



## Rick Davis

February 14, 1949 - February 17, 2017

Funeral services for Mr. Rick S. Davis age 68 will be conducted Wednesday at 2 pm in Williams Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Phil Winsett officiating.

The family will receive friends Tuesday evening from 5 until 7 in Williams Funeral home and on Wednesday from 1 pm until the service hour.

Mr. Davis was a native of Atlanta and had made his home in Milledgeville for most of his life. He was the son of the late J.R. Davis, Jr and Etheleen Ladd Davis and was predeceased by a sister Peggy Davis.

Mr. Davis was retired from the Putnam County Board of Education, he was a para-pro and Special Education Teacher. He loved children and used his God given talent of teaching to touch the lives of those he taught everyday. He had a heart of gold and would do anything for others. He was a member of the Oconee River Buskers Square Dancers and held a Masters Degree and a Seminary Degree. He was a Gideon, a member and Deacon of Mosleyville Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Leslie Hellenga Davis of Milledgeville; daughter and son in law Leah Davis Gomez and Will Gomez; grandsons, Greyson Sloan Gomez and Nathan Donovan Gomez; a brother Raymond Martin "Bud" Davis and wife Sharon of Auburn, GA.

Flowers are accepted and for those who wish expressions of sympathy may be made to Gideons International, P.O. Box 97251, Washington, DC 20090-7251; or CURE Childhood Cancer, 1117 Perimeter Center West Suite N-402, Atlanta, GA 30338.

Express online condolences at [www.williamsfuneral.net](http://www.williamsfuneral.net)

Williams Funeral Home and Crematory of Milledgeville is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville  
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## Visitation

FEB 22. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Services

FEB 22. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LG

“ *Daddy, I miss you so much.* ”



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**Leah Gomez** - June 10, 2017 at 10:55 PM

JV

“ *My sympathy to Rick's family. He was a very dedicated substitute teacher.* ”

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**Jane Vedder** - February 23, 2017 at 09:21 PM

DH

“ *Leslie, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I always wish at times like this that there could be magic words that could help in removing the pain and grief that you and your family are going through. Yet words alone accomplish little. I am confident though that our collective faith will get you through this sad time. I can see from this tribute wall that you are in good hands with the number of close friends and relatives offering their support.* ”

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**DeWayne and Lori Hellenga** - February 23, 2017 at 09:22 AM

KS

“ *Leslie, Leah and family you are all in our prayers! Ricky was a great guy! I am sorry that I cannot be there to tell you in person how much all of you are loved!* ”

*Kathy & Darrell Stephens*

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**Kathy & Darrell Stephens** - February 22, 2017 at 12:58 PM

KB

“ Rick was a faithful friend and always took interest in others. Every Christmas he and his wife would go with Anna and me to look at Christmas lights. The high light of Rick's evening was to eat! Rick will be missed very much. I thank God for the opportunity to have been friends with him.

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**Kim Bragg** - February 22, 2017 at 10:22 AM

RO

“ My cousin Rick,  
Always happy and truly had the "Davis" qualities with many funny family stories. I always loved to spend time as a child at Uncle Jake and Aunt Leans growing up with Rick and Buddy. Loved playing with the many western toy figures that they had. The cookouts and homemade ice-cream and the family always loving and playing together.

I really lost contact in our adult years as I guess all of us had - but I had many great years with them (Rick & Bud every summer - all my uncles and paw-paw at the Farmers Market and I'll never forget the hot grits and plastic spider with Aunt Lean and driving at 3 yrs with Aunt Dot) and they all played a great part in my immediate family - sorry I wasn't there, but having some family emergencies that have kept me from coming - My heart goes out to all with this loss - so unexpected - I was really shocked.

Love all you guys

Rock

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**Rocky** - February 21, 2017 at 09:55 PM

DB

“ My cousin Ricky always greeted me with a warm smile, a big hug and chuckled as he shared stories (mainly about Leah). As oftentimes happens in families, we saw each other rarely as adults but I remember our early years getting together for every birthday, cookouts, and Sundays together at Maw-maw's and Paw-paw's. During our teen years, Rick spent a week with me (and my girlfriends) each summer...until he got his license. And those are some stories to tell.

*Leslie, Leah and family, may God comfort you and give you newfound strength knowing Rick's final destination. I'm sure my Aunt Leen is smiling!*

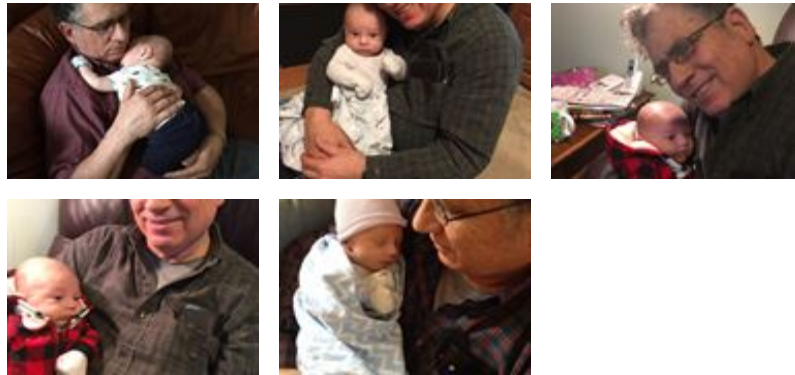
*Debbie*

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**Debbie Babb** - February 21, 2017 at 08:40 PM



