



Richard Dale Davis

October 18, 1957 - December 16, 2014

Richard Dale “Tex” Davis, age 57, was born October 18, 1957 to James R. & Eleanor J. (Tanner) Davis in Marion, Illinois. With his family at his bedside, the Lord called him home on Tuesday morning, December 16, 2014, at 3:36 AM at the home of his brother in Marion, Illinois.

Through his journey on Earth, Dale worked as a truck driver, being over the road for many years. He was known to many by his CB Handle “Tex Ritter.” He retired in 2010 from Renee Trucking in Marion as his health would no longer allow him to work.

His love for his community was shown by his being a trustee for the Village of Buncombe and involved in various community projects which includes the fire department. His biggest regret was having to retire from the Buncombe Fire Department. He served 20 years (1990-2010) as a firefighter and the last 4 years as chief. He was always willing to show a new recruit all he had been taught by his past chiefs.

He loved the outdoors, especially enjoying hunting and fishing with family & friends, as long as his health permitted.

Dale married Sue Ellen (nee Marks) on September 11, 2004. She survives.

Dale would often say that being a truck driver and family man was not a good combination for him, as he didn't see his children or step children as he would like. But, he loved them all.

In addition to his wife Sue, Dale is survived by: his children – Tonya Davis & Jay Wilson, Sabrina Davis & Shawn Gardner of Johnston City, Richard “Richie” Davis and Keith Davis of Marion; his step children – Della (Matt) Naese of Buncombe, Guy Michael (Jamie) Simmons of Buncombe, Angela (Troy) Kerley of Simpson, Miketa (Brian) Warren of Vienna, Tommy (Kelly) Groner of Buncombe, and David Marks of Buncombe; 23 grandchildren; 2 sisters – Diane (Stanley) Shadowens of Marion and Brenda (Nathion) Nutter of Montalba, Texas; a brother – Mark Davis of Marion; as well as a host of extended family and many dear friends.

A walk-thru by members of the Buncombe Volunteer Fire Department and other fire and emergency personnel will be conducted at 2 PM Saturday, December 20, 2014, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Military honors will be accorded by the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post # 5222 and the Illinois National Guard Burial Honors Detail.

The family will greet friends from 1 PM – 2 PM Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Women's & Firefighters Auxiliary of Buncombe, P.O. Box 95, Buncombe, IL 62912.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Dale Davis*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Sue Rossi lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Davis*



Sue Rossi - December 22, 2014 at 06:00 AM



“ *Mike And Nancy Solomon lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Davis*



Mike and Nancy Solomon - December 19, 2014 at 08:29 PM



Thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. Thinking of you Sue and my heart is with you.

Mike and Nancy Solomon - December 19, 2014 at 08:30 PM

LS

“ *Leslie Santellano lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Davis*



Leslie Santellano - December 19, 2014 at 05:12 PM

LS

“ *I will always remember his smiling face and him telling jokes when he would pick up his p.o. box mail. RIP, sir.*

Leslie Santellano - December 19, 2014 at 05:12 PM

MH

“ *Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Davis*



Mary Lou Hynes - December 18, 2014 at 07:50 PM



“ *Angie Martin lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Davis*



Angie Martin - December 17, 2014 at 10:22 PM



YOU WILL BE MISSED DEARLY BY MANY INCLUDING ME

Angie Martin - December 17, 2014 at 10:23 PM

TT

“ *With deepest sympathy from the Test family*



Todd Tes - December 17, 2014 at 08:40 PM

HK

“ *Haley McCalla Koehling lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Davis*



Haley McCalla Koehling - December 17, 2014 at 07:17 PM

AS

“ *So very sorry for your loss.. Haven't seen cousin Dale in a long time. But thoughts and prayers are with u all.. God bless*



Avia Spencer - December 17, 2014 at 06:20 PM

BM

“ *Many fun memories of Dale while at Crab Orchard High School. I know he will be missed by his family and many friends. My prayers are with them all that they will find comfort in the arms of the Lord.*



Betsy Mullinix-Grinslade - December 17, 2014 at 03:50 PM

NT

“ *Norma & Jeff Thorn lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Davis*



Norma & Jeff Thorn - December 17, 2014 at 03:35 PM

CH

“ *Carmen Hayes lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Davis*



Carmen Hayes - December 17, 2014 at 02:45 PM

CM

“ *Thoughts and prayers go out for Dale's family and friends at this time. I have fond memories of Dale at Crab Orchard High School. May God comfort you all as only He can.*



Cheryl Blumenstock Milburn - December 17, 2014 at 11:50 AM

RH

“ *Poppa Dale you will be missed but I know that you can breathe and fell wonderful in Heaven. I know you will have so many miss you here but Aden and Paiger need you to watch over and protect them. I am so glad we got to be Poppa and Bobin together these past 8 years. So blessed our paths crossed.*

Robin Harper-Whitehead - December 17, 2014 at 10:15 AM

PW

“ Pat Wilson lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Davis



Pat Wilson - December 17, 2014 at 06:54 AM



“ Tammy Upshaw lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Davis



Tammy Upshaw - December 16, 2014 at 09:35 PM

FK

“ Floyd & Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Davis



Floyd & Linda Koehler - December 16, 2014 at 08:37 PM

LB

Will miss you, say hi to everyone in heaven for me. love you cousin.
Lena

Lena Bailey - December 18, 2014 at 06:38 AM

NB

“ Nancy & Ray Breeden lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Davis



Nancy & Ray Breeden - December 16, 2014 at 07:05 PM

WN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. There are not enough words to take the pain away, but you all will be in my prayers. Love, Whitney



Whitney Newton - December 16, 2014 at 05:24 PM

JF

“ Jason Grant And Family lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Davis



Jason Grant and family - December 16, 2014 at 04:24 PM

EK

“ Elizabeth Knaak lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Davis



Elizabeth Knaak - December 16, 2014 at 03:53 PM

EK

“ Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Davis



Elizabeth Kerley - December 16, 2014 at 02:17 PM

KG

“ Kelly Groner lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Davis



Kelly Groner - December 16, 2014 at 01:44 PM

JJ

“ Jerry And Sheila Jones lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Davis



Jerry and Sheila Jones - December 16, 2014 at 01:31 PM



“ Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Richard Dale Davis



Jeannie McCall - December 16, 2014 at 01:23 PM

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