



Gleason "Glenn" Davis

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Gleason "Glenn" Ayers Davis, 83, of Laneville, Texas, went to be with his Savior, Jesus Christ on January 19, 2026.

He was a loving brother, devoted father, cherished grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was also a respected businessman, mentor, and friend whose life touched the lives of family, friends, employees, and all who knew him.

Glenn was born on July 10, 1942, in Lynchburg, Virginia, to Charlie and Emma Davis. After serving in the U.S. Army, Glenn turned his drive and leadership into a remarkable career.

Glenn was a great innovator and leader who was successful in basically every endeavor he pursued. For over 60 years, his entrepreneurial spirit had a vast impact on the non-destructive testing and inspection industry.

He started multiple companies and employed thousands over the course of his career. He began in Dallas with NDT Services in the early 1960's. He then moved his family to East Texas in 1976 and started or partnered multiple companies over the next 50 years.

He had a tremendous impact on thousands of clients that he serviced and the employees that worked with him. With his guidance and mentorship, many of those employees went on and began their own successful opportunities in the industry.

He loved his employees and always wanted the best for them. His legacy will be remembered and missed in the industry.

He found joy in life on the ranch, caring for his land and cattle and spending time with his dogs. He enjoyed trips to the beach, fishing, swimming, golfing, and reading the Bible and books on a wide range of subjects.



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Glenn had a mischievous side, and he loved recalling the trouble he and his brothers found as children. With each retelling, his stories often grew bigger, picking up a few extra details along the way.

He also had a playful competitive spirit and sometimes loved to one-up those around him. Whether in business, on the golf course, or in everyday life, he loved to win.

Friends and family knew that behind his competitive streak was a man who took delight in life's simple pleasures and shared them with those he loved. He was known for having a big heart and for being humble and generous, often giving quietly behind the scenes.

Glenn was a great dad who loved his kids and his grandkids. His grandchildren called him Papu, Paps, and Pappy. He went to their games, school events, and special moments whenever he could. He loved being part of their lives.

He was a longtime member of Macedonia Baptist Church in Longview, Texas. In recent years, he attended Bar None Cowboy Church in Tatum, and First Baptist Church of Henderson.

He is survived by his children, Jamie Davis and his wife, Kimberly; Scott Davis and his wife, Katherine; and Traci Hart and her husband, Joel; his grandchildren, DeAnna Davis; Taylor Gray and his wife, Kayleigh; Allison Gentry and her husband, Eddie; Chris Davis and his wife, Allyson; Austin Davis, Andrew Davis, Grace Davis; and Josh Hart; and ten great-grandchildren: Rebecca, Nate, Adyson, Bailee, Kennedy, Zoey, Brady, Caleb, Theo, and William.

Glenn also had a large extended family. He is also survived by his siblings, Robert Davis, Michael Davis, and Betty Redfern.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Emma Davis, and his siblings: Jessie Davis, Charles Davis, Albert Davis, Mary Louise Cerveny, and Lelia Smith; his former spouse and longtime friend, Dorothy Davis; and his longtime companion, Carol Lee.

A Visitation Service will be held on Thursday, January 22, from 6-8 pm at Rader Funeral Home in Longview, Texas. The following day, a Service to Celebrate Glenn's life will be held on Friday, January 23, 10:00 am again at Rader funeral home, with a memorial service to follow at Rosewood Cemetery.



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Pallbearers will be Joel Hart, Taylor Gray, Chris Davis, Austin Davis, Andrew Davis, and Nate Roberts. Honorary Pallbearers will be Eddie Gentry, Alan Dorsey, and David Powers.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Events

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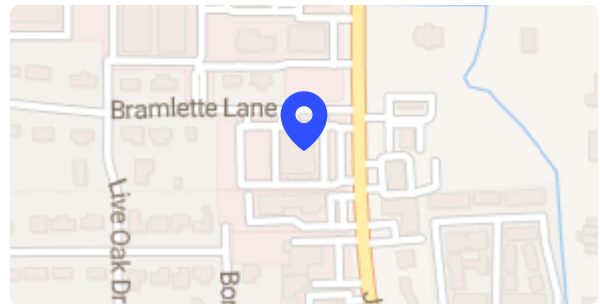
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Visitation

Thursday, January 22, 2026

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT

Rader Funeral Home of Longview
1617 Judson Road, Longview TX 75601

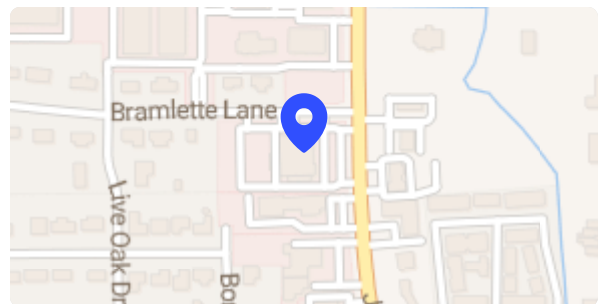


Celebration of Life

Friday, January 23, 2026

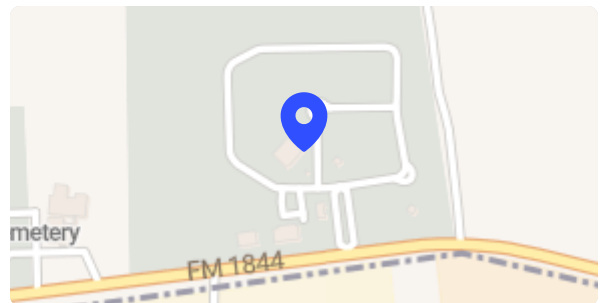
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Cemetery Details

