



Joseph Doyle "J.D." Davis

July 8, 1950 - December 10, 2020

Joseph Doyle "JD" Davis went home to the Lord surrounded by his beloved wife and two sons on December 10, 2020. JD was born July 8, 1950 to JC and Esther Ellisor Davis in Galveston, TX. JD was the oldest of four in a working-class family. JD attended Aldine H.S. where he was Senior class president and served as officer and member of several organizations, including the Aldine F.F.A. High school was also where he met the love of his life, Vicki. Soon after graduation in 1968, J.D. and Vicki were married on February 21, 1970 at the wise old age of 19 and 18. J.D. attended Sam Houston State University (SHSU) where he graduated in 1972 with an accounting degree and remained a large supporter of SHSU athletics and was instrumental in starting the Don and Julie Holden Entrepreneurship scholarship at SHSU. During college, J.D. served in the National Guard, protecting Stubblefield Lake. J.D. continued to be a lifelong SHSU supporter and advocate. After graduating SHSU, J.D. worked as a junior partner for a CPA firm in Houston before partnering with his best friend, Rodger DeHart from High School and opening two Army/Navy retail stores in Houston. J.D. and Roger treated the stores less like a business and more like their own personal toy store. There were always hunting or fishing trips to go on to try out new gear. After having two sons, Bart in 1975 and Brad in 1979, J.D. and family moved home to Huntsville in 1981, joined University Heights Baptist Church where he remained a loyal servant for 39 years, was in charge of baking cookies Sunday mornings, and opened the Surplus Store in 1981,

which is still around today. Throughout his years in Huntsville, J.D. owned and operated several different businesses from selling clothes to newly released inmates, to renting paddle boats to campers at Huntsville State Park, to owning several pawn shops in Huntsville, Crockett and Conroe. Eventually in 1994, he started Davis Construction where he was still involved until his passing.

J.D. believed in civic duty and giving back to his community. J.D. served as President of the Rotary Club of Huntsville, eventually becoming a Paul Harris Fellow, Chairman of the Board of the Walker County Chamber of Commerce where he and son Bart would become one of two father and sons to have served as Chairman. J.D. also served as President and Vice President of the Holden Foundation, member of the Houston Livestock Show Go Texan Committee and as a member and servant for several other community clubs and organizations. However, his great passion was for the elderly of Walker County. He was the current President of the Walker County Senior Center Board of Directors and Meals on Wheels where he was active in fundraising to feed and take care of the senior citizens of his community.

J.D. was an avid outdoorsman and hard worker. He spent his life instilling his work ethic into his sons and all those around him. Everything J.D. did was for the betterment of his family and grandkids, never doing anything for himself...except until recently his RV. Spending time with his sons hunting and fishing brought him much joy and happiness. He insisted everyone around him live up to their full potential. He could be harsh and direct, but it was only because he saw more in people than they saw in themselves. J.D. was an avid storyteller. He was always bigger than the story and made the story bigger than it was. Most people who heard any of his stories knew, you better have a couple of hours to kill and you were not going to get a word in.

In 2005, J.D. became a grandfather for the first time and by 2011, he had 5 grandchildren, 4 girls and 1 boy. He affectionately referred to his grandkids as his "Littles". In retirement, J.D.'s passion were his Littles. He dedicated and sacrificed everything for them. Nothing made him prouder or happier than

watching his Littles grow up and succeed. Whether it was school awards, sporting events, church programs or family dinners, J.D. never missed an event or a chance to spend time with his grandchildren ... J.D. loved to travel with Vicki and all his family. From having a house in Mexico for 37 years, to recently traveling the country in his RV, J.D. found peace being with his family. J.D. was preceded in death by his father, JC Davis, Jr, father-in-law, Leroy Barrett, mother-in-law, Mary Barrett, and brother-in-law, Mark Hendon. J.D. is survived by his wife of 50 years, Vicki Barrett Davis, his oldest son, Bart Davis, daughter-in-law Kathy Davis, and grandchildren Allison and Carson Davis, his youngest son, Brad Davis, daughter-in-law, Molly Davis, and grandchildren Mia, Libby, and Dylan Davis, his mother, Esther Ellisor Davis, his brother, Dan Stephen Davis, his sister, Deborah Lynn Davis, his sister, Donna Davis Gilbert and husband John Gilbert, sister-in-law Becky Hendon, sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Sherrie and Adam Young, a host of nieces and nephews with who he had a unique relationship with each and every one, and his loyal "weekend sons" who he loved working with on the compound and his farm.

