded to the call and reached his final destination - his eternal 10-42. I can only imagine the reunion with his family, friends and fellow officers there to greet him at the gates. He will be missed but never forgotten. May God bless and comfort you all during this time of sorrow. Remember His promise of being reunited with your loved one again in Heaven. Just as real as your pain today, so is His Word and His Plan for Our Salvation. Larry has not left you behind, he has gone ahead to help prepare a place for you and yours for when your time comes and you are called home.

Rebecca W. Cranford - Albany, GA - Friend/Fellow Officer - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Our lives have been so enriched in knowing Mike and having him in our family. He was truly a loving, Christian man and it was evident in the life he lived. Mike loved his family and this love reached out to his extended family and friends. He will be missed by many. Our prayers are with Patti, the children and the much loved granddaughter. May God lay His loving hand upon your shoulders and give you the comfort you need at this time.

Love, Jarrell and Celeice

Jarrell and Celeice Burch - Newton, GA - Our son's father-in-law - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I was so Shocked and Heart Broken to hear of Larry's departure from our earth. Larry was the most caring, sweet, polite and gentle man I have ever known. He will be missed by many for a long time. You and family are in my prayers and thoughts. God will hold you close and help you through this difficult time. Hold close to your memories and it will help you also.

Brenda Adams - Smithville, GA - Co-Worker - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Patti, our hearts are heavy at your loss. We have a lots of fond memories of Mike. He and Earl cutting grass in our neighborhood as young teens, trips to Camp Glenn with the youth at Southside, and many many more fond memories. We pray that you and the children will have comfort and peace in the coming days.

Thomas E. Gafford - Columbus, GA - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ i am so sorry to hear of larry's passing. he was such a good and kind man. he worked with me on the special olympics torch run for years before i gave it up. he was always ready to help in anyway he could. i will surely miss him and treasure all the memories i have of him. may the lord bless and keep you all strong in the times to come. god be with you always.

linda wilson - leesburg, GA - friend - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Patti and family, I was deeply shocked and saddened to hear of Mike's death. I remember all the wonderful times we all had in BSU and when we were both applying to be police officers and even summer missionary's. You will be in my heart and prayers. Love, Susan

Susan Kemp Baxley - Prattville, AL - friend - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Mike was a wonderful inspiration to all of us in our youth at Southside Baptist Church in Columbus, GA. Even at a young age, he inspired us to live a Christ centered life. I will always remember teaching Children's Church with him. I am sure that he became a wonderful father. I am heartbroken to hear of his untimely passing. I know that he will be sorely missed. My heartfelt love and condolences go out to Patti and the family. My prayer is God's loving arms to embrace you during this difficult time.

Dr. Jill Bolin Robinson - Morristown, TN - friend - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ My heart hurts to hear this news. I can still picture him standing on the front porch holding out his arms and laughing...our little joke about just how insanely hot it gets in Albany. He cared about his family more than anything in the world. Mr. Mike, Shannon and I obeyed your rules about where to avoid after dark even though you weren't with us. You are greatly loved and insanely missed.

Mary Lynn England - Winston-Salem, NC - Friend - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Words alone cannot express our sympathy on the untimely death of Larry. To say that his time with us was far too short is an understatement. The reality is that he will be sorely missed by all who loved and knew him.
I hope that you and your family will find peace and comfort in knowing that his just rewards await him. May God bless you and your wonderful family

Dan Hill - Albany, GA - Friend/Co worker - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Patti,

My heart is breaking for you and your family. My heart and my prayers are with you all during this time. I pray God's peace that passes all understanding will be with you all in the days ahead.

My love to you,

Carrie

Carrie Wade - Russellville, AR - Former Co-Worker of Patti's - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Larry was a kind and honorable man; a true gentleman.

"Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May Larry and all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

Angel Bradford - Albany, GA - Friend/Co Worker - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Mike always had a smile on his face and kind words to say as he took the time to talk with me at different occasions when our two families were together. His life was way too short and I will miss him.
Love Elaine

Elaine Croy - Newton, GA - nephew's father-in-law - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Mike was many things to many people, but to me he was Pops. He was the best granddaddy a little girl could ever have. I love you Pops! Shelbie

Shelbie Virginia Burch - Newton, GA - Granddaughter - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Father, policeman, co-worker, I never met a kinder person. He would do anything for anyone and never ask for anything in return. His family should be very proud. I am very proud to have known him. God bless.

Tim Murphy - ALBANY, GA - former co-worker and friend - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ It was an honor and a privilege to work with Larry. He was a man of true integrity and immense compassion for others. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. May the peace of God that surpasses all understanding comfort each of you, all the days of your life.

Teresa Stanton - Albany, GA - co-worker - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Larry will always remain the epitome of a gentleman in my eyes. His character is the ruler that should be used to measure all in law enforcement and we should all strive to live up to the standards he set for himself. He was genuine, caring, compassionate, funny, loyal and honorable; to say he will be missed is such an understatement. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Leslie O. Lamb - Albany, GA - Friend - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers Mike was a good Chirstian and we know we will see him in Heaven He was a good cousin ,son brother,husband and father and grandfather I am sure I loved him and will miss him so much I love you too Pattie so sorry I will not be able to come down Love and Prayers, cousin Shirley

Shirley Davis Wilson - Loganville, GA - Cousin - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ We will miss that BIG FRIENDLY SMILE and FAITHFUL SERVICE to OUR LORD and SAVIOR. Save US A PLACE, LOVE EURIE and MARY LEGATE
GILLIONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Eurie LeGate - Shellman, GA - Fellow " BROTHER IN CHRIST" - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you, Mya God's Grace and Love Comfort you always. I always enjoyed seeing Mike and exchanging a story or two, He was a true Southern Gentleman we all will look forward to seeing again, In Christian Love

Billy

Billy Webb - Leesburg, GA - Friend - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Patti and family, I am so sorry to hear of your sudden and tragic loss. Oh how precious life is. I wanted you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I pray GOD will provide comfort to you in times when it seems impossible to understand "why" and that HE give you all strength to get through each day.*
Love,
Tina

Tina Fraser - Leesburg, GA - friend - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Larry was an amazing man that was always an example of how a true man should act & treat others. He always had time to help anyone who asked or even if he just thought that they might need it! Our prayers are with all that loved him, he is remembered fondly. May the lord help his family through this tough time.*

In Gods Love,
Leisel Taylor & John H. Watson

Leisel Taylor for John H Watson - Albany , GA - friend - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Davis Family,*

I'm so sorry to hear about Mr. Mike's passing. We loved him and love you all. I know he was like family to Mary Lynn. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jamie Baker - Chelsea, AL - friend - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ I have the fondest memories of Mike from Sherwood. I remember when he and I started the security team at Sherwood and he and I were the only two people doing security in that big old church. I also remember when he taught Michael in ras. I know Michael thought a lot of him. He was a great example and a great man. May he rest in eternal peace. Know that we are praying for you all.

ed Rouse - Smithville, GA - friend - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I know of no more honorable, Christian man than Larry. He was always friendly and ready to lend a hand. He will be greatly missed, and we are better off knowing him. May God Bless this family during this difficult time.

Jack Roberts - albany, GA - Friend - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM