



## Willard "Bill" Clay Davis Jr.

August 16, 1932 - February 14, 2021

Willard "Bill" Clay Davis, son of Willard and Gladys Davis, was born August 16th, 1932 in Kingman, AZ??

The angels took him home to his heavenly Father on February 14, 2021, at home in Buffalo, Missouri, at the age of 88.

He was united in marriage to Donna Belle Hebner on March 24, 1957. They would have been married 62 years when she passed away on March 10, 2019. Just a few days shy of their anniversary.

Bill was a loving husband, dad, grandpa, and great grandpa. But most of all, he was a decorated Special Forces Navy Seal. From surviving The Korean Conflict to the Vietnam War and everything in between. He even cooked and baked for the sailors in between battles. His war stories of meeting US presidents to leaders of many foreign countries was impressive and were simply spellbinding. His love and passion for his country was strong and never wavered once he retired. He always was taking care of his fellow vets night and day. If you needed help, Bill was the one to call.

He was the protector and provider of our family and our extended family of our closest friends from around the world. This is what he was known for.

Everyone that knew Bill or met Bill for the first time, knew he was a loving,

caring, big hearted guy. If he picked on you or was teasing you, you knew you were in dad's inner trusted circle. That was an honor to be in. He loved to joke, laugh, and live life to the fullest.

Bill retired from the military in Pleasant Hope by purchasing a farm. That was what he dreamed of doing. It was the top 10 worst farms in Polk County. It became one of the top farms in Polk County. He raised the first-ever cross of Charolais and Angus cattle in Missouri. Bill and Donna were selling cattle in many countries of the world.

Bill and Donna decided to retire to Buffalo after selling the farm. Everyone knew their house on the square because Bill and Donna proudly flew the American flag and displayed patriotic items for everyone to see. They won awards for their beautiful yard due to Donna's magical green thumb.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna, and his parents.

He is survived by his daughter, Cheri Davis Youmans, his stepdaughter, Linda Tidwell, many grandchildren, a few great and great great grandchildren, along with many dear, close friends from around the world.

Funeral services will be 1:00 pm Wednesday, February 24, 2021 in the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo, Missouri. Burial will follow in the Pleasant Hope Cemetery in Pleasant Hope, Missouri under the direction of the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo, Missouri.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Hope Cemetery

Pleasant Hope, MO 65725

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB **24**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home - Buffalo

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# Tribute Wall



“ Willard "Bill" Clay Davis Jr.

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ Willard "Bill" Clay Davis Jr.

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ Willard "Bill" Clay Davis Jr.

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ Willard "Bill" Clay Davis Jr.

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ Willard "Bill" Clay Davis Jr.

December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM

RH

“ I will miss you Mr. Bill. You supported my faith there are honest, decent men in the world; selfless, loving men who care for their families and are true friends. You and Donna helped me so much dealing with my feeling around my dysfunctional family. I hope I helped you after Donna's passing with my phone calls and conversations. I will miss visiting you in the big white house on the corner. I still remember the cow you named after me! May you and Donna be happy forever! Love Rosetta Hernandez, Miami, FL

Rosetta Hernandez - March 16, 2021 at 09:13 AM

CH

Ms. Rosetta, Thank you so much for your kind words! I did respond back then. I am not sure what happened. I cannot believe it will be 2 years soon. And mom will be 4 years. Much love Cheri

Cheri - November 18, 2023 at 08:21 AM

 Dan Hatfield

“ I got to know Willard through dialysis. He always took an interest in the people around him and made them feel good. He had some great stories. When he would walk in, with that big hat and cowboy swagger, you knew you were looking at someone special. I will never forget him.

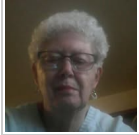


Dan Hatfield - February 26, 2021 at 09:32 PM

CY

I love that pic. Look how young, healthy, and happy he was. This was only 4 years ago. Just enjoying life. He actually was buried in that hat. It was his favorite!

Cheri Youmans - February 27, 2021 at 02:13 PM



“ Willard I will always miss you. I miss telling you goodbye at dialysis and visiting with you. I will meet you on the other side.



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**Regina Prater** - February 25, 2021 at 10:39 AM

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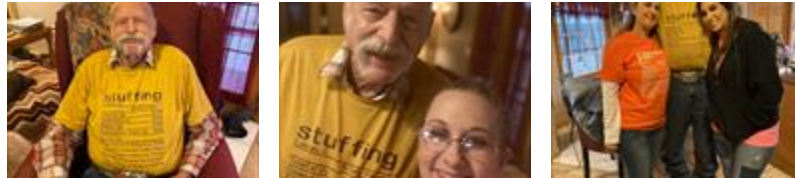
*Thank you so much Regina for your kind words!*

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**Cheri Youmans** - February 27, 2021 at 02:13 PM

EM

“ My Willard, you will be truly missed. I will always have a smile thinking of you and your stories. Thank you for being a part of my family these last few years



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**Emily** - February 25, 2021 at 04:06 AM

