



## Lt. Col. William E. "Sonny" Davis

November 1, 1940 - March 21, 2024

Lt Col (Ret) William E. "Sonny" Davis

Lt Col William E. "Sonny" Davis (USAF Ret), 83, of Searcy, passed away on March 21, 2024. Lt Col Davis was born November 1, 1940 in Searcy to the late William L. and Naomi Drumwright Davis. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Charlotte J. Davis, a sister, Martha Davis Hill and one son, John P. Davis. He is survived by three daughters, Cassie Chun(Bill) of Powell, Ohio, Jane Mote (Dean) of Jonesboro, AR, and Sunni Herbruck (Matt) of Lafayette, CO, five grandchildren, Kelsey Cellar (Adam), Will Chun, Aidan Culkin, Colby Mote (Jillian), and Maya Herbruck. He is also survived by two brothers, Bob Davis (Karen) of Searcy and Jim Davis (Barbara) of Sherwood, AR, and many relatives and friends throughout the country.

Lt Col Davis graduated from Searcy High School in 1958. He attended Arkansas State College (now Arkansas State University) in Jonesboro for two years where he was a member of Sigma Pi Fraternity. He graduated from Harding College (now Harding University) in 1963. He also holds two Masters Degrees from Webster University and also graduated from Air Command and Staff College and Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He served in the Searcy unit of the Arkansas National Guard for six years during high school and college and retired from the Air Force after over 22 years of active duty in 1985. He then served 14 years as a defense contractor conducting analysis for both NORAD and Space Command in Colorado Springs, CO. While on

active duty he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with four bronze service stars, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with palm and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal among other awards. He served tours in Germany, Thailand/Vietnam, 7 years in Alaska and several stateside assignments. He retired from the Air Force as Director of the Alaskan NORAD Region Operations Control Center in Anchorage which was responsible for the air defense of Alaska and the Aleutian Islands. He sincerely loved God, his family, and the United States of America. Graveside services will be conducted on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 3:00pm, at White County Memorial Gardens in Searcy, with military honors. Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)

# Cemetery Details

## White County Memorial Gardens

Eastline Road  
Searcy, AR 72143

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 25. 3:00 PM (CT)

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## Interment

MAR 25 (CT)

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