



## James "Jim" Davis (Lebanon)

April 24, 1951 - January 17, 2021

James Albert Davis, son of James Carl and Betty Jean Hopkins Davis, was born April 24, 1951, in Kansas City, Missouri. He departed this life Sunday, January 17, 2021, in the University of Missouri Hospital, in Columbia, Missouri, at the age of sixty-nine years, eight months, and twenty-four days.

On September 15, 1973, he was united in marriage to Vickie Rae Meads, and to this union one daughter and one son were born.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Vickie, on April 17, 2016; and his father-in-law, Terry Jones.

Jim is survived by a daughter, Heather Bryant, and her husband, John, of Lebanon, Missouri; a son, Ryan Davis, and his wife, Courtney, of Ozark, Missouri; four grandchildren, Aidan, Tucker and Sawyer Davis, and Isaiah Bryant; his mother-in-law, Doris Jones, of Lebanon, Missouri; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

He was raised on the family farm, near Lebanon, and graduated from Lebanon High School in the Class of 1969 where he was the drum major of the Lebanon High School Band. He then attended Missouri State University where he earned his Bachelor's Degree. After he and Vickie were married, they made their home in Lebanon and lovingly raised their children. Jim worked at Independent Stave Company, for a few years, and then went to work for Marathon Electric. His current position was with Emerson Climate Technologies/Copeland, where he had worked the past 27 years. Over the course of his work, Jim made many friends around the world and was well-respected by his colleagues. Jim was raised in the First United Methodist Church but later joined the First Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon, and was active in the music ministry, including the church choir. He had a constant, deep, abiding faith in God and was always willing to help anyone in need. He also was particularly good at visiting people in the hospital. He was actively involved the Gideon Bible Ministry for many years. Jim's faith was central in his life and was his compass until the end.

He enjoyed doing woodworking projects, cooking and baking delicious pies. He was a huge fan of the St. Louis Cardinals Baseball team. He served on the Lebanon City Council from December 2006 to April 2009, and was involved in the Lebanon Community Theater, performing in the musicals Oklahoma and The Music Man. He had a very good singing

voice and sang many solos in church and other places. His family was very important to him and his life revolved around them and their activities. He was very faithful at attending his children's and grandchildren's athletic games and any function in which they were involved. He was a wonderful caregiver when his parents' health began to fail. He continued his ultimate caregiver role through Vickie's two and half year battle with cancer. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren as they were the center of his life. Jim was a loving husband, father, grandfather, son-in-law, and was a caring friend. We celebrate his life and know that his family and friends will hold tight to the wonderful memories he made for them during his lifetime.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Jan. 21 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Lebanon with Pastor Matt Taylor officiating. Friends may come by the funeral home at their convenience through Thursday morning. Burial will be in Mount Rose Memorial Park. A memorial to the Gideon Ministry and been established and donations may be left at the funeral home.

The family has requested that all in attendance wear a mask.

# Cemetery

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## Mount Rose Memorial Park

100 Mountrose St.

Lebanon, MO,

# Events

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Service

02:00PM

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First Baptist Church

311 N Madison Ave, Lebanon, MO, US, 65536

# Comments

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“ Our deepest sympathy for family and friends of Bro Jim Davis with our prayers for comfort, strength, hope and healing for all! Without a doubt, Jim's faithful service will be of significant benefit to others for decades ahead. May he Rest In Peace in the Everlasting Arms of Our Savior!



**Pulaski County Camp Gideons** - February 04 at 06:23 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers with the family.

**T.j. Wilson** - January 22 at 01:06 AM

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“ Jim was a wonderful person lived his life for the Lord. I always enjoyed singing with him at First Baptist Church. Very kind & thoughtful. Prayers to the whole family. Jerry Chastain



**Jerry Chastain** - January 21 at 11:32 PM

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“ Sending sympathy to the family of Jim Davis. May God's grace give you comfort during this time of loss. Jim had a true heart for God. Always enjoyed visiting with him at Church or just around the neighborhood.

With deepest sympathy,  
Bill and Deborah Morris

**Deborah Morris** - January 21 at 03:11 PM

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“ I would like to extend my heartfelt sympathy to the family of Jim Davis. Jim was a wonderful christian and I enjoyed doing "church life" with him. He was very genuine, caring, Christ filled man. I will miss him as I know his sweet family will as well.  
In christian love,  
Melissa Richardson

**Melissa Richardson** - January 21 at 11:49 AM

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“ So sad. We are sending prayers to all the family. Jim was an exceptional person and loved by so many. I'm sure there is some rejoicing in Heaven going on.

