



Frances Anita Davis

June 4, 1941 - August 3, 2025

Frances “Anita” Davis was born on June 4, 1941 to Floyd and Bill “Sweetheart” Powell in Memphis, Tennessee and lived a life full of love, compassion, and unwavering strength. As a wife, she shared 65 years of marriage with her devoted husband Billy, building a life full of memories, laughter, and unbreakable bond. She was raised in Cotton Plant, AR where she and Billy were high school sweethearts. While in high school, she was in BETA Club, played on the basketball team, cheered for 3 years, and participated on the yearbook staff. She was a member of the choir and sang with the sextette and quartette that was established by her voice teacher Miss Betty Sue Moore. She and Billy have been lifelong Methodists and attended Searcy First Methodist Church.

She was not only a loving and nurturing mother to her children, but also a proud and devoted grandmother to her grandchildren, always offering wisdom, warmth, and guidance. Her family was her heart, and she poured her love into everything she did. Anita was the cornerstone of her family, a source of comfort and support in every season of life and never failed to offer her sass and humor. She touched the lives of those around her with kindness, selflessness, and a quiet, steadfast love that will never be forgotten. Some of the best days of her life were spent watching her grandchildren swim, cheer, play t-ball, football, baseball, softball, and basketball and participate in quiz bowl and band. She could not have been prouder of her grandchildren. Her legacy lives on through her children Kelly (Billy) Whitley, Karen (Bill)

Fuller, and Melissa (Jason) Boyster. Her grandchildren Kristen (Justin) Richardson, Kayla (Allan) Fairbanks, Dakota (Kaylee) Weatherley, Chance (Lyla) Cash, Austin Cash, Dylan and Anna Bradley, Tara (Zane) Richardson, Megan (Chris) Knight, and Jeni (Blake) Gibson, great grandchildren Izzy, Isaac and Adalyn Richardson, Aiden and Cade Fairbanks, Avery Kate, Paxton, and Presley Weatherley, Izzi Fuller, Declan Richardson, Chois and Maddie Knight, and Mia Gibson and all those who had the privilege of knowing her. Her spirit will remain with us always; in every cherished memory and moment we shared.

A service will be held on Wednesday, August 6 at Powell Funeral Home in Bald Knob. Visitation will begin at 10:00a.m. with a service to follow at 11:00a.m..

Anita wanted to express that her greatest joy in life has been to be Billy's wife and mother to her precious girls as well as grandmother and great grandmother to her grandchildren. She said, "I have truly been blessed to live close enough to my family that I have had the chance to see them in all of their school activities and have loved every minute."

We will carry your love in our hearts forever. You were our greatest gift, and we will miss you always.

In lieu of Flowers, please make a donation to Searcy First Methodist Church (304 N Main St, Searcy, AR 72143).

Arrangements entrusted with Powell Funeral Home of Bald Knob. Please sign the online guestbook at powellfuneralhome.net.

Cemetery Details

Shady Grove Cemetery

Bald Knob Lake Road
Bald Knob, AR 72010

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Bald Knob)
1272 Highway 367 North
Bald Knob, AR 72010
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Funeral Service

AUG 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Frances Anita Davis



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - August 06, 2025 at 08:53 AM

DC

“ Anita and Billy showed a true love that is rare and precious. So very sorry for the loss of such a beautiful soul. Prayers and condolences for your loss. Glenn and Deanna Curtis



Deanna Curtis - August 06, 2025 at 02:09 PM

LP

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers during this time. Robert and Linda Pearson



Linda K Pearson - August 06, 2025 at 01:19 PM

PL

“ Pam Lunsford lit a candle in memory of Frances Anita Davis



Pam Lunsford - August 06, 2025 at 11:31 AM

MJ

“ MikeAndConnie Johnston lit a candle in memory of Frances Anita Davis



MikeAndConnie Johnston - August 06, 2025 at 10:44 AM

LB

“ Leah Brooks lit a candle in memory of Frances Anita Davis



Leah Brooks - August 06, 2025 at 10:24 AM

JH

“ Mr. Bill and Family. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you. Ms. Anita is in a far better place than we can imagine. She will be waiting for all of you. Always Johnny & Mary Hodges

Johnny Hodges - August 05, 2025 at 08:29 PM

DS

“ *The Spencer family lived down the road from Billy and remember him and Anita dating and later marrying. They left Cotton Plant and moved to Bald Knob. Years later Carl and Thelma moved to Judsonia and joined their church. Thelma loves the whole Davis family and we all are so very sad to loose Anita. May God be with Billy and the Davis family.*

Thelma, Howard, Dewey, Paul, Mary and Berta Spencer

Dewey Spencer - August 05, 2025 at 05:06 PM

BW

“ *Brooke and clare white purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Frances Anita Davis.*



Brooke and clare white - August 05, 2025 at 02:58 PM

BW

“ *Brooke and clare white planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances Anita Davis.*

Brooke and clare white - August 05, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frances Anita Davis.*



August 05, 2025 at 02:56 PM

AC

“ Anna, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Mary Claire purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Frances Anita Davis.



Anna, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Mary Claire - August 05, 2025 at 01:13 PM

RF

“ Rick & Holly Whitley and family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Frances Anita Davis.



Rick & Holly Whitley and family - August 05, 2025 at 12:49 PM

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Rick & Holly Whitley and family - August 05, 2025 at 12:49 PM

RF

“ Richard & Susan Cox & Family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frances Anita Davis.



Richard & Susan Cox & Family. - August 05, 2025 at 12:08 PM

DM

“ *Diane Mayfield lit a candle in memory of Frances Anita Davis*



Diane Mayfield - August 05, 2025 at 11:31 AM

KM

“ *Kyle & Randi McKee purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Frances Anita Davis.*



Kyle & Randi McKee - August 05, 2025 at 11:28 AM

CB

“ *I loved how she and Billy always attended everything together. It didn't matter where or when, if a grandchild had a game, concert or any event, the whole family attended. I think that speaks volumes about the love she had for her family.*

Clair Burns - August 05, 2025 at 10:17 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Frances Anita Davis.*



August 05, 2025 at 10:11 AM



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