



Tracy Lee Davis

September 5, 1937 - March 1, 2025

LANSING, MI -

It is with joyful remembrance that we celebrate the life of Tracy Lee Davis, who was born on September 5, 1937, in the bedroom of his grandfather's farm on Rowley Road in Locke Township, Michigan. He was born to the late Theron O. and Virginia (Griffith) Davis and peacefully passed away on March 1, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He lived a remarkable 87 years filled with love, adventure and an unwavering commitment to education and service. A proud graduate of Eastern High School, Class of 1955, Tracy went on to achieve his Bachelor's and Master's degrees, along with an M.A. Plus 45, from Michigan State University. His passion for learning was paralleled by his achievements in athletics, as he excelled in track and field, holding the open high hurdles record for many years. Tracy's athletic prowess continued during his service in the United States Army, where he competed in wrestling and football. During his time in the military, Tracy's wrestling team won the Eighth United States Army wrestling championship of 1958 in Inchon, Korea. For thirty inspiring years, Tracy dedicated himself to the field of education as an educator at Elmwood Elementary in the Waverly School District. His influence touched the lives of countless students, and his legacy as a nurturing mentor and passionate teacher will continue to be felt for years to come.

Tracy was a lover of the outdoors, finding joy in golf, hunting, and fishing, often relishing in these activities with cherished family and friends. Alongside

his beloved wife, Carol, Tracy traveled extensively, experiencing the beauty of the world, which enriched their life together.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Carol Davis (Beak); his dear children, Shelly Lynne (Jeffrey) Davis and Tod Edward (Shasta) Davis; and his loving grandchildren: Shianne (Blake) Davis, Dakota (Jesse) Allen, Montana (Dakota) Taylor, McKenna (Garret) Davis-Larner, Jaden Davis, Jordan Stiverson (Tyler); great-grandchildren: Jaxson, Cora, Kinglsey, Lucas, Grayson, and Noah; his brothers-in-law William (Carolynne) Beak and Richard (Patty) Beak, and his sister-in-law, Anita Muir.

A celebration of Tracy's life with military honors will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 2pm, where friends and family will gather to honor the remarkable man he was. Funeral services will offer a time for reflection, sharing stories, and connecting over the memories of a life well-lived.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made in Tracy's honor to the Community Baptist Church of Lansing, 7832 W. Mt. Hope Highway, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837 (<https://www.communitybaptistlansing.com>). For those who cannot attend, the service will be live streamed at [CommunityBaptistLansing.com](https://www.CommunityBaptistLansing.com), and will be available for approximately one week.

Tracy Lee Davis will be dearly missed, but his spirit will live on through the lives he touched and the love he shared. We invite all who knew him to join us in celebrating his incredible journey. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your condolences and memories online at www.holihanatkin.com.

Previous Events

Service with Military Honors

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

Community Baptist Church
7832 W. Mt. Hope Highway
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Tribute Wall

RP

“ Tracy and I grew up together in both school and Church. We went off to different colleges but have been blessed to stay connected for 76 years. He loaned me money, called from Vietnam and they sponsored my only trip to Hawaii. Will miss my next to oldest friend but know he's happy with Jesus.

Rosalie Dickerson Parmelee - March 22, 2025 at 10:24 AM

TS

“ What. great memories we have of my fellow ASA Okinawa friend. We both played on the 1958 Flag Football Island Championship team.
My wife and I renewed our friendship with Tracy and Carol at many ASA reunions and visits at our homes. We will miss him very much!
Tom and Judy Sevits

Tom and Judy Sevits - March 16, 2025 at 05:55 PM

BB

“ Tracy was not just a brother-in-law, he was a best friend even before he met my little sister. Tracy used to volunteer to help me every spring to go up north and help me scrap and paint the bottom of “The Beakon”, a dirty and tedious job. We then would go and spend the night with Tod and Virginia in Gaylord. Tod also rescued us after we had hit a reef and had to leave the boat in Cedarville UP. He graciously drove up there to pick us up and take us back to Boyne City. So many great memories of our times together in travels, boating, and just plain hanging out. He was always fun to be with. I will miss him, his stories, and his laugh. Til we meet again, love ya Trac.

Bill Beak - March 16, 2025 at 02:33 PM

JA

“ *Davis Family,
I don't know if you remember me, but I babysat for Shelly and Tod when we lived on West Ledge Dr. Mr. Davis was always so kind and thoughtful and would walk me home the nights I was babysitting the kids to make sure I arrived safely. My deepest condolences on your loss.*

Sincerely,

*Janet Hengesbach Bawol
St Helen, Michigan*

Janetbawol@charter.net - March 14, 2025 at 09:30 PM

JS

“ *My Pop Pop was truly one of the most extraordinary men that have ever lived. About as amazing as a man could be. He loved his family fiercely. He was an outstanding father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was a loving husband to a wonderful woman. There was really nobody else like him. Every one of my happy childhood memories involve him. The world is a better place for having been blessed with his presence, and he has touched countless lives. He will be so missed. Rest in he and, pop pop. I love you forever.*

Jordan Stiverson - March 13, 2025 at 06:34 PM

MK

“ I spent all of my twenty years at Elmwood with Tracy and it was a lot of fun. What can I say, he was always teaching us in the lunchroom the proper foods to eat, like bark on the tree, etc. Being the only man on the staff for quite a few years, he had his challenges. But he took us on with the grain of salt. Jerry and I spent many trips with him and Carol, England Morocco, Spain, Portugal. Greece and the best Tahiti!!! Rest in Pease buddy, well play a game of charades when we meet again. Marie Papciak Kuntz

Marie J Kuntz - March 13, 2025 at 05:05 PM

NA

“ From the 'bondo' on the blazer, fireworks on the barge. To Arizona to Alaska to Hawaii and the tsunami all the memories make me smile and I cherish every one and all of the times we spent together. Until we meet again in heaven, I love you

Nancy - March 10, 2025 at 05:59 PM

DP

“ Tracy lived an extraordinary life. It is a privilege to call Tracy my friend and mentor. Behind this great man has been a wonderful woman. Tracy enriched every aspect of our lives Fortunately we have so many warm memories that will last our lifetime. Tracy can now finish his spiritual walk hand in hand with his Lord. Enjoy your journey Tracy. Love Sherry and Dave 😊❤️

David Pickering - March 08, 2025 at 05:07 PM