



# Robert Ray Davis, Jr.

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**R**OBERT RAY DAVIS, JR., age 80, of Milton, DE, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 25, 2024

Born October 9, 1943, in Bristol, TN. He was the son of Robert Ray Davis, Sr. and Edith W. (Poore) Davis

Robert moved with his family to North East, MD, in 1946, when his parents opened Davis Gift Shop on Rt. 40. Robert attended North East High School where he graduated in 1961. He operated Shell Gas Stations in Newark, DE, and Manasquan, NJ, until he enlisted in the Delaware National Guard on June 1, 1973, where he earned many awards and accolades including The Meritorious Service Medal and The Delaware Conspicuous Service Cross. He worked as a full-time technician at the Delaware National Guard from 1974 at the Army Aviation Support Facility and later the Human Resources office. He transitioned to Army Active-Duty status and served in the Delaware Army National Guard Counterdrug Operations section until his retirement as Master Sergeant on October 31, 2003. He then went on to work for the Veteran's Administration until his retirement as Human Resources Officer at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Elsmere, DE, in February 2009.

He enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, drag racing, car shows, designing and building systems on muscle cars, supporting family interests, and RV camping. Robert loved to spoil his pet dogs over the years, and riding his horse, Tony, during his teen years.

Robert was predeceased by his parents Robert R. Davis Sr. and Edith Davis Nichols, his sisters Bobbie Jo Shade and Judy Smith, and nephew Scott Smith.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Susan (Comly) Davis, his children Robert R. III (Ginger), Ft. Worth, TX; Leann, Centreville, VA; Steven (Kathy), Avon, NC; Ray (Katie), Milton, DE; and Gregory (Jenel), North East, MD; sister Shelby Davis-Clark, Fleming Isle, FL, and brother William P. (Betty) of North East, MD; 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.



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The family would like to thank Dr. Brendan Kane of Delaware Foot and Ankle Center, and Accent Care hospice for their kind and compassionate care.

Funeral Services followed by Military Honors will be held on Monday March 4, 2024, at 11:00 AM at the Bethel United Methodist Church, 129 W. 4th Street, Lewes, Delaware where viewing will begin at 10 AM. Interment will be at a later date at the Delaware Veterans Cemetery, Bear, Delaware.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Bethel United Methodist Church Youth Ministry, 129 W 4th St, Lewes, DE 19958 or Brandywine Valley SPCA, 22918 DuPont Blvd., Georgetown, DE 19947.

The services will be lived streamed via the following link-- [https://youtube.com/live/TW\\_v3Ptc-sQ?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/TW_v3Ptc-sQ?feature=share)

Please sign the condolence page at this site.

Florist Note- All Floral deliveries are to be delivered Saturday March 2, 2024 by 3 PM at the Lewes Funeral Home.



# Events

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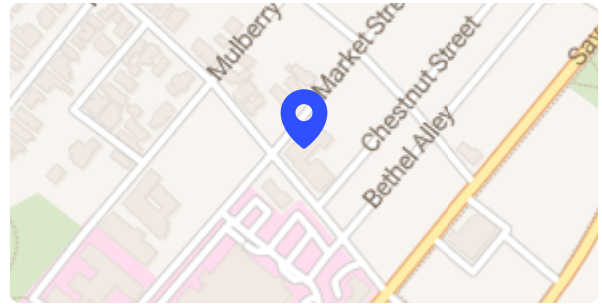
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## Viewing

