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**A** devoted husband, father, Papa, brother, community leader, and follower of Jesus, we remember Charles Wayne Davis, 81, who joined his beloved wife Linda and son Todd in their heavenly home on August 5, 2020. We celebrate his complete healing and all the evidence he left behind of a life well lived. Charles was a gentle giant who represented integrity, unwavering faith, responsive work ethic, and constant kind heartedness.

Charles was the first-born son of Lester C. and Katherine Davis. He was born at Stone Farm in rural Cherokee County on October 17, 1938. Charles was President of Troup High School Class of 1956, and attended Tyler Junior College and LeTourneau University. Charles enlisted in 1959, where he served as a Sergeant in the United States Army Reserves. He met the love of his life, Linda Propes, at a miniature golf course in Kilgore in 1960. They married in Arp, Texas in 1961 and established their home in Longview, where they raised their two children, Charlinda and Derek Todd, in the Ware Acres and Judson neighborhoods.

For nearly two decades, Charles was the owner/operator of Southern Auto Parts. After working for Ed Warner Construction, Charles followed his calling to public service and ran for Gregg County Commissioner Precinct One in 1992, where he served for 20 years. Ever the thoughtful listener and determined doer, Charles set out to do all the good he could, wherever he could. One of his favorite projects was clearing the land for the George Richey extension. Charles was appointed to the National Association of Counties' Human Services and Education Steering Committee in 1994, recognized as 2004 Longview Federated Clubs Man of the Year, East Texas Council of Governments Executive Board Chairman and 2002 Regional Citizen of the Year, and the Texas Recreation & Parks Society Distinguished in 2003 for his work on community parks for the Longview, Pine Tree, and Spring Hill communities, specifically Lear Park and Kid's View Playground.

Charles was a member of the American Legion Post 140, Judson Lions Club and a sustaining member of the Texas Lions Foundation. After retirement, Charles cheerfully served in the



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Volunteer Auxiliary at Longview Regional Hospital, Meals on Wheels, and was a graduate of the Longview Citizen Police Academy.

Papa loved the simple joys in life, like visiting the zoo with his grandsons, the geese at Whitehurst Lake, feeding the birds and cows at his Judson estate, and driving the country roads of East Texas with his beloved Linda. He was always on the lookout for folks to help, and he gave without any notion of motive or agenda, but only to show Christ's love and human compassion.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents, his son Derek Todd Davis, and his precious wife, Linda Propes Davis. Cherishing his legacy, and our blessed opportunity to love and learn from him, are his daughter, Charlinda Davis Gray; his grandsons, Jacob R. Gray of Dallas, Tyler J. Gray (Tayler) of Forney, Parker D. Gray of Dallas, and his great grandson, Oak Jameson Gray. Also surviving Charles are all of his younger siblings: June Cearley (Mike) of Troup, Mary Ann Allen (Latrell) of Carthage, Gerald Davis (Shirley) of Maryland, and Danny Davis ( Pam ) of Tyler. He had numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews, and he was known as the "Candy Man" to his precious great-nieces.

If desired, donations may be made in Charles' honor to Asbury House. A private graveside will be held at Summerfield Cemetery, with a public memorial to follow at 4PM Saturday, August 8, 2020 at Woodland Hills Baptist Church. Additionally, the service will be livestreamed at [whbchurch.com](http://whbchurch.com) and uploaded at a later date to the Rader remembrance page.



## Events

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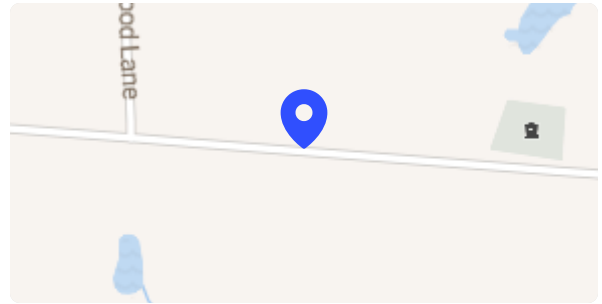
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### Cemetery Details



**Summerfield Cemetery**

4912 Tryon Rd., Longview TX





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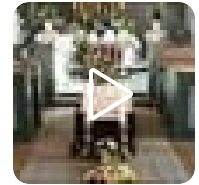
**Rader Funeral Home** shared a **Video**.

August 8 at 4:57 AM



**Rader Funeral Home** shared a **Memorial service**.

August 14 at 8:06 AM



**Doran Dennis** posted:

Although you do not know me I was a classmate of your father, Charles, in Troup schools and I admired him greatly and offer you my sincere sympathy in your time of loss. I also knew your mother when she was a child in Arp as she was a friend to my cousin Becky. I know the time of grief can be very challenging especially during this pandemic but I will pray for you and your entire family for God's peace and comfort. Sincerely, Doran Dennis in San Antonio.

August 24 at 2:34 PM



**Pat Carmack** posted:

My condolences to Charlinda and the rest of the family. You are in my prayers that God will comfort you in your loss. Losing a parent is difficult, but the loss of both in such a short time is even beyond. Take comfort in the fact they knew and loved the Lord. One day we will see them again. Until then, they will be in our hearts.

