

## "REMEMBER ME"

- Anthony Dowson

Speak of me as you have always done.  
Remember the good times, laughter, and fun.  
Share the happy memories we've made.  
Do not let them wither or fade.  
I'll be with you in the summer's sun  
And when the winter's chill has come.  
I'll be the voice that whispers in the breeze.  
I'm peaceful now, put your mind at ease.  
I've rested my eyes and gone to sleep,  
But memories we've shared are yours to keep.  
Sometimes our final days may be a test,  
But remember me when I was at my best.  
Although things may not be the same,  
Don't be afraid to use my name.  
Let your sorrow last for just a while,  
Comfort each other and try to smile.  
I've lived a life filled with joy and fun.  
Live on now, make me proud of what you'll become.

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Sons and Grandsons

Lawrence A. Davis  
D. Wayne Davis, Jr.  
Robert M. Davis, Sr.

Robert M. Davis, Jr.  
Zachary W. Davis  
Daniel W. Davis

### *Honorary Flower Bearers*

Granddaughters and Nieces

### *Interment*

Trice Hill Cemetery  
5101 North Coltrane Road  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73138

*Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seat belts.*

### *Acknowledgement*

We gratefully acknowledge and appreciate the many expressions of caring and love extended to us during the illness and home going of our loved one. We extend a special thanks to the Critical Care Physicians and Nurses at Integris Deaconess Hospital, and Hometown Home Health.

## *Celebrating The Life of Attorney Donald W. Davis, Sr.*



SUNRISE  
February 1, 1934

SUNSET  
February 21, 2020

### *Services*

Friday, February 28, 2020 - 2:00 p.m.  
Temple & Sons Funeral Directors, Inc.  
Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel  
2801 North Kelley Avenue  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Bishop Jeffery Goldsmith - Officiating  
Emmanuel Tabernacle

# *Attorney Donald W. Davis, Sr.*

Donald “Don” W. Davis, Sr. was born in Sapulpa, Oklahoma to Robert E. Davis, Sr. and Irma Jean Davis. He accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at a young age, and was baptized at the Mount Olive Baptist Church by his grandfather, Pastor P.T. Davis. During his lifetime, he was a long term member of Faith Memorial Baptist Church, and also Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Don graduated from Booker T. Washington High School and served in the United States Air Force receiving an honorable discharge. He then earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Colorado, and Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Wyoming School of Law. He married Marjorie Davis in 1958. To this union five children were born.

Don practiced criminal and civil law in Oklahoma for 41 years and was the first African American appointed to serve as a municipal special judge in the Oklahoma City Municipal Court. He also had the distinction of being considered for a vacancy on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit. He was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, United States 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States District Courts for the Western, Eastern and Northern Districts of Oklahoma. Don received the 2011 Oklahoma Bar Association “Trailblazer Award” which recognized the various contributions he made to the legal community. In 2019, he celebrated 50 years as a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association.

During the Civil Rights Movement, he represented the Ministers Alliance Organization, and impacted the community with the largest verdict for damages regarding a race discrimination claim. His vast impact also extended beyond Oklahoma in the 1970’s when he was the lead defense counsel in one of Utah’s most infamous criminal trials. After his retirement, he referred cases to established colleagues and young local attorneys. Recently, Don obtained two significant judgments in Texas as a pro hac vice attorney for the petitioners.

Throughout his life, Don has been a leader in pro bono bar association cases to help the disadvantaged, and was a founding member and former chairman of the J.J. Bruce Legal Society. Other notable accomplishments include his work as a charter member of the Oklahoma Criminal Defense

Lawyer’s Association, National President of OMIK Amateur Radio Operators, Board Member of the Urban League, State Director for the Boy Scouts of America, NAACP member, and recipient of the Oklahoma Human Rights Award. Additionally, he is a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason and former Sunday School Teacher.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant son Tracy B. Davis; and four siblings, Robert “Bob” E. Davis, Jr., James Davis, Vivian Powell, and V. Maxine Carter.

To cherish his memory, he leaves three sons, Lawrence A. Davis, D. Wayne Davis, Jr. (Michelle), Robert M. Davis, Sr. (Vanessa), and daughter Donna Marjean Davis-Reddix; sister, Patricia Davis-Scott (Ken), and brother, Gerald L. Davis (Joy); three grandsons, Robert M. Davis, Jr., Zachary Davis, and Daniel Davis; two granddaughters, Shandrese Nieves (Carlos), and Lashaunda Kiefer (Zach); two great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; special aunt Dessie Lindsay; and his dearest Marjorie Davis.

## *Order of Service*

Prelude	
Processional	Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
Prayer	Bishop Jeffery Davis Goldsmith Emmanuel Tabernacle
Scriptures	
Old Testament (Psalm 23)	Bishop Jeffery Davis Goldsmith
New Testament (II Timothy 4:6-8)	David L. Hall, Associate Minister Community Abundant Life Church
Selection	“Amazing Grace”
Military Honors	
Resolutions	
Obituary (Read Silently)	“Jesus Promised Me A Home Over There”
Video Tribute	Temple & Sons Funeral Directors
Selection	“Total Praise”
Eulogy	Reverend Gerald L. Davis
Recessional	Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

