



## Glenn Kenneth Davis

May 31, 1929 - August 8, 2021

Glenn Kenneth Davis, 92, of Vienna, Virginia, died peacefully at home early Sunday morning, August 8, 2021. The son of Kenneth Samuel and Meta Montena Davis, Glenn is survived by his best friend and wife of 47 years, Carolyn, two daughters, Debbie Mason (Dave) and Ann Johnson (Alex), and two sons, Glenn K. Davis II (Melanie) and Lehi Davis. In addition he is survived by 15 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild.

Born and raised in North Creek in the Adirondack Mountains of upstate New York when times were hard, yet simple, Glenn led a unique and interesting life. He traversed the mountains to hunt, fish, trap, and work in the woods with his father and brothers, Gene and Guy. He grew up learning to work and to serve others, but there was still time to excel at his favorite sport of skiing. He also excelled as a soda jerk behind the counter at the local drugstore, a talent he used later in life as he served chocolate ice cream sodas to many friends and soon-to-be friends over the years.

With fellow classmates having been drafted to serve in World War II, Glenn graduated from high school in 1946 as the only male member of his senior class of three. Later that summer he enlisted in the Army at the age of 17 and served in Japan in the Army of Occupation. After his discharge from the Army, he worked various jobs until his formal training as a photographer landed him

a job setting up the photo lab for a civil engineering firm where he later became a very successful line pilot. Although he loved flying he moved on to a position at Bausch & Lomb where he worked in research & development and later in sales and service. Eventually he and Carolyn set up their own family business in optical sales and service.

As a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Glenn served in many different callings but most especially was an executive secretary to a number of Bishops, Stake Presidents, and Mission Presidents. He always said, "He who prepares the agenda, controls the meeting" – and he prepared the agenda! Mission service was also important as Glenn and Carolyn served two missions together and for several years opened their home to those serving missions in the area, providing a home away from home for missionaries while they, too, served others.

Over the years serving was second nature to Glenn. He is described in endearing terms by everyone who knew him – words such as loving, considerate, generous, wise, and kind are used repeatedly – a gentleman's gentleman. He had a great sense of humor matched only by his greatness as a storyteller. He often said, "Never let the truth interfere with a good story."

As is true with all good storytellers, quotes tend to make their way into legendary status, and Glenn was no exception. He was fond of saying "Life is short, eat dessert first" and "Keep on gittin' it." But the quote best describing his outlook and his place in this world is "Life is good."

Yes, life is good – because Glenn K. Davis was part of it for a lot of people.

Family will greet friends Monday evening, August 16, 2021, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1325 Scotts Run Road, McLean, Virginia. Services will be held at the same location on

Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. followed by interment with Military Honors at 2:00 p.m. at Quantico National Cemetery, 18424 Joplin Road, Triangle, VA 22172. Masks will be required at these live events.

The funeral services will also be broadcast online at <https://zoom.us/j/87653686431?pwd=dGgvUG44b3lVYUtpZ0dUWjFmZm5zUT09>

In lieu of flowers, we invite you to consider a donation to one of the following or a charity of your choice.

Latter-day Saint Charities <https://www.latterdaysaintcharities.org>

National Down Syndrome Society <https://www.ndss.org>

National Ataxia Foundation <https://www.ataxia.org>

# Cemetery Details

## Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Rd  
Triangle, VA 22172-1636  
(703) 221-2183

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
1325 Scotts Run Road  
McLean, VA

## Funeral Service

AUG 17. 10:30 AM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
1325 Scotts Run Road  
McLean, VA

# Tribute Wall

BY

“ *Brent and I have SO many fun memories of Glenn, and when he married Carolyn, there were even more memories going back to our single days in the original Washington Ward. Words cannot express what great people they have been and the service rendered, not to mention sense of humor and great stories. My kids have fond memories of going to Glenn for help ordering their glasses and frames. Glenn had the greatest smile and welcome of anyone.*

*Brent & Kathryn Yeates*

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**Brent & Kathryn Yeates** - August 17, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ *For twenty years (1980-2000) we lived in Vienna , Vienna and went to church with Glen and Carolyn. They were always so quiet when we were together. They were very kind to our deceased son, Brad and always made him feel so special. Glen touched so many lives throughout the years. We send our love and prayers to Carolyn and their family. Until we meet again, we will remember Glen with love and respect.*

*Gary and Linda Rogers, Washington, Utah*

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**Linda Rogers** - August 16, 2021 at 10:59 PM

DH

“ *I am so grateful for those moments we shared in Vienna Ward with the Dais family. I loved reading your tribute to this amazing man that exemplifies the definition of Charity. Thank you for so many wonderful memories.*

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**Debbie Horne** - August 16, 2021 at 05:50 PM

YR

“ *Yadira Ramos purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Glenn Kenneth Davis.*



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**Yadira Ramos** - August 16, 2021 at 04:40 PM

