



Claude Ray Davis

February 1, 1931 - March 3, 2025

Claude Davis, 94, of Petersburg, Illinois, passed away on Monday, March 3, 2025, at Springfield Memorial Hospital. He was born February 1, 1931, to Epsie and Annie (nee Perry) Davis in Tallula, Illinois.

Claude graduated from Greenview High School in 1949. He later joined the United States Army and served in Germany from 1951 until he was discharged in 1953. After his service, he married Mary Hansen on July 24, 1954, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Petersburg. He and Mary loved to travel the eastern part of the United States.

Claude was a self-employed contractor who built many homes in his lifetime and he enjoyed every minute of it. He attended several all-men's gatherings called the Promise Keepers in several states. He was also an elder and Sunday school superintendent at a former church and recently attended First Baptist Church. He was invited to take the Honor Flight in 2013 which he was very proud of.

Claude is survived by his wife of 70 years, Mary; his daughters, Denise (husband Bruce) Boeker, Brenda (companion Mark Rebbe) Davis and Teresa (husband Mike) Sexton; his grandchildren, Jenna Boeker, Brandon Boeker, Bridget Davis, Devin Sexton and Brady Sexton; and his great grandchildren, Emily Bennett, Kaci Boeker, Lainey Barth, Landyn Barth, Joslyn Boeker and

Dylan Sexton.

Claude was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Greg Davis; a grandson, Dylan Sexton; and his siblings, Perry Davis, Louise Feese, Marie Davis, Ira Davis, Leslie Davis and Danny Davis.

A visitation will be held on Friday, March 7, 2025, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg. The funeral service will begin at 11:00 am, also at the funeral home, with Pastor Rob Gallion officiating. Burial will immediately follow the service at Oakland Cemetery in Petersburg with military rites performed by the Menard County Inter Veterans Ceremony Unit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church at 103 W. Sangamon St, Petersburg, Illinois 62675, or Tunnels to Towers Foundation at 2361 Hylan Blvd, Staten Island, New York 10306, or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting Claude's family with arrangements. Please visit his online obituary at hurleyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

17536 Oakland Terrace Ave
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-3022

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg
122 West Douglas Avenue
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2500
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

MAR 7 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JT

“ Claude and Les along with Greg built our home in 1976. It's so solid. We are so pleased that we hired him to do it. It will serve another family well after we are done with it. It's so well built. I encouraged Brenda to take a photo of each home Claude built.

Janene Tice - March 09, 2025 at 06:46 PM

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“ Teri H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claude Ray Davis.

Teri H. - March 06, 2025 at 12:39 PM

MH

“ Mary and Larry Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Claude Davis



Mary and Larry Hundt - March 06, 2025 at 08:36 AM

GN

“ Claude built our first home out east of Petersburg in 1982. There was no need to monitor their work because Claude did not take shortcuts! He was the nicest, soft spoken person! Rest In Peace Claude. Prayers for comfort for Mary and daughters knowing he is no longer in pain. Rita and Greg

greg noll - March 06, 2025 at 12:09 AM

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“ Larry & Lisa Garber and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claude Ray Davis.

Larry & Lisa Garber and family - March 05, 2025 at 09:54 PM

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“ Larry & Lisa Garber and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Claude Ray Davis.



Larry & Lisa Garber and family - March 05, 2025 at 09:54 PM