J.D. was a son, a brother, a father, a Papa, a friend, and a loyal servant to God. J.D. had an impact on anyone who knew him and even to some who did not. J.D. lived big, loved big, and in death, will be remembered as the larger-than-life man and personality he was.

J.D. will lie in state Tuesday, December 15 from 12pm to 7pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. There will be a small family only graveside service at a later date. When the family feels it appropriate, there will be a memorial celebration celebrating the life of J.D. for all friends and family to attend. In lieu of flowers, J.D. would have insisted donations be made to the Walker County Senior Center, 340 State Highway 75 N, Huntsville, TX 77320.

Cemetery Details

Brooke Cemetery

672 FM 980
Huntsville, TX 77320

Previous Events

Lie in State

DEC 15. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfm.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Doyle "J.D." Davis*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Vicki I just heard. I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family. I remembered him from high school but didn't know. I have enjoyed getting to know him over Facebook. He will be missed. Nelda Sue (Swanson, Cooper) Pippin*

Sue Pippin - December 29, 2020 at 03:04 AM



“ *Dawn Rachal lit a candle in memory of Joseph Doyle "J.D." Davis*



Dawn Rachal - December 20, 2020 at 06:49 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy to family and friends - Sue Vermillion Ellisor*

Sue Vermillion Ellisor - December 17, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ *So sad to learn of his passing! I know he will be missed by all who knew him.*

Earl Carter - December 17, 2020 at 02:58 PM


Charlotte
Efird

“ Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of Joseph Doyle "J.D." Davis



Charlotte Efird - December 15, 2020 at 08:29 PM

JB

“ Will be missing our conversations in person and on Facebook. Praying for Vickie, the boys and their families and especially the "littles". Proud to call you our friend for these many years. Judi and John Benestante



John and Judi Benestante - December 15, 2020 at 08:04 PM

NC

“ Missing and great friend and neighbor Derwood and Nancy Collum



nancy collum - December 15, 2020 at 04:38 PM

JM

“ Vicki, Bart, Brad, & Families, my heart breaks for all — family & friends as well. JD will be missed by so many. Love & Prayers to All of You! 🤗❤️🙏

Jan McPike - December 15, 2020 at 03:01 PM

RB

“ We are so sorry about the passing of J.D. Our deepest & heartfelt sympathy go out to you and all of your family. May you cherish your good memories of him and let those memories help you thru the days to come. May the love & peace of God be with you.

Ralph & Sandra Blair

Ralph & Sandra Blair - December 15, 2020 at 02:19 PM

JE

“ Joe and I are so sad for your wonderful family. J.D. was a wonderful Dad and Husband. We will keep your family in our prayers.
Judy and Joe Emmett

Judy T Emmett - December 15, 2020 at 09:58 AM

AW

“ I send my condolences to the family I was sadden by the news of JD passing. Again sorry for your loss and I will keep you all in my prayers. So many memories from Huntsville State Park days.

Aronda Wheeler

Aronda Wheeler - December 15, 2020 at 09:34 AM



PR

“ JD , I will miss you. You were so kind to me and my family when i moved to Huntsville in 1995.
I will miss your butt dials , I will miss your advise, I will miss you harassing me about my tattoos and "kung fu" .I will miss you telling how i should do things! I will miss sharing the stories we shared about our littles. I will miss your face book posts. I will miss knowing you always answered your phone. I will miss you !

Phil

Phil Riggs - December 14, 2020 at 10:59 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Doyle "J.D." Davis.



December 14, 2020 at 10:12 PM

NH

“ Nancy Hoppdr lit a candle in memory of Joseph Doyle "J.D." Davis



Nancy Hoppdr - December 14, 2020 at 06:47 PM

SC

“ *Sherri & Jim Culpepper purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph Doyle "J.D." Davis.*



Sherri & Jim Culpepper - December 14, 2020 at 04:34 PM

JS

“ *Our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the Davis family. Our community has truly lost a most respected, kind and generous leader. He will be missed by many who benefited from his caring and generosity. May the respect and blessings of all who knew him carry forth to Vicki, Bart and Brad and all of the Davis family. Life well lived, rest in peace, J.D.*