August 8 at 5:22 AM



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**Connie Wade** posted:

A word that best suited to describe Charles Davis would be "Gentleman". As Gregg County Clerk I was privileged to sit next to Commissioner Charles Davis during weekly Commissioner Court meetings for ten years. Always prepared for court, if discussion was warranted, Charles was the epitome of rational civilized debate; never forsaking diplomacy. He was an exemplary public official with service to his constituents and the county forever uppermost in his efforts. When in the courthouse, Charles had a smile for everyone he encountered and never seemed too busy to stop and speak. I addressed him as Commissioner during court proceedings and am exceedingly glad to have also called him friend. .... Charles, you will be missed.....Connie WadeGregg County Clerk 2005-2018 (Retired)

August 7 at 10:44 AM



**Julia Yost** August 7 at 11:59 AM

I was working in the Sheriff's office when Charles joined the Court, and was also a member of the Pilot Club of Longview with Linda. They were a kind and loving couple filled with gentleness and grace. They were a delight to know and love. Julia Yost



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Davis family.



August 7 at 6:03 AM



**Bill Wallace** posted:

I remember Charles and Linda from Wesley Methodist Church. Mr. Davis (I could never call him Charles to his face) was Sunday School teacher to a bunch of us during our Jr. & Sr. High years. He was always very patient with us. He would sit at his desk trying to keep us interested in our lesson, unaware that we were watching his "fancy" cowboy boots sticking out from under the desk. He would wiggle his feet & move them about as he stretched out his legs under the desk, much to our delight & entertainment. But I never saw compose his patience as he tried to keep us interested. I will always remember him as a quiet, soft-spoken, Southern Gentleman. Bill Wallace

August 7 at 1:32 AM



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JB

**Jim And Nell Buchanan** posted:

Jim and I still miss sitting in church with you and Linda. Aug 11 last year you two stood with us when we joined WHBC. I have known you since the Southern Auto days. A good man and a loving couple . We will miss you. Happy for you that you are with Linda.

August 7 at 12:27 AM

WM

**Wayne & Margaret Musslewhite** posted:

Charles and Linda meant so much to us. He truly missed her so much and Todd! He loves Charlinda and her family so much! We use to go to gospel singings with them! A lot of years of dear friendship! Enjoyed cooking in our homes for each other!! Truly a fine Christian man!

August 6 at 12:33 PM

JL

**Jack H. Lanier, Jr.** posted:

I remember Charles as a very approachable man in the way that people were drawn to him due to his magnetic personality. One could definitely see the love of Christ through this dedicated public servant and military veteran. Charles will be missed greatly here, but I know he was welcomed with open arms to his eternal heavenly home. Jack H. Lanier, Jr. 3rd District Commander American Legion, Department of Texas

August 6 at 11:06 AM



## Media

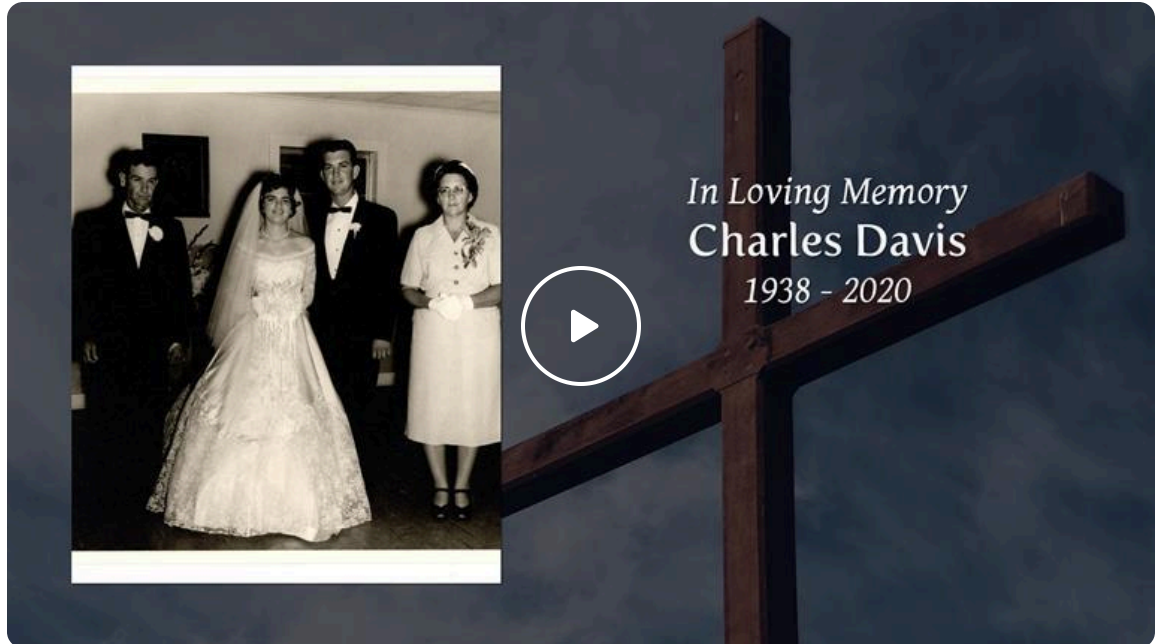
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