Rosewood Park
1884 FM 1844, Longview TX 75605





Tribute Wall

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Rader Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



January 22 at 9:52 AM



Margaret O'donnell posted:

Glenn and I last spoke late last year. This morning my wife, Margaret, and I were talking and she reminded me, that I should call Glenn. My response was that I was always afraid he would not answer. Low and behold when I called his cell phone a recording came on that this number had been disconnected. That brought us to this obituary. So sad....Margaret and I were planning a trip to the ranch in late spring to spend time with Glenn. Our friendship began in the early 1960's. I was welding at Peerless Mfg. Co. north of Dallas and Glenn and his partner were X-Raying pressure vessels for Peerless. At the time we met I was working as a repair welder, which afforded me special time with Glenn reviewing radiographs. Glenn relocated to Longview and I moved to Allentown, PA and started my own NDT company. Over all these years, our friendship flourished to include my marketing the WrapMaster products. My heart is sad..... my special friend has passed, but on the other hand, is bursting with the love he and I shared. Love You Brother in all ways and for always. Robert K. Shumway and Margaret

March 17 at 10:44 AM



Henry And Ashley, Liz And Greg sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Davis family.



January 22 at 2:48 PM



Joe Davis sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Davis family.



January 22 at 2:14 PM



Hayden, Niki, Tate, And Luke Bergin sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Davis family.



January 22 at 1:26 PM



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Terri Nelson (T) sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Davis family.

January 22 at 12:20 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Davis family.

January 21 at 9:35 PM



Joe Verrnon Tolleson posted:

At the memorial service for Carol Lee at Glenn's ranch, a great meal was served afterward and many friends and family attended. My wife Barbara said afterwards that Glenn could have joined anyone there to eat, but he sat with us next to Barbara, Kimberly's mother. That meant a lot to her. He will be missed by many. Joe V. Tolleson

January 21 at 9:05 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Davis family.

January 21 at 7:26 PM



April & Mike Cooper planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gleason.

January 21 at 7:26 PM



Brenda, Jeff, Donna, Becky, Skip & Kayann sent a Divine Light to the Davis family.

January 21 at 6:26 PM





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Nina & Amer Leadership Team planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gleason.

January 21 at 3:23 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Davis family.

January 21 at 3:23 PM



Scott, Terri And Candace James planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gleason.

January 21 at 2:34 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Davis family.

January 21 at 2:34 PM



Orville McBride And Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gleason.

January 21 at 1:47 PM



Orville McBride And Family sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Davis family.

January 21 at 1:47 PM





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The Village planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gleason.



January 20 at 6:53 PM



The Village sent a Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet to the Davis family.



January 20 at 6:53 PM



Media

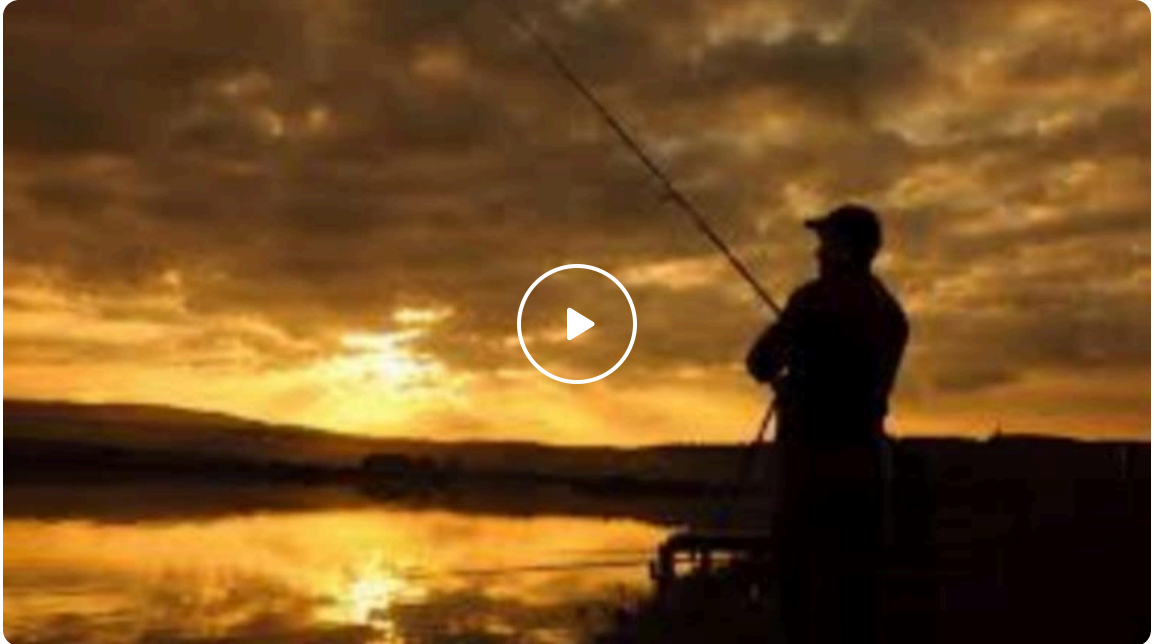
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gleason by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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