



## Mr. John Oscar Davis

August 3, 1949 - November 20, 2025

Mr. John Tillman Davis and Mrs. Prince Eva Freeman Davis welcomed their firstborn child, John Oscar Davis, on August 3, 1949, in Lee County, Alabama. John was the eldest of three children.

Rooted in a strong religious upbringing, John accepted Christ at an early age and

embraced the importance of serving God. He was baptized at Nazareth Missionary

Baptist Church, where his lifelong faith journey began. His connection to Nazareth

shaped his character and guided his walk with Christ. A devoted and active member of

his beloved church, John served faithfully as a Deacon for over 50 years. He sang in the

male chorus, served as an usher, and chaired both the Trustee Board and the Finance

Committee. He especially loved the children of the church.

Raised in the Salem community, John attended Wacoochee High School in Salem,

Alabama, graduating with the Class of 1967. Contrary to what many believed because

of his height, he did not play basketball—he always joked that talent was passed down to his cousins in Birmingham. Instead, he poured his passion into coaching the Sweet City Royals baseball team in “Sweet City,” Opelika, Alabama. His daughter fondly remembers running to her dad on the field during those games. As the oldest child, John learned the values of hard work and leadership early in life. He worked at the Mill and spent more than 30 years with Flowers Bakery, a place he cherished deeply, and retired there in 2014. A pillar of the Salem community, John and a group of close friends founded Tangent Inc., an organization dedicated to building homes and giving back to their community. Foresight for small businesses and inherited craftsmanship.

On Thursday, November 20, 2025, God called John home to eternal rest. Surrounded by love, he peacefully exchanged life for eternity at Piedmont Columbus Regional (Midtown) in Columbus, Georgia.

Cherishing his memory and celebrating his life are his devoted wife of 53 years, Edelena Davis, of Salem, AL; his beloved daughter, Talisha (Ken) Lockhart of Smiths Station, AL; and his treasured grandson, Jamari Brown, also of Smiths Station. He is also survived by his brothers, Willie Curt (Ruth) Davis and Clinton Alexander, both of

Opelika, AL; sisters-in-law Georgia (Walter) Cooper, Nancy (John) Thomas, Odell

(Darnell) Gentry, Annie (Robert) Marshall, and Annie Servant; bonus daughters Mae

and Tywanda Davis; bonus son Ike (Charlene) Mathews; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and close friends.

John's life, faith, and good works will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

# Cemetery Details

## Garden Hills Cemetery

1218 Frederick Road  
Opelika, AL 36801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 25. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home  
1016 McCoy Street  
Opelika, AL 36801  
(334) 745-6473  
pw1016mccoy@hotmail.com

## Lie in state

NOV 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nazareth Baptist Church  
4454 Lee Road 166  
Opelika, AL 36804

## Service

NOV 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

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4454 Lee Road 166  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Peterson and Williams Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. John Oscar Davis*



**Peterson and Williams Funeral Home** - November 25, 2025 at 02:07 PM

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*To the family of brother John Oscar, with sincere heartfelt sympathy, much love, and many prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. May God give each of you peace, comfort and strength during this most difficult time. ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏🌹🌹🌹🕊️🕊️🕊️*

*Faye Vaughn-Ingram and family*

**S. Faye Ingram** - November 25, 2025 at 06:47 PM

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“ *We express our deepest sympathies on the loss of Mr. John Oscar Davis. We will continue to pray for you all. James Stinson and Family*

**James Stinson** - November 25, 2025 at 06:51 PM



“ 33 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Peterson and Williams Funeral Home** - November 25, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ *From the Baker Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. John Oscar Davis.*



**From the Baker Family** - November 25, 2025 at 06:47 AM



“ *Mitchell & Adele Holmes Wilborn lit a candle in memory of John Davis*



**Mitchell & Adele Holmes Wilborn** - November 24, 2025 at 09:51 PM

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“ *Betty Heard lit a candle in memory of John Davis*



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**Betty Heard** - November 24, 2025 at 09:40 PM

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“ *Constance Echols lit a candle in memory of John Davis*



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**Constance Echols** - November 23, 2025 at 02:33 PM