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory** - February 21, 2017 at 11:50 AM

CB

“ *Leslie and Leah, I am so sorry to hear of your heartbreaking loss of your husband and father. I remember what a supportive daddy he was when Leah was at West End---always there to lend a helping hand. May God surround you with His peace and comfort in the days and weeks ahead.*  
*Hugs and Prayers,*  
*Charlotte Bearden*

Charlotte Bearden - February 21, 2017 at 11:10 AM

EH

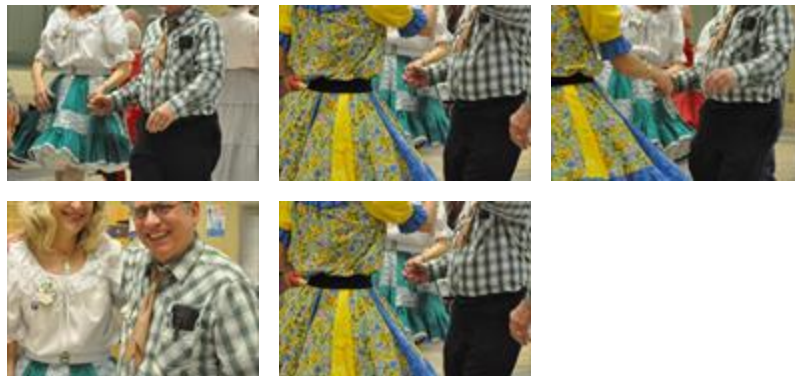
“ *I worked with Mr. Davis at Putnam County School. He was such a friendly and kind person. He always had a smile! My prayers are with his family. I am so sorry to hear this!*



Evie Hill - February 21, 2017 at 07:45 AM



“ *Rick....doing what he loved.*



Wendy Little - February 21, 2017 at 07:34 AM

MJ

“ I loved the times I got to share working with Rick at Putnam county middle school. He and I shared a love for georgia history and he was always quick to share a story with the students. If you were ever in need of anything you could count on rick davis lending a helping hand. Holly and I have very fond memories of him and his lovely wife Leslie sharing their warm spirit and smile with all.

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**Mark jones** - February 20, 2017 at 08:34 PM

RM

“ Leslie, Leah and family: Our deepest expression of sympathy to you in this time of sorrow. We have a lot of good memories with your family. It was so good to visit in your home today and fellowship with all of you.

Your new baby is so precious and brought Rick some very happy moments. Please let us know if you need anything. May God, family, friends and precious memories be of great comfort to you in the days ahead. We love you and may God bless you all. Robert and Joan



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**Robert and Joan Miller** - February 20, 2017 at 07:59 PM

CA

“ Leslie and family,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. Mr. Davis brought many laughs to me during our time working together. He made it a point to stop in and visit us at PCMS as often as he could. I always joked about him being my personal assistant as he could hear me mention an appointment or deadline aloud to myself and he'd be sure to write it down and remind me of it so as I wouldn't forget. Just an all around sweet guy. Prayers for you.

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**carla** - February 20, 2017 at 07:58 PM

NL

“ *Nita Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Rick Davis*



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**Nita Lawrence** - February 20, 2017 at 07:10 PM

JT

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Joe & Pat Tribble*

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**Joe Tribble** - February 20, 2017 at 05:57 PM

MH

“ *Mary Lou Hauser lit a candle in memory of Rick Davis*



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**Mary Lou Hauser** - February 20, 2017 at 04:47 PM

MH

*Leslie and Leah, I'm so sorry for your loss. You are and will remain in my thoughts and prayers. May the Peace of the Lord be with you at this most difficult time!*

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**Mary Lou Hauser** - February 20, 2017 at 04:49 PM

SH

*Leslie, so sorry to hear about Rick. I am praying for you and Leah. May God bless you with the peace that passes understanding. Sue Hall*

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**Sue Hall** - February 21, 2017 at 06:51 AM

CF

“ To Rick's family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Rick was a good Christian man who loved his Lord and served Him faithfully. My thoughts and prays are with all of you during this time of yur sorrow. May God give you comfort and strength during this tiime.

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**Carolyn F.Smith** - February 20, 2017 at 04:40 PM

SH

“ Our hearts are saddened by your great loss. Conversations with Rick at reunions were always enjoyable. Please know we are holding you in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Sherryl Hellenga** - February 20, 2017 at 04:36 PM



“ Sorry for your loss please let us know if there is anything you need Leslie.

Love Doris Roberts and Angela Cooler



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**Angie Cooler** - February 20, 2017 at 03:39 PM

LG

“ Leslie, So sorry for the lost of Rick. I received the news today and was shocked. You and your family are in my thought and prayers as you go though your grief. I pray to God to give each of you the strength you will need in the coming months. If I can be of any help please don't hesitate to contact me.

