



## Mr. Bernard Lurie Davis Sr.

October 6, 1932 - April 28, 2025

Join the family as we celebrate the 92 years of life for Bernard L Davis, Sr.:

Bernard entered this world on October 16, 1932 in Toledo, Ohio and relocated to his spiritual home on April 28, 2025.

Bernard was perceived in death by his wife of 49 years, Pearl Davis, both of his parents Dorothy Mc Knight and Julius Davis; his Sisters Lucille Broom and Delores Warren; his son-in-law and grandson Gerard Barcroft and GW.

To say Bernard L Davis, Sr., lived a full life is an understatement. He graduated for Joseph W Scott High School in 1950, where shortly after graduation he joined the United States Army. While enlisted in the Service he married his childhood sweetheart Pearl, and after faithfully serving his country, he returned to his family in Toledo. To that union was born LaVonne S. Davis-Temple (Jeffrey), Nita Barcroft, Bernie and Dorothy Hill (Stephan).

Mr. Davis loved cars. He was known for his mechanical skills throughout the neighborhood and at church. He attended Macomber Automotive class and while employed at Sears and Roebuck he was able to cultivate his skills; and as an employee at Chrysler Jeep was able to build his leadership skills. He retired from Jeep in the early 90's and he was truly able to enjoy his time in the garage.

When he was not in the garage, he was driving that 1975 brown conversion van wherever he wanted. He talked on that CB and drove with his people EVERYWHERE. Those people included Pearl, Gerald and Dot Quinn, along with Tommy and Barbara Williams. We have so many pictures of all the places they have been, with the Ohio State Fair as their favorite place to go year after year.

Besides working on cars and traveling, Mr. Davis loved to bowl. He bowled into his late 70's and was part of the Young Seniors bowling league and President of the Southwyck Monday night Christian League for at least 35 years.

Mr. Davis was a man of few words, except when it came to "Ushering". Mr. Davis was the Ohio State President for many years and traveled all over the city, state and country teaching people how to usher. If he wasn't traveling with the ICUA he would be traveling with his Masonic PHamily. Mr. Davis was the 1982 Worshipful Master of Amazon Lodge #4 a member of St. Matthews Consistory No. 24 and Mecca Temple No. 43, throughout his time on earth.

Mr. Bernard L Davis was not a perfect man but he was a GOOD father and GREAT granddad. He made sure to be a positive role model for his family, stayed active in the church as a member of the Trustee Board, Sunday School and Lay Council. He did what he wanted when he wanted, on his own time. To live out his legacy, he is blessed to leave his 4 children, 6 grandkids, 11 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandson; along with his sister and brother Robin and Robert, his loving nephews/nieces, cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 West Central Avenue  
Toledo, OH

# Previous Events

## Wake Service

MAY 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul AME Zion Church  
954 Belmont Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43607

## Funeral Service

MAY 9. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul AME Zion Church  
954 Belmont Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43607

# Tribute Wall

RA

“ *My condolences to the family of Mr. Davis. I remember him as a faithful man who served dutifully and loved his family.*

Rine Allison - May 14, 2025 at 08:17 PM

MW

“ *Marilyn P Watson lit a candle in memory of Bernard Davis*



Marilyn P Watson - May 12, 2025 at 05:24 PM

MA

“ *My sincerely condolences to Von, family and loved ones of Uncle Bernard. May God continue to strengthen and keep you all. Marie B (Boobie friend)*



Marie - May 09, 2025 at 03:00 PM

BF

“ *Barbara Brown and Family*



Barbara Brown and Family - May 08, 2025 at 11:12 PM

BF

“ *Barbara Brown and Family lit a candle in memory of Bernard Davis*



Barbara Brown and Family - May 08, 2025 at 11:11 PM

BF

“ *Barbara Brown and Family lit a candle in memory of Bernard Davis*



Barbara Brown and Family - May 08, 2025 at 11:09 PM

DR

“ *To the entire Davis family we extend our sincere condolences. I believe Mr. Davis was the last of the Senior Usher Board to make his transition. Asking the Father Almighty to grant you His comfort and peace.*  
*Love Deborah Rivers and Family*

Deborah Rivers - May 08, 2025 at 06:53 PM

RR

“ *To the family of Bernard Davis Sr. The Bates and Watson family sends their deepest sympathy to each of you. We are praying that the Lord send comforting angels and that each of of you are provided peace, comfort and strength that is needed. God's grace, mercy and love to all of you. We love you all. Blessing. Sis. Rachael Bates, Dee Bates and Watson Family members.*

Rachael Ridley - May 08, 2025 at 01:24 PM

“ *In Loving Memory of Bernard Davis*  
1932–2025

*I've known my brother Bernard Davis for 67 years, with cherished memories going all the way back to when I was just two or three years old. Some of my earliest recollections are of Bernard living right across the alley from us on Lincoln Avenue, before the I-75 construction project displaced our home. Back then, it was common for Daddy, Robin, and me to cross the alley to visit—especially during cookouts. Bernard always welcomed us with warmth, smiles, and kindness.*

*As the years passed, Bernard and I became closer. He often shared personal stories and reflections with me, and I deeply valued our time together. One special memory was spending time with him during our family reunion in St. Louis—a gathering filled with laughter and love.*

*I'll never forget the time he picked up Robin, my mom, and me in what must have been an early 1950s vehicle—a big, rounded car with a hump running through the back seat, likely where the transmission was. For a little kid, it was a ride I'd never experienced before—and the memory never faded.*

*Bernard wasn't just a brother. He was a helper, a skilled mechanic, and a quiet hero in so many moments. Whenever one of my cars broke down, Bernard was always there—sometimes for hours—working in his exceptionally well-equipped garage like a master craftsman. What seemed impossible to most was routine to him. He was patient, focused, and incredibly generous with his time.*

*The last job he did for me was in 2010. My Chrysler Sebring had over 206,000 miles on it, and I was convinced it had taken its final trip. But Bernard brought it back to life. That car ran again because of him. And when the time came, he even sold it to recover the repair costs—never asking for anything more.*

*Bernard was never one to sit still. He was always active, always fixing, always improving. I remember when he fixed up Daddy's house on Oakwood. He seemed like a man in his early 50s—but that was 25 years ago, which would have put him in his late 60s at the time. His energy and dedication never ceased to amaze me.*

*I admired Bernard not only for his work ethic but for his quiet leadership. He served faithfully as a Deacon at St. Paul AME Zion, and we often talked about city affairs, the upkeep of the church grounds, and the potential purchase of adjacent land. Bernard also had a strong presence at work—he was well respected at the Jeep Corporation. In fact, he helped me get hired there in 1978. That summer job gave me a paycheck that felt huge at the time and helped support my college education.*

*I always enjoyed visiting Bernard and Pearl at their Brookley home. Pearl was one of the sweetest and most gracious hosts I've ever known. It was in their home that I became fascinated with photography, looking through hundreds of photos and memories that Bernard had so carefully captured over the years with his very sophisticated camera.*

*Bernard was a man of quiet strength, enduring kindness, and remarkable resourcefulness. He lived 92 full years, and in that time, he gave our family more than we could ever count—through memories, meals, repairs, rides, and steady support.*

*Today, I say goodbye for now not just to a brother, but to a protector, a fixer, and a lifelong friend. Rest peacefully, Bernard. Your kindness and presence will remain with us always.*

*'His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord'.—Matthew 25:23*

CS

“ It’s hard to understand why people are taken from us, but find comfort in knowing you were a special part of a well lived life.

*Dt. Charlesena H, Smith*

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**Charlesena Smith** - May 07, 2025 at 09:55 PM

AF

“ Angie Irons, Ronella Moore and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Bernard Lurie Davis Sr..



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**Angie Irons, Ronella Moore and Family** - May 07, 2025 at 09:22 PM

GJ

“ May your heart find comfort knowing that your love one is at home with the Lord  
Love Gwendolyn E.March Jones and Family



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**Gwendolyn E.March Jones** - May 07, 2025 at 05:37 PM

CF

“ To the family of Bernard Davis Sr. The Fletcher family sends their deepest sympathy to each of you. Praying that each of you will be blessed with the peace, comfort and strength you need at this time. Bernard was a faithful member of St. Paul AME Zion church and he will be missed. God’s blessings to all of you.....The Fletcher Family

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**Carol Fletcher** - May 06, 2025 at 04:45 PM