



Richard B. Davidage

July 9, 1932 - July 17, 2025

Richard Bruce Davidage, 93, of Havana, passed away at 3:54am on July 17th, at Arcadia Care Havana. He was born July 9, 1932, at home in Athens, Illinois, to Richard A. and Mercedes J. (Knox) Davidage. He attended grade school in Athens until the family moved to Springfield in 1942, when he then attended Harvard Park Elementary and graduated from Feitshans High School in 1950.

On November 29, 1953, he married Evelyn Mae Rollet at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. From that union of 59 years, they had three children: Rick (Tami) Davidage of Havana, Cheryl (Dr. Bob) Stinauer of Havana, and Lori (Dean) Sisson of Kilbourne. Also surviving are two brothers, Loren (Florence) Davidage of Springfield, and Tom (Claudia) Davidage of Worden, six Grandchildren, 11 Great-Grandchildren, one Great-Great Granddaughter (another on the way), and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

He enlisted in the Air National Guard from 1951-1957, serving two tours as a P-51 armament specialist, and during which time he was activated for two years. He worked as a heavy machinery operator and test technician for Allis-Chalmers and Fiat-Allis for 35 years in Springfield and then notably, he helped open and close the proving grounds north of Bluff City, IL. Following his first retirement, he worked as a custodian at Havana Elementary and Havana

Junior High School until he finally retired in 1997.

In retirement, he was an avid long-distance runner, completing two full marathons and competing in numerous races, including the first 15 Havana Polka Pace races with a personal best of 19:22 in that 5Km race at the age of 60. He and Evelyn loved to polka dance and were active in the "POLK of A" for many years.

Visitation will be held at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana on Sunday, July 20, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Private graveside services will be held at Joel Hall Cemetery in Athens, IL at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Havana Park District. Online condolences can be left for his family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Joel Hall Cemetery

Athens, IL 62613

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **20**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana
217 North Plum Street
P.O. Box #648
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2244
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Tribute Wall

OF

“ *Attended Feitshans and knew Dick. One of the nicest guys. Condolences to his family and know he will be sadly missed.* ”

Otto Fafoglia - August 03, 2025 at 09:39 AM

GT

“ *We are sorry for your loss . Gina and Scott Taylor* ”

Gina Taylor - July 31, 2025 at 07:51 AM

CW

“ *Cheri Wilcoxen lit a candle in memory of Richard Davidage* ”



Cheri Wilcoxen - July 24, 2025 at 08:50 PM

JK

“ *Sorry for your loss, sending prayers to all the family.* ”

Judy & John Karl - July 24, 2025 at 11:31 AM

PG

“ *Patricia Gilbreath lit a candle in memory of Richard Davidage* ”



Patricia Gilbreath - July 22, 2025 at 11:46 AM

AS

“ American Metals Supply purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Richard B. Davidage.



American Metals Supply - July 21, 2025 at 03:15 PM

RS

“ Our sincere sympathy for your loss. Cherish your memories.
Darell and Rosanne Sarff

Rosanne Sarff - July 20, 2025 at 03:49 PM

CK

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers to the family.

Carol Fisk Kolves - July 19, 2025 at 10:40 PM

LF

“ Love, The Yontz Family purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Richard B. Davidage.



Love, The Yontz Family - July 19, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard B. Davidage.

July 19, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard B. Davidage.*



July 19, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ *Cheryl, Rick and Lori,
My deepest condolences to you and your families. While I did not know your father, I do know the wonderful children he and your mom raised, and that is a testament to them. I will keep him in my prayers.*

Mary (Fletcher) Bares

Mary Bares - July 18, 2025 at 03:21 PM



“ *alice miller lit a candle in memory of Richard Davidage*



alice miller - July 18, 2025 at 12:36 PM



I remember your family from Spring street in Springfield. So sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace.

Kurt Mundstock - August 02, 2025 at 05:24 PM

RK

“ Rene K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard B. Davidage.

Rene K. - July 18, 2025 at 11:35 AM

RK

“ Rene K. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Richard B. Davidage.



Rene K. - July 18, 2025 at 11:35 AM

LW

“ Lori and Dan Wright lit a candle in memory of Richard Davidage



Lori and Dan Wright - July 18, 2025 at 11:13 AM

LH

“ Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Davidage



Larry and Mary Hundt - July 18, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard B. Davidage.

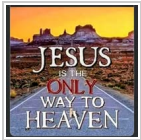
July 18, 2025 at 10:32 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard B. Davidage.



July 18, 2025 at 10:32 AM



“ He was one of the sweetest people I knew. He always had a smile a chuckle and onery at times. I love him dearly and it breaks my heart to see him go. My deepest condolences to his children Rick, Cheryl, and Lori, I'm sorry to hear about your dad. He held one special place in my heart.

Christina Switzer - July 18, 2025 at 12:49 AM



“ Crystal Felles lit a candle in memory of Richard B. Davidage



crystal felles - July 17, 2025 at 09:15 PM

LT

“ So sorry for your family's loss! Prayers for comfort & peace during a very difficult time!
Sincerely, Lisa Ulrich Thompson



Lisa Ulrich Thompson - July 17, 2025 at 06:08 PM

NE

“ Nancy Elliott lit a candle in memory of Richard B. Davidage



Nancy Elliott - July 17, 2025 at 05:22 PM

DW

“ Sorry for your loss



Dan and Chris Wilson - July 17, 2025 at 05:00 PM