



Paul Davis

February 24, 1929 - October 14, 2011

Paul was born on Feb, 24, 1929, in Bethany Oklahoma. He was the eleventh and final child of the Rev. H. H. and Vina Davis.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Patricia (Crittenden) Davis, five sisters and three brothers.

Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Irene Davis of the home, two sisters- Mildred Cowles of California and Lucille Exum of California, his sons Paul Davis, Jr. (Butch) and wife Tammy of Chapel Hill N. C., John Eccles of Norman, OK, James Eccles and wife Cindy of Broken Arrow OK. He is also survived by his daughter Pam (Davis) Parkerson and husband J.D. of Vinita Ok, and Linda (Eccles) Aldridge and husband Mike of Alexandria Va.

He is also survived by eight grandchildren: Jay Aldridge and wife Jen, Scott Aldridge, Jody Parkerson , Grady Parkerson , Drew Davis, John, Tyler and Rebecca Eccles. One great-grandchild, Michael Aldridge.

Paul attended schools in several states growing up before the family finally settled in Springdale, Arkansas. He graduated from Springdale High School in 1947 and Northeastern State University in Tahlequah in 1952. While attending NSU, he became a four-year letterman in football and boxing. He was a member of the NSU boxing Team that won a State Championship in 1950. He

was a state finalist in the Oklahoma Golden Gloves Boxing tournament in 1950 and the Eastern District Golden Gloves Champion in 1951. Also in 1951, he was co-captain, All Conference and leading scorer of the Redmen Football team, and a member of the 1952 Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference Champion Redmen Football Team.

Sports continued to be an important part of Paul's life. He was an avid golfer, golfing from Virginia, to Hawaii and everywhere in between. He was a member of the Springdale Country Club for 30 years and served on the Board of Directors several times.

He was a well respected football coach and school administrator in the Grove, Bixby and Collinsville School districts for 37 years. Among his achievements he was most proud of being inducted into 5 Athletic Halls of Fame. In 1993, he was inducted into the Northeastern State University Athletic Hall of Fame. Grove Oklahoma placed him into the Ridgerunner Hall of Fame in 1997. He was given the Oklahoma Coaches Association Hall of Fame Distinguished Service Award in 2004. In 2006, he was inducted into both the Bixby High School of Hall of Fame and the Springdale High School Hall of Fame. He served in the United States Navy from 1948 to 1949.

In 1991, he retired and returned to Springdale where he continued to golf, travel, and entertain his friends and family with his wit and wisdom. He was loved by many and will be missed by all who knew him.

Funeral services will be Monday, 9 a.m. at First Church of the Nazarene in Fayetteville with Pastor Heath Kelly officiating. Burial will be in the Bluff Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Sunday, from 2 to 4pm at Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale.

Memorials may be made to Northeastern State University Football Program,

600 N. Grand Ave.
Tahlequah, OK 74464.

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Davis*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *The Tar Heel Nation sends deepest sympathy to the Davis family and friends at the lost of their loved one.*

May God comfort you and keep you during these difficult times. He is always there for us and his grace endures forever.

May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM



“ *I would like to express my condolences to coach Davis family. I was a member of the 1958 Grove football team . My dad and Paul were good friends also. So sorry for your loss*
Marvin and Sandy Hoover

May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM



“ *Paul Davis was my friend, my buddy, my brother. When he was 2 years old and I was 4 I pulled him out of the fish pond which was 4 feet deep and saved his life. Every year on his birthday card I wrote a note telling him I was still glad I pulled him of the fish pond.I spent 4 days with him near the end of his life. One of the last things he said to me was, "Thanks for pulling me out of the pond." The world is a better place because of Paul and Heaven is now richer by far. My deep sympathy to Irene, Butch, Pam and the grandchildren.*
Much love, Lucille (Lou)Exum

October 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Pam and family,
So sorry for your loss. He was a special man and fortunate to have lived such an active life and have such a wonderful family.

October 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Coach Davis. He was the only person my father Jim Beauchamp referred to as "Coach". The impact he had on my Dads life is immeasurable. My fathers success as a Major League Baseball player and his subsequent 50 years in Professional Baseball, I don't think would have ever happened without Coach Davis' guidance and teaching him the toughness it takes to be an elite athlete. A coaches greatest legacy that will live on forever is the influences they have on their players that are handed down through not only players but from fathers to sons. I know many of Coach Davis' teachings were handed down to me through my father. As a Coach myself, I guarantee those influence will live on through many more generations of players. Thank you Coach Davis for the impact that you have had on me personally through my father Jim. To Irene, Butch, and Pam, and the rest of the Davis family, the Beauchamps send their sincere condolences. God Bless. Kash

October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Coach Davis was my Psychology teacher my Senior year in HS. I still smile when I think of him and some of his "witty" comments. You'll be missed, Coach! Looking forward to seeing you again some day.

October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Im had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Paul Davis as I assisted him and his wife in selecting wine at Cheers Wine shoppe in Springdale. It was a great honor for me to know him personally. He will be sorely missed.*

October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Our families worked together building the Nazarene Church in Springdale. After my parents, John and Agnes Conkle, moved to Goshen, we shared fellowship in our living room until the Goshen Church could be built. During the first years at Goshen, your parents were one of the first pastors there. We have fond memories of the Davis family.*

October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pam and family,
So sorry for your loss. I just read your dad's obituary. What an amazing life and how proud you must be of him. My prayers are with you and your family. With sympathy, Michelle*

October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *i knew Mr Davis for a long time, My Dad ED LANGBEIN worked for Mr. Davis in Springdale,he was a sheet rock hanger. I moved to Collinsville nd Mr. Davis was the princial at Middle School where my children attended. I was in the 6th grade with Butch in Springdale. Mr. Davis was a very nice man. He will be missed. My prayers are with his family. Gail Rogers (Langbein)*

October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM