



Lawrence Stewart Davis

March 14, 1948 - May 2, 2024

Lawrence Stewart Davis of Rolla, Missouri passed away on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at his home at the age of 76. Lawrence was born in Fargo, North Dakota, on March 14, 1948 to the late Raymond and Irene (Schroeder) Davis. After graduating from Central High School in St Paul, MN, Lawrence earned a Bachelor's Degree at Hamline University and a Master's in education from St Thomas College, both in St Paul. He taught junior high for a year, then was accepted into dental school at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. While attending dental school, he joined the Navy which allowed him to serve his country while completing his doctorate degree in dentistry. After his Navy service, Lawrence joined the Army and proudly served until he retired. Serving in the military and using his degree in dentistry allowed him to live in several different places where he enjoyed taking in the culture that was around him. One of the most memorable places that he was stationed was in the Aleutian Island of Adak, Alaska. Lawrence was amazed by the rugged terrain, and peace that being in such a remote area offered. While there are so many stories that could be told from his time in the service, and all his travels, above all, he was sure to let others know how much he loved his country, and that it was his honor to serve. Lawrence was a lifelong learner, earning a masters degree in Health Services Management from Webster University during his dental career.

Lawrence was blessed with a loving daughter, Lyndsey, who blessed him even more, giving him three beautiful granddaughters. On June 15, 2002 he

married the love of his life Peggy Merrell. Lawrence and Peggy never took the time they had together for granted, they always looked for new adventures of their own. Some of their most cherished memories are their lake house at Bull Shoals, Arkansas. Every chance they had Lawrence and Peggy would take advantage of having such a place, and graciously poured their time and love into the property. Whether it be sitting and admiring the views of the lake or keeping up on the endless landscaping, projects, and chores that always seemed to be needed, it was their own little piece of paradise. The memories of time spent there together and with family will forever be remembered and read about, in the journals that Lawrence began to keep so his grandchildren could know of the love that was shared in that lake house. Lawrence valued his family, life, and country and will be forever remembered for the love and devotion he showed to his family.

Lawrence is survived by his wife Peggy Davis of Rolla MO; his daughter Lyndsey Olson of St. Paul Minnesota; sister Carol (Davis) and brother-in-law Kreg Gamble of Tucson, Arizona; granddaughters Isabella, Megan, and Jennifer Olson of St. Paul, Minnesota; niece Elaine (Gamble), her husband Arnold, great nieces Lillian and Katelyn Murphy of Tucson Arizona; and nephew John Gamble and wife Kristen of Dallas, Texas.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services for Lawrence Davis will be held on Tuesday May 7, 2024 at 12:00 PM in the James and Gahr Chapel of Rolla, MO with the visitation prior to the service at 11:00 AM also held in the James and Gahr Chapel of Rolla MO. Interment with full military honors will be at 2:00 PM at the Veterans Cemetery at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Parkinson's Disease Association are suggested and appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery Waynesville

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla
1651 E. Hwy 72
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Service

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MAY 7. 2:00 PM (AKT)

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Tribute Wall

CA

“ Carol A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Stewart Davis.

Carol A. - May 11, 2024 at 04:13 PM

LA

“ Loren A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Stewart Davis.

Loren A. - May 06, 2024 at 05:01 PM

CA

“ Chuck and Sandy Anderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Stewart Davis.

Chuck and Sandy Anderson - May 06, 2024 at 01:15 PM

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“ Chuck and Sandy Anderson purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Lawrence Stewart Davis.



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