



Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.

February 21, 1919 - April 23, 2023

Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr., M.D., 104, of Sylvester died on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at his residence. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at the First Baptist Church of Sylvester. Interment will follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery. Dr. Ben Bush and Rev. Donnie Duncan will officiate.

Born in Sylvester, GA in 1919, he was the son of Henry Gordon Davis, Sr. and Lillie Elizabeth Wingate Davis, both deceased. He was a 1941 graduate of the University of Georgia with a BS degree. He then studied at the University of Georgia School of Medicine, now Medical College of Georgia and received his Medical Degree in 1945. He married Francis Marion Salisbury on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941, in North Augusta, SC. He served two years in the US Army (1946 to 1948) following his medical school internship. He practiced family medicine in Sylvester from 1948 until his retirement in 1995; he delivered 3465 babies including two of his daughters and six grandchildren. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Sylvester.

Professional and Civic Memberships: Medical Association of Georgia (MAG), American Medical Association, Worth County Medical Society, Second District Medical Society, Southern Medical Association, American Society of Abdominal Surgeons, Charter member and Fellow American Academy of General Practice and American Academy of Family Physicians (lifetime member), Georgia Academy of Family Physicians (GAFP), Joint Board of Family Practice, Georgia State Board of Human Resources, Alumni

Association of the Medical College of Georgia, Medical College of Georgia Foundation, American Geriatric Society, American Medical Directors Association, American College of Nursing Home Administrators, Medical Examiner for Worth County and Early County, Sylvester Kiwanis Club, Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce, Albany/Dougherty County Chamber of Commerce, Sylvester Banking Company and Security Bank and Trust Company (Albany) Boards of Directors, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Worth County Tourism Association, UGA Alumni Association Life Member, Margaret Jones Public Library and Darton College Foundation Board of Trustees, Worth County Board of Education, licensed Nursing Home Administrator

Awards received: 1980 Distinguished Service Award (GAFP); 1982 Family Physician of the Year Award (MAG); 1982 Service Award (Kiwanis); 1993 Distinguished Alumnus Award (MCG, School of Medicine); 1993 Outstanding Achievement Award (Rotary Club); 1995 President's Award; 2013 Life Time Achievement Award (Kiwanis); 2005 Inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

Dr. Davis realized a need in the community to care for the elderly and infirm who were no longer able to care for themselves. He first built Georgia Care, Inc (now Pruitt Health Sylvester) in 1964, Georgia Care of Tifton, Inc (now Rehabilitation Center of South Georgia) followed in 1966 and Georgia Care of Albany, Inc (now Pruitt Health-Albany) in 1967.

Philanthropy: Established the H. Gordon Davis, Jr. and Francis S. Davis Foundation awarding scholarships to deserving high school graduates who are residents of Worth County; H.G. Davis, Jr. and Francis S. Davis Scholarship Endowment Fund with MCG Foundation for Southwest Georgia Medical Students; H. Gordon Davis Nursing Scholarship at ABAC; established the H. Gordon and Francis S. Davis SOAR (Student Organization Achievement and Recognition) Awards celebrating accomplishments of UGA Student Organizations. He was a generous donor to multiple civic, religious, and community organizations.

He was an avid Georgia Bulldog football fan attending home and away games regularly since before Vince Dooley was head coach until 2017. He was a season ticket holder for over 60 years.

Survivors include his children, Henry Gordon Davis, III (Anne), Francis Marion "Monie" Moody (Doug), Margaret "Peggy" Davis Harris, Barbara "Babs" Davis Alley (Condy); grandchildren, Gordon "Bo" Davis, IV, Lauren Mathie (Cameron), Catherine Davis, Bobby Moody (Sherri), Lee Moody (Tracy), Wendy Gustin (Bill), Elizabeth Green (Bryan), Michelle "Missy" Johnson (Dave), Henry Marion "Rusty" Harris (Felise), Kim Capo (Jay), William Jeter (Nykola), Eli McCrory (Katy), J. Gordon McCrory (Rachel), Stuart McCrory (Rebecca); great-grandchildren, Davis and Madison Moody, Lily and David Johnson, Maggie and Abbey Harris, Nicole Weaver, Alex Capo, Kaleb Thompson, Dawson and Marlee Green, Leo and Elena Mathie, Davis and Edison McCrory, Oliver McCrory, Charles "Chipper" McCrory; great-great-grandchildren, Peyton and Milena Weaver, Amelia Capo; and a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 71 years, Francis Marion Salisbury Davis, his siblings, Vernita, Will H., Albert, Agnes, Helen, and Lillian "Sister" and son-in-law, Buddy Harris.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Banks Funeral Home.