**Monday**, March 4, 2024

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

**Bethel United Methodist Church**  
129 West 4th Street, Lewes DE

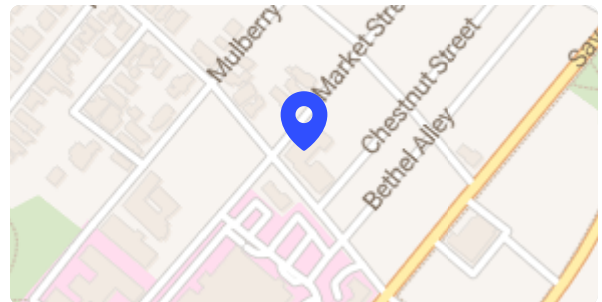


## Funeral Service with Military Honors

**Monday**, March 4, 2024

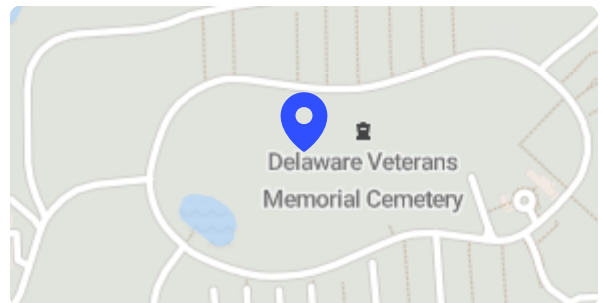
11:00 AM ET

**Bethel United Methodist Church**  
129 West 4th Street, Lewes DE



## Cemetery Details

**Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery-Bear**  
2465 CHESAPEAKE CITY ROAD, BEAR DE





# Tribute Wall

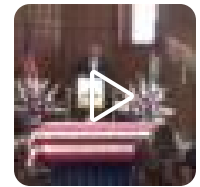
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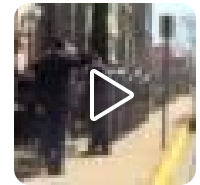
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March 5 at 7:58 AM



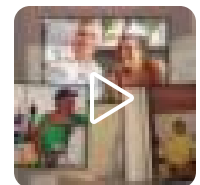
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**Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium** shared an album called **Memories Album**.

March 4 at 9:53 AM



**Charlotte Bastian** lit a candle in honor of Robert Ray.

Ray and family: Although I did not personally know your father, I am sure he has had an extremely positive influence on you and your family. It is heartbreaking to lose someone so very special. My thoughts and prayers are for you all. May you find comfort in your family memories and times spent with him. He will stay alive through those memories. I wish you peace and comfort through your strong faith. Blessings,  
Charlotte A Bastian

March 3 at 11:31 AM



**Greg, Jenel, Addie, Livie, Olivia & Bella** sent a Love's Journey to the Davis, Jr. family.

March 2 at 9:32 AM





# Tribute Wall

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**KD**

**Kitty Didiego** lit a candle in honor of Robert Ray.

Dear Sue, Ray, Greg and Davis Family, I am so saddened by the passing of Bob. He was a True Gentleman. He had a big heart and was kind and caring. Bob was a one of a kind guy, he had no idea the lives that he has touched throughout his life. Just reading the comments that people have made about him, show the respect they had for him. From the first time I met Bob, we were instant friends. Since we were both born in Bristol, TN. That makes us family. When I met you Sue, I thought you and Bob were perfect for each other. You both were our friends for life. We love you both so much. I pray that God wraps his loving arms around all of you and gives you peace and comfort in this sad time. You all have wonderful memories of Bob that will bring tears and smiles to your face when you think of him. He will always be with you in your heart. God Bless you All. Rest In Peace My Friend. Love, Kitty



March 1 at 5:24 PM

**BJ**

**Bobby, Ginger, Justin, Josh** sent a Fiery Lily and Rose to the Davis, Jr. family.



February 29 at 8:40 AM

**JS**

**Justin, Jamie, Shayce, And Sawyer** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert Ray.



February 29 at 8:29 AM

**JS**

**Justin, Jamie, Shayce, And Sawyer** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Davis, Jr. family.



February 29 at 8:29 AM

**RB**

**Ray Bergroos** posted:

CONDOLENCES to the family RAY BERGROOS, LIBBY, MONTANA

February 28 at 6:29 PM



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LE

**Leann,Stephanie,Bethany,Emma** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Davis, Jr. family.

February 28 at 3:46 PM



CF

**Counterdrug Task Force Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert Ray.

February 28 at 12:59 PM



CF

**Counterdrug Task Force Family** sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Davis, Jr. family.

February 28 at 12:59 PM



PJ

**Patricia Letts Jones** lit a candle in honor of Robert Ray.

February 28 at 8:06 AM



SC

**Sam & Diane Comly** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Davis, Jr. family.

February 28 at 7:22 AM



LB

**Linden L. Boyer Jr.** posted:

To Susan and family!! I am sadden to hear about Bob's passing! I had the pleasure of knowing Bob for many years while we both worked fulltime for the Delaware Army National Guard!!! Bob was a true professional no matter what he did, it was always a professional job! He is one of most descent honest men that I've ever had the pleasure of being friends with!! Bob loved his family very much! He has left you all with a wonderful legacy of descency, honesty, integrity and honor!! You will be missed my friend!! Rest In Peace Bob!!! Marlene and Linden Boyer