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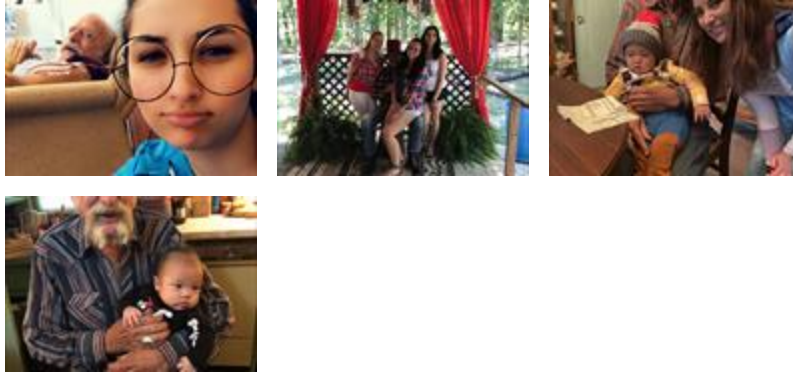
*amazing pics! Thank you for sharing these with us!!*

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**Cheri Youmans** - February 27, 2021 at 02:14 PM

KA

“ Was a honor to take care of you as dialysis Technician but you were also a great friend. You will be greatly missed “wolfer “



kayleigh - February 24, 2021 at 07:56 PM

CY

Thank you so much for these pics! It made our day! Missed his smile and laugh.

Cheri Youmans - February 27, 2021 at 02:14 PM



“ I'm going to miss that gentle smile under that Cowboy hat or watching you tend to your yard or decorating the Coach for Halloween. I'm blessed to have known you Bill. Say Hello to Callie for me!



Enrique Landeros - February 23, 2021 at 11:59 AM

CY

Enrique thank you so much for your kind words!

Cheri Youmans - February 27, 2021 at 02:15 PM



Not a problem. Bill was a great friend, kind and had a great heart.

Enrique Landeros - March 22, 2021 at 11:09 PM

CT

“ I'm so glad I was able to get to know you, hear your stories, talk antiques, and reminisce. You were talented and kind. You were loved by many and will be very missed.

Crystal Thompson - February 22, 2021 at 07:24 PM

CY

Crystal thank you for your kind words.

Cheri Youmans - February 27, 2021 at 02:15 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willard "Bill" Clay Davis Jr..



February 21, 2021 at 10:51 PM



“ there was always a smile on your face underneath that cowboy hat. You will be missed but will always be in my heart. See you on the other side.

Pam

Pam Hardin - February 20, 2021 at 10:22 PM

CY

thank you Pam!

Cheri Youmans - February 21, 2021 at 12:29 PM

MA

“ You will certainly be missed Willard, but i know you are with your wife again. I'm so glad I got to see you one last time. Spunky as ever :) Until we meet again, peace and love.

Mandy - February 20, 2021 at 05:57 PM

CY

Mandy, thank you so much for your kind words.

Cheri Youmans - February 27, 2021 at 02:16 PM

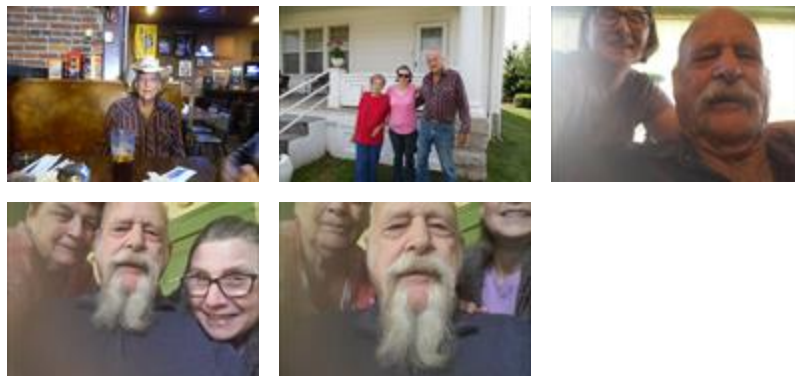
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Cheri Youmans - February 20, 2021 at 03:47 PM

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“ 9 files added to the album Memories Album



Cheri Youmans - February 20, 2021 at 03:35 PM

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**Cheri Davis Youmans** - February 20, 2021 at 03:26 PM

JE

“ *In a place that lacked joy, you brought laughter and love. I wish I had gotten the chance to visit with you one more time. I will think of you often and share your wild stories to others for years to come. I'm so happy that you are back with you wife. My deepest condolences to your family.*

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**Jenny** - February 20, 2021 at 03:07 PM

CY

*Thank you Jenny for your kind words. His stories were truly wild!*

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**Cheri Davis Youmans** - February 20, 2021 at 03:20 PM

DY

“ *I will miss you dearly. You was like a father to me.*



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**David H Youmans** - February 20, 2021 at 01:55 PM

CY

“ I miss you dad very much. I miss your laugh and your smile. You were always my light. You are with mom now and the angels. You will no longer be heartbroken and filled with sadness. You will be filled with God's love, at peace, and angel's by your side giving eternal comfort. From daddy's little girl, love, kisses, and hugs Cheri



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**Cheri Davis Youmans** - February 20, 2021 at 01:49 PM

ML

*I met Bill once. He is my husband's uncle (Lucy's oldest son Steve). Both him and Donna were so hospitable and fun to be around. Sympathies to your family. Maybe we can meet some day.*

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**Marla Ledgerwood** - February 20, 2021 at 09:20 PM

CY

*Marla I would like to meet my side of my family one day. Are you also in Arizona?*

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**Cheri Youmans** - February 22, 2021 at 05:05 PM