Mary Ellen and Jim Sims

Jim Sims - December 14, 2020 at 03:30 PM

DD

“ *Our deepest sympathy to The Davis Family. So sorry for your loss. May God bless you and comfort you in the days to come. Thinking of you in Christian love and prayers. Sincerely, The Auterys.... Doyles 2nd. Cousins !*

Dorothy Duty - December 14, 2020 at 02:39 PM

AB

“ *Amy Balch lit a candle in memory of Joseph Doyle "J.D." Davis*



Amy Balch - December 14, 2020 at 01:06 PM

RG

“ *Ronny and Kathy Ghiselli purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Joseph Doyle "J.D." Davis.*



Ronny and Kathy Ghiselli - December 14, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Doyle "J.D." Davis.*



December 14, 2020 at 12:36 PM

WS

“ *Vicki and family,*

Andrea and I are deeply saddened by your loss. We are praying that God will wrap his loving arms around you and the family to give you peace and comfort.

Wayne and Andrea Scott

Wayne & Andrea Scott - December 14, 2020 at 12:10 PM

CP

“ My deepest condolences to Vicki and family, At this most difficult time. I have known JD many many years growing up in the same neighborhood. JD was such a kind man always with a smile on his face and there to give a helping hand to who ever may need it. I cannot believe only four months ago he attended my husband Rayford's Funeral. God be with you Vicki And your family. Rest in peace my friend.

Charlene Pierce - December 14, 2020 at 12:12 AM

KN

“ So very sorry! Lifting you all up in prayer!
Kenneth and Linda Niederhofer

Kenneth and Linda Niederhofer - December 13, 2020 at 10:45 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Doyle "J.D." Davis.



December 13, 2020 at 10:38 PM

SW

“ Sharon Johnson, Lynda and JR Kennedy, Richard Wall purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Joseph Doyle "J.D." Davis.



Sharon Johnson, Lynda and JR Kennedy, Richard Wall -
December 13, 2020 at 08:50 PM

SS

“ *Sandy Supak sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Doyle "J.D." Davis*



sandy supak - December 13, 2020 at 02:58 PM

SS

thanks for all things you have taught me in business, may god welcome you home. Love you Vicki

sandy supak - December 13, 2020 at 03:02 PM

JR

“ *Jerry & Sue Register sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Doyle "J.D." Davis*



jerry & Sue Register - December 13, 2020 at 11:51 AM

KD

“ *Dear Davis Family,
Praying For God's peace and comfort over all of you at this time.
Our deepest sympathies,
Matt & Kathy Deggs & Family*



Kathy Deggs - December 13, 2020 at 09:44 AM

CN

“ Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Joseph Doyle "J.D." Davis



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - December 13, 2020 at 09:25 AM

JH

“ Dear Vicki and sons and Mom Esther,
Please know that you are in our prayers at this most difficult time.
We send our sincere condolences to all of you.
Jo & Stan Hines

Jo & Stan Hines - December 13, 2020 at 08:47 AM

LL

“ Chuck and I have personally experienced the love and care of JD. After Chucks stroke JD with his boys came and built wheelchair ramps and replaced all the facia and trim on the exterior of our home. We never saw a bill. His heart was so big as he served others always. We thank Jesus we had the opportunity to know this great servant.

Lorri Lehman - December 13, 2020 at 08:27 AM

SS

“ I am Kathys mother, sandra. One of my earliest memories of JD was in Fort Worth at a ranger game with my mother, Vicki. JD, Bart and others. I remember my father saying after meeting ZJD that Kathy would be lucky to marry into that family. And she was blessed. JD must have been a wonderful father to his boys because they are now upstanding young men. Included is our picture at the baseball game 22 years ago.



sandra shumate - December 12, 2020 at 11:09 PM

EA

“ We are saddened by the loss of JD. Vickie, you and the boys and their families are in our thoughts and prayers. I know this has left a big hole in your heart because you guys were always together doing things, and he could not say enough about you and his boys and the grandkids. He was so proud of all of y'all. His big smile,(just like in this photo) laughter and quick wit will always be with us. I just pray for peace and comfort for you in the coming days.



Edd & Terry Artherholt - December 12, 2020 at 08:48 PM

VP

“ Vicki, my heart is breaking for you and your family. May you find some measure of comfort in your favorite memories.

Valerie Pryor

Valerie Pryor - December 12, 2020 at 08:41 PM

PF

“ There are no words I can think of except I am so very sorry for the loss Of J.D.. I hope you all will be blessed with all the Peace,
Love and Comfort in the days to come .
Don and Penny Fowler



penny fowler - December 12, 2020 at 06:27 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Doyle "J.D." Davis.



December 12, 2020 at 02:38 PM

SD

“ My heart breaks for Vicki and family. May God bless you during this trying time.

Sally Dowis - December 12, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph Doyle "J.D." Davis.



December 12, 2020 at 12:12 PM

SF

“ Our prayers for The Davis family may God be with each of you in the coming day's
Blaine and Sherry Fabre

sherry fabre - December 12, 2020 at 11:38 AM

MH

“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Doyle "J.D." Davis



M. Hyvl - December 12, 2020 at 11:17 AM

SE

“ Dear Vicki and family, our hearts are breaking with yours. Please know that we are holding you all in our prayers that God will grant you Peace, Understanding, & Healing as only He can. JD was a wonderful man who always made each of us smile & feel so special. We are so saddened and share in your tears & shock. You are loved
Sunny & Bob Ernst

sunny Ernst - December 12, 2020 at 09:04 AM

RB

“ Vicki , Bart & Brad words can not describe our love and loss for you and our entire family . JD was always larger than life . We hold you in our hearts and prayers. Longing for the time we can have our Barrett Girl Day ..❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Ruth Bridges - December 12, 2020 at 08:51 AM

DJ


“ *Esther, Vickie and family,.....May God provide you all with strength and cling to His love and hope. May God fill your emptiness with His love. Donnie and Anita Jones*

Donnie and Anita Jones - December 12, 2020 at 08:10 AM

SB

“ *There was never a time that I was around JD that he didn't make me smile. He was larger in life and never at loss for words. He was a great business and family man and you never left his company not knowing that. He will definitely be missed but his love and legacy will live forever, and we rejoice knowing we will see him again in a better place. Our love to all his family
The Ritter's*

sherrie bennett-ritter - December 12, 2020 at 08:08 AM

 Bobbie
Widner

“ *Bobbie Widner purchased the Beautiful Heart Bo
uquet for the family of Joseph Doyle "J.D." Davis.*



Bobbie Widner - December 12, 2020 at 01:43 AM

MW

“ *I'm sorry for your loss.*



Mellicent Wiley - December 12, 2020 at 01:00 AM

SS

“ Thoughts and prayers for the Davis’ family.



Sue Sprott - December 11, 2020 at 10:42 PM

LR


“ My heart breaks for all of you. Vickie, & Family and Precious Mom, Ester. May God wrap his Arms around you in comfort. Knowing what a Loving, Supportive Man JD was. A Treasure!! & example of a Godly Man. Linda Russell.

Linda Russell - December 11, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ Jared and I send our deepest condolences to your family during this unimaginable time. Our continued thoughts and prayers are with y’all.

Angela Stacks - December 11, 2020 at 08:44 PM

 Bobbie Widner

“ J.D was my boss and friend many years ago. We had our ups and downs but I always respected him. He would help anyone he could. My heart breaks for Vicki and his kids. It will be hard for a long time. When my grandson died he was the first person to call and console me. My prayers go out to his family. You will be missed greatly and loved forever. Rest in peace J.D.

Bobbie Widner - December 11, 2020 at 08:08 PM

BC

“ *First, I want to extend my deepest and heart filled condolences to the entire Davis Family. He was an outstanding person, and will be missed greatly. I so enjoyed his character, wit, humor, joy, kindness, and most importantly his friendship. He leaves an amazing legacy behind, and a tribute to his life, in his family and friends. My sincerest thoughts are with Esther, Vicki, Bart, Brad, Donna, his grandchildren, and entire family.* 💙



Brandon Cooper - December 11, 2020 at 07:45 PM



May I extend my heart felt condolences to Vicky, Bart, Bradley and their family. JD will forever hold a special place in my heart. We were a hoot together and shared a lot in common. May the god of all Peace Hold you all in the palm of His Hand during this difficult time. I love you all very much!

Kenneth Smith - December 12, 2020 at 04:49 PM

SR

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Susan Retzlaff - December 11, 2020 at 07:19 PM

SR

“ *My heart is rejoicing for this loved one who is free from pain and with his Father. My heart is heavy with sorrow for his courageous wife and family. I'm blessed to have known J.D. He was all about giving, contributing and helping other individuals and the community. He will be sorely missed by everyone at the Senior Center of Walker County. Go with God my friend.*

Susan Retzlaff - December 11, 2020 at 07:15 PM