



## Delmar D. Davis (Camdenton)

April 30, 1926 - January 2, 2020

Delmar Dean Davis was born 30 April 1926 to Frank Stanley Davis and Flossie Ammorette Sewell in Wayne, Nebraska. He came into this world at 4:30 p.m. in the same house in which his mother was born. That house was built for his grandmother, Helen Marion Sewell, by his great-grandfather Stephen Milton Cutler, as part of her dowry. His heritage goes back to Tegid, born 314 A.D. in Wales and to Clodius, the Ancestor of Charlemagen born 6 A.D., in the land of the Franks.

His schooling was in Wayne until 1939 and then graduation from high school at Harrisonville, Missouri in 1944. After one term at William Jewell College, he volunteered and served from 4 December 1944 until August 1947 in the United States Merchant Marine. He was Radio Officer aboard 4 types of vessels sailing the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and the Ionian, Aegean, Adriatic, Caribbean, Mediterranean, North, Celtic and Tyrrhenian Seas, as well as the Panama Canal and the Gulfs of Mexico and St. Lawrence. Upon completion of the delivery of Marshal Plan Relief goods to a great deal of the world he came to Camden County and started a small tourist business that evolved into the firm known as Davis Baskets.

He was the last of a group of men who founded the rural fire organization that is Mid County today. He spent 40 plus years as a member of the First Baptist Church serving in many positions and as a Deacon. In his 70th year he visited the land of his forefathers in Wales and Cornwall.

He enjoyed church life from the time he accepted the Saving Grace offered through Christ until he was called Home. He greatly enjoyed this life and gave thanks for all the blessing he had received, the greatest of these being his daughters, Leesa Gail and Lynne Anne. He was a trial to them.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2020 in Allee-Holman-Howe Funeral Home of Camdenton, Missouri. Burial will follow in Dale Blair Memorial Cemetery, Camdenton, Missouri. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m., Monday,

January 13, 2020 in the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to Dale Blair Memorial Cemetery or Dogwood Animal Shelter and left at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Allee-Holman-Howe Funeral Home, Camdenton, Missouri.

To send flowers to the family of Delmar Dean Davis, please visit [Tribute Store](#).

# Events

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**JAN**   **Visitation**      05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Allee-Holman-Howe Funeral Home

15 Clint Avenue, Camdenton, MO, US, 65020

**JAN**   **Service**                      10:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Another great Ozark legend!! We dropped by Davis basket many times from Camdenton for wedding gifts and our own dinner ware. Thoughts to the Davis family from the Sallee family.

Linda Sallee Robbins

Linda Robbins - January 12 at 11:04 AM

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“ Met DD in 1950's when I lived across Highway 54 from the store. Stopped by over the years and he always remembered me. Super memory and great stories. Thank you DD.

Bob Oldham

Robert K. Oldham MD - January 09 at 07:13 AM

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“ I remember going into Davis Baskets as a little girl & eating the best tiger butter ever. Those memories are what I judge all fudge by. I always felt welcome and loved visiting with Delmar.  
The days just don't seem long enough. We'll be praying for the family as they grieve & celebrate Delmar.

Jacklyn Rogers-Rector - January 08 at 10:32 PM

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“ It was always a pleasure to visit with Delmar at the store, and very fond memories of the days back when he sold fireworks all year, and exploring the stores as well as listening to his stories.

Joel Stoner - January 08 at 03:49 PM

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“ Delmar was a great friend. I have known him most of my life. I loved going out to the store and visiting with him. We did lots of reminiscing, a lot of talking about the war and our lives now and our families. I will miss his friendship.

Jean Haines Rush - January 07 at 07:41 PM

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“ I moved to the lake area in 2012. I met Delmar shortly afterwards. I would often stop by the shop. What began as exploring the lake iconic places and meeting those people who Made the lake what it is. Delmar was a treasure and I will miss him. May he rest in peace. My sympathy to his family.

**Scott Gwillim** - January 06 at 10:41 PM



“ Delmar always knew who you were even if he hadn't seen you for years. It was always nice visiting with him. But if you shook his hand you'd better watch out for a shock because he would likely have a toy shocker in his hand!

**Joyce and George Palmer** - January 07 at 02:08 PM



“ Sorry for your loss Leesa and Lynne.

**Nancy Krider** - January 07 at 07:47 PM



“ RIP Mr. Davis I always enjoyed talking with you and hearing your stories from WWII to early lake like life, fire dept, and locals that made baskets with you and for you to Dollar General wanting to buy just a piece of your property (like the old ice cream parlor building area) to put in a Dollar General and you didn't want to split up or down grade your property on 54. You are truly an Ozark icon. As a kid (and even an adult) it was a tradition to stop at Davis Baskets, chat with you and buy a souvenir. RIP Mr. Davis.

**cynthia fortney** - January 06 at 10:21 PM



“ Years ago I played racquetball in a league with him. I was probably in my mid thirties and he had to be 60 . We had fun and enjoyed visiting everytime we met. Very nice person and loved to listen to his stories of the history of the area. Rest In Peace Delmar.

**Mike Terry** - January 06 at 08:10 PM