



## Benjamin Weldon Davis

March 8, 2013

Benjamin Weldon Davis, 94, of 1452 Vandola Church Road passed away on Friday, March 8, 2013, at Danville Regional Medical Center where he had been a patient for four days.

Born August 16, 1918, he was the son of the late Bennie Field Davis and Elizabeth Moss Davis. He was married in March, 1940, to Pearl Lynskey Davis who predeceased him in June, 1989. He later married Frances Blair Hardy Davis who died in July, 2002. In addition to his wives and parents, he was predeceased by an infant daughter and three sisters: Esther Davis Yeaman, Elizabeth Pearl (Pearlie) Davis, and Margie Lynwood Davis.

Mr. Davis lived his entire life in Pittsylvania County and graduated from Brosville High School in 1934 at the age of 15. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He began a career at Dan River Mills in September, 1937, where he worked in various supervisory positions before retiring in September, 1981, to care for his ailing wife. While at Dan River, he completed various management courses including studies at the University of Pittsburgh.

He was an active member of Vandola Baptist Church from 1932 until the time of his death. He served as a deacon, trustee, Sunday School teacher, and on various committees over his many years of faithful service. He was also a member of the Westover Sertoma Club and the American Legion Dan River

Post 1097 for many years.

Mr. Davis is survived by his daughter, Joy Davis Biggs and her husband, Benny, of Danville. He is also survived by a grandson: Byron Davis Biggs and his wife Maria of Cary, NC; and a granddaughter, Deidre Dawn Biggs of Raleigh, NC. Other survivors include three sisters: Frances D. Powell, Erma D. Hagood, and Neva D. Searce, all of Danville; a brother: R. Sanford Davis of Sarasota, FL. He also leaves a stepdaughter, Betty Jo Hardy of Raleigh, NC and her children, Russell Powell of Raleigh, NC and Meredith Riggs of Youngsville, NC.

Services will be conducted on Sunday, March 10, 2013, at 3:00 PM at Vandola Baptist Church with Dr. Scott Bortz and the Reverend Bill Soyars officiating. Interment will follow at Danville Memorial Gardens with military rites by American Legion Dan River Post 1097 Honor Guard.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 9 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at Wrenn Yeatts Westover Chapel and also from 12:00 noon – 4:30 PM on Saturday at the residence on Vandola Church Road.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully suggests memorial gifts be made to Vandola Baptist Church, 1950 Vandola Church Road, Danville, VA 24541.

Wrenn Yeatts Funeral Home, Westover Chapel, is serving the Davis family.

# Cemetery Details

## Danville Memorial Gardens

510 Church Avenue  
Danville, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel  
5858 Riverside Drive  
Danville, VA 24541  
(434) 793-5511  
[info@wrenn-yeatts.com](mailto:info@wrenn-yeatts.com)  
<https://www.wrenn-yeatts.com>

## Funeral Service

MAR 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

Vandola Baptist Church  
1950 Vandola Church Rd  
Danville, Va

## Burial

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MAR 10 (ET)

Danville Memorial Gardens  
510 Church Avenue  
Danville, VA

# Tribute Wall

JO

“ We are so sad to learn of the passing of Mr. Ben. We are so thankful that we shared a few minutes with him prior to the worship service during our last visit at Vandola in January. He will be remembered by us for a life lived based on the model of servant leadership exemplified by Christ. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who are grieving at this time. Blessings, Jack & Cathy Ollis

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**Jack & Cathy Ollis** - March 13, 2013 at 09:08 AM

RM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I have always thought of Ben as a very special man, just one of a kind. I know that Norman and Ben were really close and Norman always cherished his friendship and advice. He will be sadly missed in so many ways and in so many lives. My love is with you always and it saddens me that I could not be with you in this time of grief.

*Ruth Moss*

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**Ruth Moss** - March 10, 2013 at 11:43 AM

RJ

“ Joy,

*Ben was a good man - a person of high character and quiet humor, always focused on properly taking care of business and ever a pleasure to be around. My deepest sympathy in your time of loss.*

*Robert Jennings*

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**Robert Jennings** - March 09, 2013 at 09:08 AM

GF

“ Joy,

*So So Sorry....I liked Ben. Mom loved him although she was quick to point out his "failings" as her boss. It was fun to see them together laughing..*

*Gerald Funk*

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**Gerald Funk** - March 09, 2013 at 07:02 AM

AF

“ *Ben Davis was one of the nicest, most generous people I have known. I met him after he and my cousin, Frances, were married. My parents, Addison and Edith Blair, also thought very highly of Ben and valued his friendship. Then during the 1990's when I returned to Danville for a while, it was Ben who very generously kept my parents and I supplied with fresh veggies in the summertime (especially corn). When I think of corn, I'll always think of Ben. He'd call to see if we could use some, have it pulled and shucked when we got there, and it would be in the freezer by suppertime. I know there were many others also on the receiving end of Ben's kindness and quiet generosity.*

*Ann Blair Fowler, Frederick, Maryland*

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**Ann Blair Fowler** - March 08, 2013 at 08:50 PM

AW

“ *Benjamin Davis was a fine man, well respected by his many friends, work associates and community. I have come into contact with many people in my life and I count Ben as one a select few that have had a major influence in my life.*

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**Ashley Weatherford** - March 08, 2013 at 04:31 PM