JM

“ *What a shock to hear of Glenn's passing. He was a marvelous man, always helpful and always there when you needed him. He did so much when we had our Chesapeake Chapter meetings--he'd do anything that needed to be done with a smile. How blessed this world is by his many, many good deeds. And Carolyn, you were always there by his side. What a wonderful team you were. You and your family are in my prayers as you grieve the loss of him. I will attend the zoom service for him. Much love, Jenean McKay 202-966-9149*

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**Jenean McKay** - August 16, 2021 at 02:40 PM

JS

“ *Glenn was a great story teller. Usually when I archery hunted on his property Glenn would be waiting on his porch to see how my luck was. We often talked about our families and our work history. He was very proud of his family. Glenn understood the importance hunting had on his yards ecology (keeping the deer away from his shrubs and vegetables). He never failed to say as I was leaving "We appreciate you, come anytime". I will miss our socializing, but the memories of my friend will always be with me.*

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**Jim Smith** - August 16, 2021 at 09:01 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Glenn Kenneth Davis.*



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August 15, 2021 at 10:58 PM



“ *Glenn will always be "Dad" to me. No one had a bigger heart with so much love to share. And what a sweet partner he found in Carolyn. I am forever grateful that you both kept a place in your hearts for me and my family.*

*Kelly Barber-Wilburn*

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**Kelly Barber-Wilburn** - August 14, 2021 at 08:49 PM

JG

*I visited Kelly many times in her home as we were teenagers together in the Vienna Ward. Brother Davis was always warm and friendly to me and I remember him always having a funny story to share and being light hearted and so kind to everyone who entered his home. Saddened for your loss Kelly but so happy to know he led such a full rich and long life! His obituary is wonderful just as he was! Sending much love and heartfelt condolences to your family at this tender time  
♥ So thankful to have known this great man personally♥*

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**Julie Chapman Gifford** - August 16, 2021 at 12:40 PM

KB

“ *Kelly Barber-Wilburn purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Glenn Kenneth Davis.*



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**Kelly Barber-Wilburn** - August 14, 2021 at 08:35 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Glenn Kenneth Davis.*



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August 14, 2021 at 03:08 PM



“ *I really got to know Glenn and Carolyn when my brother was going through cancer surgery. They invited me into their home for a peaceful place to stay during the week I was in NoVa. It was so nice to "come home" to friendly faces, good conversation and a relaxing atmosphere. They were very supportive and loving. Glenn was a very funny fellow and had quips for everything. Dessert was always on the table with the main meal and as he always stated "Dessert was not meant to eat later; eat if first and enjoy!" He will be missed but his smile remains in my heart. Carolyn is a wonderful lady and my heart goes out to her.*

*Nancy Rakes*

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**Nancy Rakes** - August 13, 2021 at 08:54 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Glenn Kenneth Davis.*



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August 13, 2021 at 12:57 AM

DL

“ Glenn and Carolyn Davis are among the very best people we have ever known.

*I had the wonderful experience of living with Glenn in his home in the year before he and Carolyn wed. We (including two other guy roommates) laughed together through an oil embargo, Glenn's Andirondack sayings, and the vicissitudes of life. When the Washington Ward had a fund raising auction. Glenn, Bill Prince and I offered an elegant dinner in Glenn's home, which was purchased by Carolyn and two other young ladies that Bill and I were dating. By the time we got the dinner organized, the two ladies were no longer dating Bill and I, but Carolyn and Glenn were progressing happily forward. We had a wonderful dinner, with Glenn serving as the master chef. Not long thereafter, we had to move out in advance of Glenn and Carolyn's wedding.*

*Jan and I met in Washington D.C. and we had some fun times with Glenn and Carolyn while we were courting. We moved to Salt Lake when we got married, where we always looked forward to annual visits from Glenn and Carolyn when they would come out west to visit family. They kindly cared for our daughter Kristin when she spent a couple of years at the University of Mary Washington. We stayed in the Davis home when we visited Washington D.C. At the conclusion of all these memorable visits, Glenn would always say "we love you." We love Glenn and Carolyn.*

*Glenn leaves a remarkable legacy of kindness. Glenn and Carolyn's inherent goodness has enriched our lives.*

*Dale & Jan Lambert*

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**Dale Lambert** - August 12, 2021 at 02:40 PM

TF

“ *The Mason, Williams, Schall Families purchased the With Distinction for the family of Glenn Kenneth Davis.*



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**The Mason, Williams, Schall Families** - August 12, 2021 at 02:03 PM

CT

“ *What a good man. He's crossed over to be in company with many friends. I'll remember him as a good friend and piano student who wanted to learn to play hymns so that he could bless the lives of others on his missions (as well as bless the unsuspecting visitor with his rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame"). Although we moved West 20 years ago, my heart is still in your area...Gary left three years ago to be in the company to welcome Glenn to his 'new' home. My best wishes, Carolyn. Thank you for your friendship. - Carole Terry*

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**Carole Terry** - August 12, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Glenn Kenneth Davis.*



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August 12, 2021 at 09:45 AM