



## Dean T. Davis

May 14, 1927 - November 30, 2019

Dean T. Davis, 92, of Columbus, went to meet his Lord and Savior on November 30, 2019. He was born on May 14, 1927 in Minerva, Ohio to Kenneth Brown and Margaret (Worman) Davis. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 67 years, Ellen Ruth (Whetstone) Davis.

Dean was a graduate of Gallia Academy High School in Gallipolis. After high school he enlisted in the US Navy where he served as an Aviation Electronics Technician's Mate 3/C during World War II. He was a pianist in Navy Bands at the Pre-Radio School in Chicago, the Naval Training Center at War Island in Corpus Christi, and at the Naval Separation Center at Camp Wallace. After being honorably discharged from the Navy on August 24, 1946, he attended The Ohio State University and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree in June of 1951. He began working at Commonwealth Associates, Inc. and the Spartan Radio-Television Company in Jackson, MI. He returned to Ohio in 1953 where he completed the requirements for the MSc and PhD degrees. While completing his doctorate at OSU, he joined the faculty and taught until he retired in 1991 for a total of 37 years. During his years at OSU he received the Dept. of Electrical Engineering's Distinguished Teaching Award and served as a consultant to North American Aviation and IRD Mechanalysis. After retirement he continued to work as a part-time consultant to Lake Shore Cryotronics in Westerville until late 2015. He was a life member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, and was also a member of Sigma Xi, Eta Kappa Nu, and Pi Mu Epsilon. Dean was a long-time member of Linworth Baptist Church. He enjoyed music, sailing, photography, and serving as a computer tech to many of his family members.

He will be greatly missed by his children Deborah (Marty) Fuller, Timothy Davis, and Janet (Joe) Augello. He thoroughly enjoyed being a Grandpa to Erin (Matthew) Vance, Kevin Rank, and Jonathan and Ryan Carroll. Dean considered family gatherings among the best experiences in life.

A Memorial Service celebrating Dean's life will be held at Linworth Baptist Church on

December 13th at 12 PM. Visitation will be held beginning at 11 AM, immediately preceding the service.

# Cemetery

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## Union Cemetery - Columbus

3349 Olentangy River Rd.

Columbus, OH, 43202

# Events

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**DEC** **Visitation** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Linworth Baptist Church

6200 Linworth Rd., Columbus, OH, US, 43085

**DEC** **Memorial Service** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Everyone at Lake Shore purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dean T. Davis.



**Everyone at Lake Shore** - December 12, 2019 at 03:06 PM

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“ I first met Dr. Davis when I was a student at OSU. He quickly became one of my favorite professors because he clearly understood that teaching is more than sharing knowledge, it is sharing of one’s self. I later had the opportunity to work with Dean as a colleague. He helped me with some tricky controls problems that were well beyond my knowledge and experience. Although Dean is one of the most brilliant and capable engineers I have ever worked with, he mentored me through the most challenging concepts with the patience, selflessness and grace that he is legendary for. Over time I got to know Dean as my friend. That is when his sense of humor, fascination with learning, strong faith and love of music came out, often in those old sea stories. Although never boastful, it was apparent from the tales of music and laughter that Dean was completely devoted to his wife Ellen, intensely proud of his three children and enamored with his grandchildren. I consider myself extremely fortunate to have known Dean as a teacher, colleague, mentor and friend.

**Ed Maloof** - December 04, 2019 at 09:07 PM



“ Thanks so much for sharing your memories of Dad in this meaningful tribute.

**Debby** - December 05, 2019 at 09:22 PM



“ I only met Dr. Dean Davis on November 16, 2019 when he attended the Bible Study I teach once a month at Willowbrook. He was such a kind man. He told me he had a Debby, when I told him my name was Debbie and that he would remember my name. He thanked me for the Bible study and asked when I'd be back. I said December 14th. The folks in the group said he played the piano ... and oh boy they were right! He sat down and played the piano like a pro. I asked if he'd play for our Christmas Bible Study and he said yes. So, imagine my surprise and sadness when I called today to talk to him about playing the piano. I must admit I only spent about 1 1/2 hours with Dr. Davis ... but he made an impression on me. So from one Debbie who loves her father to another Debby who just lost her father. I am so sorry. Your father was respected, loved, and missed. The residents of Willowbrook only had him for a short time and during that time he touched each of our hearts. I will always treasure the short conversation I had with this tall gentle man who loved his family, the Lord, and entertaining others on the piano. Love and hugs to your family.

----Debbie Myles

**Deb** - December 06, 2019 at 12:17 PM



“ Thanks so much Debbie, for sharing- and thanks for your ministry at Willowbrook. Apparently we have BSF in common, you and I.

**Debby** - December 08, 2019 at 06:15 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of getting to work with Dean during his time at Lake Shore Cryotronics in Westerville from 2011 to 2015.

Dean had the wonderful gift of being both technically brilliant while remaining humble, kind, and friendly. He had the amazing ability to teach difficult concepts to myself and my peers in a simple, easy to understand way, while maintaining the humility and self-deprecating humor that you would expect from Dean.

I truly value the time I got to spend with him. I can honestly say that my peers and I are not only better engineers, but better people, for having Dean in our lives.



**Adam Porsch** - December 03, 2019 at 07:14 PM



“ Thank you so much for this beautiful tribute. One of Dad's greatest joys was working with young engineers as colleagues.

**Debby** - December 03, 2019 at 11:15 PM



“ Debby, I can only imagine what a wonderful person your dad was. I'm sure your heart is aching, My thoughts and prayers are with you, dear friend. Kathy Moore

**Kathy Moore** - December 04, 2019 at 10:15 AM

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“ Our last visit was so special. His family brought him down to Gallipolis. We were so happy to see the twinkle in his eyes..He gave us a mini piano concert. It was a priceless gift. Cousins...Mike and Elva Davis.

**Elva Davis** - December 03, 2019 at 10:03 AM



“ He loved that visit! He loved your family! Thanks for your kind words!

**Debby** - December 03, 2019 at 06:20 PM



“ Joe and I are so glad we were able to take him on that trip, Elva! He often spoke of his time there with you and Mike! We love you!

**janet Augello** - December 04, 2019 at 02:27 PM

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“ Robert Rumberg lit a candle in memory of Dean T. Davis



**Robert Rumberg** - December 01, 2019 at 03:21 PM