Please sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

701 S. Isabella Street
Sylvester, GA 31791

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Banks Funeral Home
PO Box 550
210 N. Main Street
Sylvester, GA 31791
(229) 776-2055
banksfh@yahoo.com
<http://banks.funeralplan2.com/>

Funeral Service

APR **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
207 N. Isabella St.
Sylvester, GA 31791

Burial

APR **26** (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery
701 S. Isabella Street
Sylvester, GA 31791

Tribute Wall

DG

“ I miss Dr Davis so much. He delivered my brother and sister, and my sister Cheryl later worked for him. My mother also work for him for many years. He delivered both of my children, and Cheryl's son. He was my grandmother's doctor. He was truly our family doctor and we still miss him so much. God bless his family. I know they're still missing him too.

Debra Jeanine Gibbs - April 03 at 08:26 PM

BH

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Dr. Davis, He was my very first Doctor, I remember going to him in my early 20's in the 80's wanting to get a breast reduction wanting him to refer me to someone, He said to me " no I'm not going to refer you to anyone there is nothing wrong with your breasts, do you know how many people want your breast size" I left his office not happy but I listened to him and never had it done, Dr. Davis delivered my first child in the Worth County Hospital, the only baby in the hospital, he assured me that there wouldn't be any mix ups in the babies lol, I always thought he was the best doctor in Sylvester and hated when he retired. Rest in peace Dr. Davis

Brenda Reed Hill - May 26, 2023 at 12:53 AM

SI

“ Just came across this sad news while getting something for my brother Mickey at our family cemetary in Sylvester. The Myricks have been gone for years and was amazed to see that Dr. Gordon had 104 wonderful years of a really good life. Talk about "Physican Heal thyself" was he ever an advertisement for good living! So many people he helped through the years, my brother Mickey would see no one else Dr, Davis and Dr. Stoner were the medical stalwarts of the community when we lived there for many years Gordon and I went to school together.....still remember his spectacular and crazy diving at the local pool and later in his own backyard. Heartfelt sympathy to the many that loved him; brings back so many memories of the wonderful years in Sylvester....pretty sure he mended my broken arm from football scrimmage game. Prayers and Warm Memories.
Stephen Myrick
Palm Springs CA



Stephen Miller Myrick III - May 03, 2023 at 08:23 PM

JS

“ Jimmie Stewart lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.



jimmie stewart - April 29, 2023 at 10:21 AM

MF

Praying for his family. He was a good man with a heart of gold.

Mary Ann Florido - April 30, 2023 at 10:27 PM

SS

“ Sue Smith-Guilbeau lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.



Sue Smith-Guilbeau - April 27, 2023 at 08:36 PM

SS

Dr. Davis was a fantastic man! I remember him with fondness.....

Sue Smith-Guilbeau - April 27, 2023 at 08:37 PM

SG

“ Shelia Giles lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.



Shelia Giles - April 27, 2023 at 05:12 PM

LP

“ Dr.Davis was a good man&a great Dr.Betty&I were good friends with him &Mrs Davis .We were all members of Flint River Power Squardran.We went to their house at lake with squardran a few times.Great memories.



Lamar&Betty Potts - April 26, 2023 at 12:07 PM

CH

“ *Charlotte Souter Hall lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.*



Charlotte Souter Hall - April 26, 2023 at 10:37 AM

KM

“ *Karen McDonald lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.*



Karen McDonald - April 25, 2023 at 05:30 PM

LG

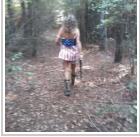
“ *Dr. Davis was a good man and a fine person. He was always the quintessence of a scholarly gentleman.*
Ladson Golden

Ladson Golden - April 25, 2023 at 04:35 PM

LL

“ *So sorry for your loss . Prayers for the family .*

Linda McLean Landrum - April 25, 2023 at 03:44 PM



“ *Kristi Hartsfield - Whittington lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.*



Kristi Hartsfield - Whittington - April 25, 2023 at 08:21 AM



“ *Tony Senkbeil sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.*



Tony Senkbeil - April 25, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Elena Taylor lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.*



Elena Taylor - April 24, 2023 at 09:19 PM



“ *Connie Thornhill Old lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.*



Connie Thornhill Old - April 24, 2023 at 08:15 PM

TA

“ Terry Norris Avera lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.



