



Leland Lowell "Dave" Davis

February 2, 1930 - January 6, 2024

Dave was born on February 2, 1930 in Marlin, Texas and God called him to his eternal home on January 6, 2024 at the age of 93 in San Antonio, TX.

Dave is survived by his wife, Vicki, of 67 years and three adult children, George (wife Durinda), Steve, and Sue (husband Bruce) Young, three grandchildren David Young (wife Summer), Christina Young, Christopher Davis (wife Christina), three great grandchildren Alexander, Caden and Liam Young. Sister Dora Loria, Brothers Don (wife Sharon) and Richard (wife Janet), Nieces Micki Baudoin and Emily Davis, Nephews Daryl and Mike Davis. A very special 94 year old Uncle Jim Amos (wife Mary Frances). Special friends Thurman Mullins and Paul Smith. Preceded in death by his parents Lowell and Blanch Davis and his brother Fred Davis. Special thanks to Sandra Martinez for her kindness and excellent care.

Dave grew up in Texas moving to various small towns, as his father worked for the railroad, before settling in Calvert. He graduated from Calvert High School, where he was a football letterman and all district tackle. He received a football scholarship that enabled him to attend the University of Corpus Christi majoring in chemical engineering.

Dave enlisted in the Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was field commissioned a second lieutenant in 1952, advancing to captain in 1954 and promoted to major in 1962. While serving in Okinawa he received a special commendation award from the Okinawa government for a program which resulted in the establishment of electrical systems and medical facilities for several off-shore island communities between Okinawa and Japan. In June of 1965 he was honorably discharged to pursue a civilian career in research and development.

Dave had a strong desire to be a successful provider for his family and to leave this earthly life knowing that they are safe and prepared for the road ahead. Dave used this desire to propel him forward in life, attaining 71 patents and many business opportunities at Avco Lycoming, AM General, Irvin Industries and lastly opening his own companies Water Technologies and then Davco Manufacturing in Michigan. After 23 years of building his own business, he sold Davco to his son, Steve, and Roger Penske.

Dave had a love for different languages and spent many hours learning various languages and enjoyed engaging with people in languages other than English.

Dave and Vicki moved to San Antonio, TX where he began looking for ranch property. He purchased and developed 700 acres in Pipe Creek and named it the Double D Ranch. In 2003 he had a 101 foot cross erected on the tallest point where it can be seen for miles, reminding people of the debt paid over 2,000 years ago. Dave gave God all the glory and credit for his blessings.

In lieu of flowers, please leave a favorite memory that you may have of Leland / "Dave".

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 I.H. 10
West San Antonio, TX 78230

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mission Burial Park North
20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest condolences are with Dave's beloved family. He showed that he loved you deeply and you can hold on to your many years of special memories with him in your lives. My life is also enriched by knowing Dave. He was a kind and gentle soul and I always enjoyed being with him and Vicki. I was fortunate to be able to visit the ranch a few times, and Dave loved showing guests the wildlife and the care he had put into the property. I greatly respect the values by which he lived his life and instilled in others. When I think of Dave my memories come around to thinking "they just don't make 'em like Dave anymore." The world is a better place because of Dave Davis. Sincere sympathies from Cyndi Hensley

Cyndi Hensley - January 12, 2024 at 08:53 AM

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Dave's career and intellect were exceptional, but his love for Jesus and his dear family were most impressive. He was devoted and kind. Dave highlighted several of my days with his encouraging comments. In my presence, he exemplified Galatians 5:22 -23 "...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." Much love to Vicki, Sue, and your entire family.
- David Flora

David Flora - January 12, 2024 at 10:02 AM