**Kathy Woolsey** - January 20 at 10:21 PM

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“ Jim was a wonderful man and neighbor. He touched so many lives and will be missed greatly! We are praying for you all.  
Robbie and Debbie Staats

**Robbie and Debbie Staats** - January 20 at 05:28 PM

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“ Love, Michelle Tucker & Brandy Sampley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James "Jim" Davis (Lebanon).



Love, Michelle Tucker & Brandy Sampley - January 20 at 04:34 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Davis (Lebanon).



January 20 at 01:39 PM

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“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Davis (Lebanon).



January 20 at 11:20 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Davis (Lebanon).



January 20 at 11:10 AM

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“ Mark and Renee Reed purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Jim" Davis (Lebanon).



Mark and Renee Reed - January 20 at 09:11 AM

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“ I worked with Jim. He will be dearly missed. Thoughts and prayers.  
Yolanda Long

Yolanda Long - January 19 at 09:22 PM

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“ Yolanda Long sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Jim" Davis (Lebanon)



Yolanda Long - January 19 at 09:16 PM

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“ With sympathy,  
Margie Winfrey

margie winfrey - January 19 at 04:49 PM

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“ We felt blessed to have known Jim. He was always friendly and a very caring and kind person. So sorry for your loss, and accept our deepest condolences. Keeping the family in our prayers.  
Our Love,  
Jerry & Pam Jones

**Pam Jones** - January 19 at 04:12 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about Jim's passing. We have know Jim for a long time from both church and work. Continuing to pray for his family.  
Rick and Debbie Lowrance

**Debbie Lowrance** - January 19 at 10:32 AM

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“ We are so sorry for your great loss. It was an honor to know your Dad and Mother over many years. We know your hearts are broken now but we look forward to that glad reunion day. Love and prayers to you all.  
Jim and Linda Long

**Linda Long** - January 19 at 08:57 AM

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“ I worked with Jim at Emerson. Whenever I came to Lebanon, I would stop by and speak with Jim. I respected his opinion and always gave his assessments serious consideration. Dedicated employees like Jim are hard to find. Jim will be missed. My condolences to the family. You have lost a wonderful father and friend.  
Gerry Ulrich  
Retired VP of Operations

**Gerry Ulrich** - January 18 at 10:28 PM

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“ Jim was a man that everyone looked up to. Wanda and I really enjoyed our Sunday School class that Jim always attended. Jim had so much knowledge and wisdom not only about the Bible but worldly things. Jim was a kind person and would help anyone in need. Jim will be truely missed.

**Greg & Wanda Tyre** - January 18 at 09:59 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. Jim was a good man he will be missed.

**karen tabb** - January 18 at 08:07 PM

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“ Our prayers are with Jim's family. He was such a sweet and nice class mate. Always a gentleman and caring person. RIP  
Jeannie Carlson and Janie Mitchell (Fohn twins)



**Jeannie Carlson** - January 18 at 06:17 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Jim was such a good man. We will miss him very much.  
Bob and Linda North

**Bob North** - January 18 at 05:17 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Connie Simpson



**Connie Simpson** - January 18 at 03:35 PM

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“ Much love to the entire family! We are praying for you all and asking our Lord to give you all peace and comfort. Holding the millions of precious memories dear in your heart. Aren't we thankful for the promise of heaven. Blessings and love to you all.



**Randy and Karen Neasby** - January 18 at 03:31 PM

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“ There are simply no words. We are so sorry  
Brent & Pam Smith

**Pam Smith** - January 18 at 10:38 AM

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“ I was the pastor when James was ordained, he made a great Godly deacon. Rev.  
Benny Gard

**Benny Gard** - January 18 at 02:01 AM

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“ Levonne R Morgan lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Davis (Lebanon)



**levonne R morgan** - January 18 at 01:56 AM



“ Jim was truly a good man. I sang in FBC Choir with him. we will miss him at church. Our prayers are with his family.

Shirley and Don Clark

**shirley and Don Clark** - January 20 at 02:16 PM



“ So sorry to hear of James passing. I have known him since grade school and graduated with him. He would bring pies to our class dinners which were delicious. We will all miss this kind man that we hold as a dear friend and classmate. The LHS Class of 1969 send their deepest condolences. Paula Fourt and the Class of 1969

**Paula Fourt** - January 21 at 08:22 AM



“ No word can be found...we worked together nearly 13 years. we never meet face to face.but we share and talk everyday. he missed his wife very much after she passed. prayed everyday for her.now he is gone to meet with his love. they are looking us together. I miss you my dear friend.deepest condolences to his family.

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