Terry Norris Avera - April 24, 2023 at 07:00 PM

MH

“ Prayers and love to the family! Dr. Davis was one of the most giving persons I know. He did so much for this community, and not once did I ever hear him boast of the things he did!



Marilyn Herring - April 24, 2023 at 04:56 PM

SA

“ Sheila Adams lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.



Sheila Adams - April 24, 2023 at 03:55 PM

PC

“ Pam Childers lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.



pam childers - April 24, 2023 at 02:19 PM

JC

“ June Coker sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.



June Coker - April 24, 2023 at 01:53 PM

JC

“ Joe Carter lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.



Joe Carter - April 24, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ Janice Carter lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.



Janice Carter - April 24, 2023 at 11:59 AM

SR

“ Sharon Rhoads lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.



Sharon Rhoads - April 24, 2023 at 11:42 AM

SR

Prayers for the family. Our whole community will miss him.

Sharon Rhoads - April 24, 2023 at 11:42 AM

FW

“ *Dr. Davis was a great man and a pioneer in the care and services to seniors in this state. We will miss him.*

FRED A. WATSON - April 24, 2023 at 11:21 AM

DM

“ *Thoughts and prayers for family.*



Deborah Smith Mainor - April 24, 2023 at 10:19 AM

SW

“ *Sandra Watson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.*



Sandra Watson - April 24, 2023 at 09:24 AM

GH

“ *Dr Davis was a living legend in our city, county, state and country. He left behind a fantastic and wonderful legacy.*

George Ray Houston - April 24, 2023 at 09:14 AM

 Brenda Hicks

“ *Otis and Brenda Hicks family sends our deepest condolences to the family. I can imagine him and Ms. Beauty Bell are having a great time. He was my doctor as a kid. A great man he was*

Brenda Hicks - April 24, 2023 at 08:35 AM

JF

“ *A good man who always treated my family with kindness and goodness. He poured out so much to others, now he is soaking up goodness at the feet of The Great Physician.*

Jeff Fowler

Jeff Fowler - April 24, 2023 at 08:32 AM

MF

“ *Mary Jane Fraley lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.*



Mary Jane Fraley - April 24, 2023 at 08:06 AM

LK

“ *God bless you Dr.Davis. You were such a good man and one of the best doctors around. May you have fun in Heaven because you gave this old earth all you had. Deepest condolences Linda Hudson Kirk and Gene Kirk*

Linda Kirk - April 24, 2023 at 07:49 AM

DP

“ *Diana McLemore Pratt lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.*



Diana McLemore Pratt - April 24, 2023 at 06:38 AM

TL

“ *Many prayers for Dr Davis' family and loved ones. He was a beautiful soul and will be missed by all who knew him.*



Tammy & Jeff Lawhorn - April 24, 2023 at 12:05 AM

MG

“ I won a talent contest while I was in high school. The next week, a letter came in the mail...It was from Dr. Davis---It said: "Marsha, Congratulations on winning the talent contest and \$50.00---I am proud of you.

It was handwritten, on Dr. Davis's personal stationary. I have kept the letter and the envelope all of these years.

"Little things mean a lot..."

I HONOR the MEMORY of DOCTOR HENRY GORDON DAVIS, JR. His Memory will live on.

Most sincerely,

*Marsha Carol Watson Gandy
WCHS Class of 1963*

Marsha Carol Watson Gandy - April 23, 2023 at 11:33 PM

MS

Wonderful Doctor, he delivered my Granddaughter Tiffany Marie Shivers Lamb!

Marilyn Hufstetler Shivers - April 24, 2023 at 08:36 PM

JJ

“ Dr. Davis was so loving, caring and giving. He was always so sweet. He always spoke, and always had a smile on his face. Prayers for his family. 🙏❤️🙏



Janie Johnson - April 23, 2023 at 10:27 PM

EC

“ One of the 1st doctors I met when moving to Sylvester. He hobbled in on crutches at the ER when my daughter hurt her head at daycare. He glued her head because he didn't want to hurt her with stitches. Then I had many opportunities to talk with him at the long table at Ed's when his son in law Buddy Harris would take him out to eat. Such a joyful man that lived his life to the fullest. God bless you and your family. You will be missed.



Evelyn Fletcher Castleberry - April 23, 2023 at 10:24 PM

GS

“ Gerry Sutton lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.