February 28 at 6:24 AM



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PS

**Patsy Simpson** posted:

Susan and family, We are so saddened for the loss of Bob. Our thoughts and prayers for you and your family. Cherish the memories made with him. Blessings, Will and Pat Simpson

February 28 at 6:10 AM

HA

**Heather Alderman** posted:

Ray, Katie, Greg & Jenel, Our heartfelt prayers and sincerest condolences to you and your entire family during this difficult time. Lean on our precious Lord and may HE grant you peace, comfort, and strength. In Loving Prayer, The Alderman Family

February 28 at 5:01 AM

JD

**Joseph DiDiego** posted:

Sue, Ray, Greg and entire Davis Family, Our deepest condolences on Bob's passing. The positive impact Bob had in my lifetime is immeasurable. He was the heartbeat of our Counter Drug Taskforce. His leadership inspired all of us to perform at our highest level possible. Trustworthy, Professional, a man of Integrity! I love you my friend and will miss you but I know God will raise you up on Eagle's wings to spend eternity with HIM. R.I.P. my Brother! Joe & Kitty DiDiego

February 28 at 3:44 AM

MW

**Mary Lou Warren** lit a candle in honor of Robert Ray.

Keeping Ray, Katie & all your family members in my thoughts & prayers - so sorry for your loss

February 27 at 7:22 PM



MT

**Major Travers** posted:

I worked with Bob during the aviation part of his career. He was a true professional. If Bob said the aircraft was ready, I trusted him completely. Easy to work with. A true gentleman. Sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to his family. He'll be missed.

February 27 at 11:29 AM



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TK

**The Roark's, Kevin, Megan And Kids** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Davis, Jr. family.

February 27 at 11:18 AM



SR

**Scott, Stacie, Bailey, Addison & Rileigh** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Robert Ray.

February 27 at 10:43 AM



SR

**Scott, Stacie, Bailey, Addison & Rileigh** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Davis, Jr. family.

February 27 at 10:43 AM



CP

**Crystal Patton** sent a virtual gift in honor of Robert Ray.

Crystal Patton My heart is truly broken to learn of the passing of Bob. I met Bob in 1997 when he interviewed me for a position with The Delaware National Guard Counter Drug Task Force, he was so kind and warm. We talked for about an hour and before the interview was over he advised me that he wouldn't have a position available until 1998 and asked me if I was willing to wait and I said absolutely and he told me that he would call me when the position became available. Lo and behold he called me back in 1998 ask me if I was ready and with that telephone call my life was changed. I saw Bob a couple of years ago (at the reunion dinner) and he asked me if we could talk (absolutely) and in that conversation he advised me that he had made sure that in case of my death in 2000 my children would be fine. Bob was/is truly an ANGEL and his family is truly blessed to have had him for 80 years and the memories of him will last a lifetime. Thank you Bob for being an amazing Angel on earth and in heaven. Family please except my deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy/prayers during these most difficult days ahead and I pray that God continues to give y'all peace that surpasses all understanding and the strength to endure.

February 26 at 4:52 PM





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DD

**Dyan Ridall David** posted:

I had the privilege and the honor to serve with Bob when he became the NCOIC of the Delaware National Guard Counterdrug Taskforce ! He was professional in everything he accomplished! Truly a wonderful leader and mentor! My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this most difficult time.

February 27 at 8:54 AM

RS

**Ron Stewart** February 27 at 11:47 AM

I served with Bob during his entire career with the Delaware National Guard. He was one of the best NCOs and military technician that I knew. Great aircraft mechanic, super NCO Leader and built some fantastic race cars So sorry for his loss to his family and friends. RIP Bob.

RF

**Randy Fisher** lit a candle in honor of Robert Ray.

I was saddened to hear of Bobs passing. I had the distinct pleasure of serving under him when he was the NCOIC of the Delaware Counterdrug Task Force. He was a great leader and most importantly a great mentor for everyone he came in contact with! He was firm when his leadership duties called for it but had the capability of turning it off and be as caring and warmhearted as one could be at a time of need. Bob knewHow to make a long day fun with his many stories! My prayers for peace and comfort are with the family. Bob was loved by many and will definitely be missed.



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