

*To Those I Love and
To Those Who Love Me*

When I am gone release me; let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love – you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown.
But now it is time I traveled on alone.
So, grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must;
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call. I will come.
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near;
And if you listen with your heart you will hear
All of my love around you, soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say
"Welcome Home."

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Obituary

SFC (Ret) William Alfred Davis was born on April 29, 1934, in Kinston (Lincoln City), North Carolina. He was the sixth child born to the late Virginia Dillabunt and Arthur R. Davis, Sr. William departed this earthly life on Thursday, May 25, 2023, after 89 wonderful years of life.

He was educated in the public schools of Lenoir County, North Carolina. William was a graduate of Adkin High School, where he took part in a student led walk-out to protest racial disparities during that time. He loved the sport of boxing and was known around the community as “the boxer;” in fact, he would walk around with two pairs of boxing gloves, one for him and one for any challenger. His boxing team integrated Grainger Stadium, where they were invited for a competition.

William received Christ at an early age and became a member of St. Peter’s Church. In his later years, he visited many churches and held bible study in his home.

After graduation, William enlisted in the United States Army. Shortly thereafter, William met and married Catherine Breeland. They enjoyed 63 years of marriage before God called her home. William retired, after 23 years of service.

After retiring, he furthered his education at Midlands Technical College, where he earned certificates in Brick Masonry, Carpentry, and Welding. William went on to work for the V.A. Hospital, where he retired for a second time.

William was a strong and quiet man, who left a positive impression on everyone who knew him. He was dedicated to his family and always set the example.

SFC (Ret) William Alfred Davis was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine and his daughter, Sandra. He is survived by his children: Arthur Davis (Terri), of Austin, TX, Alfred Davis (Angela), of Fayetteville, NC, and Stacey Davis, of Columbia, SC; a sister, Carrie Young (Steven), of Fort Washington, MD; two brother, Melvin Davis, of Manhattan, NY and Bobby Davis (Eleanor), of Charlotte, NC; six grandchildren, Dallas, Tesia, Ayana, Amarah, Shabria, and Ari; one great-grandchild, De’Leona; one goddaughter, D’Asia; a host of nieces, nephews, many other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Funeral Service
Wednesday, May 31, 2023- 1:00 p.m.

Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina



Presentation of Military Honors

Call to Worship

Scripture.....Matthew 25:23

Prayer.....Elder Alfred Davis

Selection.....Grandchildren

Words of ComfortElder Alfred Davis

Committal and Benediction.....Elder Alfred Davis



Acknowledgement

We, the family of SFC (Ret) William Alfred Davis, wish to thank each of you for the many loving and wonderful acts of kindness rendered, during the illness and passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you with His grace and mercy.