Gerry Sutton - April 23, 2023 at 10:05 PM

CY

“ Carol York lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.



Carol York - April 23, 2023 at 09:33 PM

TA

“ Tommy Adams lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.



Tommy Adams - April 23, 2023 at 09:33 PM

TA

THANK YOU !!! You and the LORD ABOVE did GREAT Work!!!! RIP

Tommy Adams - April 23, 2023 at 09:35 PM

LC

“ Larry Crowe lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.



larry crowe - April 23, 2023 at 09:32 PM

RS

“ You took care om plenty of time and my momonlaw melvina saylor we loved you so much you are walking the sweet gates of heaven we gonna miss you love you praying to all



Rhonda saylor - April 23, 2023 at 09:01 PM

DM

“ *Diane McLeod lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.*



Diane McLeod - April 23, 2023 at 08:45 PM

KL

“ *Praying for the family and friends. Dr. Davis is going to be missed by so many people. May God give everyone comfort in the coming days.*



Kathy Lang - April 23, 2023 at 08:37 PM

DK

“ *Davis and I along with our children and grandchildren loved Uncle Gordon! We will surely miss him, but we know he is in the arms of Jesus and suffers no more! His remarkable days as a physician in Sylvester will long be remembered by all. Therefore, we rejoice knowing that he is now with his beloved Marion, his parents and brothers and sisters and many friends! It is never easy to give up those we love and pray God's everlasting comfort will surround this family in the days and weeks ahead ! Love and prayers, Davis and Donna King and our families*

Donna King - April 23, 2023 at 06:55 PM

JO

“ I so enjoyed working with "Dr. D" at the hospital, as did so many countless others. He was one of the best doctors and loved his patients as family. He will be sorely missed. Prayers for the family, I hope you find comfort in knowing he is with his Heavenly Father. 🙏🏻
June Odom and Lee Odom

June Odom - April 23, 2023 at 06:37 PM

RS

“ Rick Stone lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.



Rick Stone - April 23, 2023 at 06:26 PM

AH

“ Ann Haire lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Gordon Davis Jr.



Ann Haire - April 23, 2023 at 05:37 PM

AY

“ To all of his children, grandchildren, & the family~ Heaven gained a special soul today. You should feel proud of the legacy that Uncle Gordon left for the family and the community. He was always kind to us and he will be remembered for his smile and generosity. I know Mimi was so glad to be reunited with her big brother! We love you and are praying for everyone during this loss.

Angel Williford - Young

Love, Clay, Angel, Gavin, & Ansley Young

Angel & Clay Young - April 23, 2023 at 04:48 PM

PS

Sorry for your loss but great full for Heavens gain

Peggy Spieker - April 23, 2023 at 05:00 PM

JS

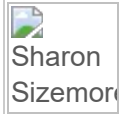
Doctor Davis will always be remember by his kindness. his smile, his encouragement, generosity and a Great doctor in our county. He built Sylvester Health Care so our seniors would have a place to go, helped make the hospital what it is today. He truly loved his family and others. He was a wonderful person; one of the Great men of Worth County who reached out to support our coummunity, our youth, our hospital and he touched so many lives. May God comfort his family in the coming days. This is Heaven's gain, and I'm sure Marian was waiting. Thanks Dr. Davis for everything, we love you!

Judy&Mack Sutton - April 24, 2023 at 08:49 AM

BW

He and my dad went to school together. When my Father had Cancer nobody would operate on him; Dr. Davis operated and it saved his life. Our entire family, for many years, relied on his medical expertise. What a good man! May he rest in peace. He has our prayers.

Bernice White - April 24, 2023 at 04:48 PM



Cortez (Skippy) and I thought a lot of Dr. Davis. Cortez was all the time talking about him when he took care of their lawn maintenance. He truly respected and admired him. Our prayers are with the family during their time of grief.

Sharon Sizemore - April 25, 2023 at 12:04 PM

LC

“*Doctor Davis was one of the nicest people you could ever know. He was a Doctor that put patient’s needs first. He supported the community and the Hospital and always wanted the best for his home town. He was always willing to help others and he always went above and beyond when it came to supporting higher education with the Worth County school system. His scholarships and his willingness to talk to students was outstanding. He will surely be missed. My condolences to all his family and I know he is with his beloved Marian once more.*”

Lyra Coxwell - April 23, 2023 at 03:51 PM