



## Donald J. Davis

September 16, 1961 - January 14, 2020

Loving husband and father, Donald J Davis, 58 of Charlotte, NC, passed away peacefully on January 14th, 2020.

Born in Cedar Falls, Iowa, Don was a master craftsman in many respects. After graduating high school in Iowa, Don relocated to Charlotte, NC where he would build his life. Don worked in the restaurant business developing his cooking and baking skills, most importantly, his famous Don Davis cheesecake, which was always eagerly requested for birthdays, celebrations, and family gatherings. Don met Noreen Hastings in Charlotte, they married in 1992, and his greatest project began: raising a family.

At the same time, Don made a career change, earning his general contractor's and real estate license to become a custom home builder. Working for Simonini Builders, Don built beautiful homes for many Charlotte homeowners, winning the 2007 Home Builders Association of Charlotte's Superintendent of the Year for Custom Homes. In 2011, he started his own business, Davis Properties and Building company for which Don completed his best custom renovation work, winning many NARI, National Association of the Remolding Industry, awards and recognition for his projects. From a poolside cabana to a residential dance studio to a custom Pirate-themed playhouse, Don used his talents to improve the lives of many Charlotte residents through their homes. He also volunteered to convert an old bread truck into Mel's Diner to serve the homeless and built homes for and donated materials to Habitat for Humanity.

His most important project was the home he built for his wife and three kids. Don was very generous with his time and talents, and always reminded to his children "do what you love and love what you do." Don was a passionate Carolina Panthers football fan, a PSL owner since its inception 25 years ago, always sharing his seat with family and friends.

Don is survived by his wife, Noreen, his son Connor, his two daughters, Brenna and Cara, his father Richard "Dick" Davis of Sebring, FL and his siblings Sharon Garber of Sebring, FL, Jean Carlson of Readlyn, IA, Ron Davis and his wife Eileen of Bedford TX, and Richard Davis and wife Lori of Morris, IL, and proceeded in death by his mother, Phyllis Ann Davis. He is also survived by his brothers-in-law, Thomas Hastings (Jennifer) and Sean Hastings (Lorena), and sister-in-law Beth Hastings, and many nieces and nephews whom he all loved.

A memorial service will be held at Heritage Funeral and Cremation Services, 3700 Forest Lawn Dr. Matthews, NC 28104 at 4:30pm on Saturday, January 18th, 2020. Visitation with family will start at 3:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate in Don's name to the KEEP POUNDING Fund, part of the Atrium Health Foundation, via their website:

<http://AtriumHealthFoundation.org/tribute>. The KEEP POUNDING Fund advances and supports cancer research efforts and innovative activities at Levine Cancer Institute in honor of the late Carolina Panthers player and coach Sam Mills.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Forest Lawn East Cemetery**  
3700 Forest Lawn Dr  
Matthews, NC, 28104-7366

**JAN 18 Visitation** 03:30PM - 04:30PM  
Heritage Funeral Home, Weddington/Matthews  
3700 Forest Lawn Drive, Matthews, NC, US, 28104

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**JAN 18 Celebration of life** 04:30PM  
Heritage Funeral Home, Weddington/Matthews  
3700 Forest Lawn Drive, Matthews, NC, US, 28104

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# Comments

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“ I will always be grateful for the kindness Mr. Davis showed to me and my family. He was always at Connor and I's rugby games whether we won by a lot or lost by a mile. We shared a mutual love/ temporary dislike for the Panthers. Such a strong family man. Sending the Davis family all our love and prayers.

Brandon, Heath, Linda & Jonathan Sorkin

Brandon Sorkin - February 18 at 09:36 PM

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“ Don was warm, welcoming and supportive to my family when we moved to Charlotte. He probably formed his first impression of me when, at one of his Simonini projects, I emphatically tried to open the door of a freezer that was in the act of sealing shut and tore a portion of the wood paneling and handle clear off the metal. But, despite my lack of builder's knowledge (and common sense), he later graciously allowed me to join his business starting in 2011, and for a little more than a year I had the chance to work alongside and learn (a lot) from the team he built as his business grew. In every project he had me work on, he showed the same knack for connecting genuinely with people as a contractor / business partner / boss / friend all at once, and demonstrated kind and gentle leadership that in itself was a great lesson to me. The pride he took in his work as a project came to fruition was also a meaningful moment to witness, and something to strive for. I will always be thankful to Don, and continue to admire those qualities that made him such a wonderful person.

Ryan Boyer

Ryan Boyer - January 18 at 10:06 PM

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“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Donald J. Davis.



January 17 at 11:18 PM

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“ Noreen, Connor, Brenna & Cara,

I am so so sorry for the loss of Don. He left way too soon! If you need anything at all, please do not hesitate to reach out to us!

Mattie Johnson & Madeline Hawkins

Mattie Johnson - January 17 at 04:45 PM

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“ Don Davis--One of the finest men I know, always pleasant, always smiling and friendly, always willing to help others and always a loving husband, father and it shows in the lives of his children. Though I did not see him often, we did talk occasionally on the phone and I will miss him. However, I know that he is a better place and is with God and has no more pain. I will continue to pray for Don and his family and I look forward to the day when we meet again.

Don, I will always remember you thru the gift of a the Panther hat and I will wear often and think of you----I will see you again at THE GATE.

Take care my friend

Denver

Denver - January 17 at 01:58 PM

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“ Noreen, Connor, Brenna, and Cara

Our family mourns with you on the loss of Don. He was always so kind and generous, a wonderful guy to be around. We know he was the best husband and a wonderful father, too. We'll be keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers as we pray for the repose of his soul.

Much love,  
Steve & Natasha Feher

Steve Feher - January 17 at 01:08 PM

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“ Don & his brother done their best to keep Craig out of major trouble since about 8th grade, thanks to the Davis Family from the Carney Family, Prayers rest in pease Don!

Whatever we can do for the Family needs Please let us know! Francis & Lois

**Francis Carney & Craig** - January 17 at 10:32 AM

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“ Don was a pleasure to work with at Landsouth Construction. He will be truly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family in this difficult time. Please reach out if there is anything we can do for you.

Bob & Robin Hutchison

**Bob & Robin Hutchison** - January 17 at 06:13 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss, I remember Don from High School, and with what he has accomplished in his life he has left a legacy for his children and family to be proud of.

**Anthony French** - January 17 at 12:09 AM

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“ Anthony French lit a candle in memory of Donald J. Davis



**Anthony French** - January 17 at 12:06 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald J. Davis.



January 16 at 10:17 PM



“ Dear Noreen and family ~~ We were so very sorry to hear about Don's passing. He was such a kind and friendly guy who exhibited a positive attitude and was a fighter. Our hearts go out to all of you. May the grace and peace of our Lord and Savior rest upon each of you as you grieve. Truly God holds you close to His heart. We're here for you. You're in our prayers ~~ with love.  
Larry and Pam Macaluso

Larry & Pam Macaluso - January 16 at 09:59 PM



“ Don's family and friends are in my prayers as they celebrate his life and mourn this loss.

Natalie Portman - January 16 at 04:28 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Donald J. Davis.



January 16 at 03:36 PM



“ Noreen ,Brenna, Cara and Connor I was so sad to hear of Dons passing . Don was a wonderful person ,a hard worker ,husband and loving father . His memory will forever live on in you ! I'm here for you for whatever you need ,Grief has no Time Limit but you will get through this with love in your heart ,

Hildi Chinigo - January 16 at 02:00 PM



“ So sorry to the unfortunate news  
Please call to talk any time regards Michael

michael - February 18 at 02:52 PM