Cast your cares on the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall. Psalm 55:22

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**Lynn Gary** - February 20, 2017 at 03:00 PM

KB

“ So sorry to hear about Rick. My prayers are with you at this very hard time. May you feel God's loving arms around you at this time.



Kay B Brown - February 20, 2017 at 01:27 PM

DW

“ Leslie, Tom and I are so sorry and shocked to hear about Rick.. He will be missed in our Square Dance world. He loved to dance and he was a HUGE asset to us all. My heart is heavy for you today. You and Rick are loved by us all. Praying for God to give you strength, courage and wisdom. May you feel the comfort and prayers of your friends. Yellow Rock, Darlene and Tom

Darlene Wood - February 20, 2017 at 11:00 AM

MM

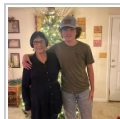
My condolences to Rick's family. He was always a blessing to others.

Margaret Merchant - February 20, 2017 at 11:20 AM

CS

Leslie, I'm sorry to hear of your loss. Praying for you and your family.  
Carlene Smith

carlene Smith - February 20, 2017 at 04:08 PM



I am so sorry to hear about Rick!! He was a fine man!! I always enjoyed Bible study with him...Prayers!!

Annette Rozier - February 20, 2017 at 08:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rick Davis.*



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February 20, 2017 at 10:47 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of teaching Leah and working with Mr. Davis. A wonderful man who had so much compassion. My prayers are with you Leah and your family.*

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**Belinda Sasser** - February 20, 2017 at 10:27 AM



“ *Leslie and Leah, So sorry to hear about Rick's passing. I know it was such a shock. He was a special guy. I love you all and pray for you. Please let me know if I can help you in any way. Love, Sheela*

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**Sheela Pounds** - February 20, 2017 at 09:41 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Uncle Rick's passing- he was a truly great man.*

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**andy** - February 20, 2017 at 08:10 AM



“ *Sending prayers and hugs your way. Uncle Rick will truly be missed.*

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**Ally Hellenga** - February 20, 2017 at 07:43 AM

SI

“ *Leslie and Leah...we are so sorry to see this. Rick was one of a kind and such a good man! So many memories of West End, Baldwin Middle School and BHS involve all of you. We are holding you close in thoughts and prayers. RIP, Rick...you will be missed!*

Steve and Judy Ivey - February 20, 2017 at 05:49 AM

DH

“ *Dear Leslie, so very sorry to hear of Rick's passing. Never saw him without a smile. He will be missed. Praying that God will surround you with His loving arms and comfort you as only He can do at this difficult time.*

*Larry and Debbie Houston*

Debbie Housyon - February 19, 2017 at 10:00 PM

AD

“ *Mrs, Leslie, the kids and I are so sorry to hear of this. Our hearts are truly sad. Rick will surely be missed by so many. Leslie your in our thoughts and prayers we love you...*



Amy Dailey - February 19, 2017 at 09:39 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rick Davis.*



February 19, 2017 at 08:39 PM

KB

“ *Sorry to hear of this loss. We will miss Uncle Rick.*

Kelly Bogowith - February 19, 2017 at 08:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rick Davis.*



February 19, 2017 at 08:09 PM

KM

“ *Mrs. Leslie and Leah,  
I am truly saddened to hear of the passing of Rick. He always brought a smile to my face and was always a joy to be around. He surely was one of a kind. I attended his retirement reception last school year, and he was excited about becoming a grandpa. He wasn't so excited about Mrs. Leslie's "honey do" list!! I will always remember his unique laugh, walks downtown, and the love he had for Christ. Take comfort in your faith and in knowing he was a good and faithful servant. Prayers for you all!  
With Love,  
Kim Rozier McLaulin*

Kim McLaulin - February 19, 2017 at 08:04 PM

CM

“ Mrs. Davis,  
Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I enjoyed working with your husband who was always in a good mood. What a nice person he was. Please take comfort in your faith and know people are there for you.  
Fondly,  
Cathy Mahoney

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**Cathy Mahoney** - February 19, 2017 at 07:30 PM

RD

“ The peace of God be with you as always

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**Robert Davis** - February 19, 2017 at 07:10 PM

BP

“ Leslie,  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Rick. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Be strong and know that God is with you. He gives you strength that you don't know that you have.

Always,  
Betty Rose Payne  
Irish Reelers Square Dance Club

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**Betty Rose Payne** - February 19, 2017 at 07:10 PM

AS

“ Leslie: We are so sorry for your loss. Rick was such a wonderful, Christian man with a smile for everyone. We love you and your family. Praying for your comfort.  
Larry and Angela

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**Angela/Larry Spillers** - February 19, 2017 at 07:04 PM

JA

“ Leslie, Will and Leah, so saddened by the loss of Ricky. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. See you all on Wednesday.

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**Johnny Adamson** - February 19, 2017 at 06:36 PM

JM

“ Leslie and family, I am saddened by the loss of Rick. He was a fine gentleman who certainly brightened our days at PCMS. I have many fond memories of him that I will cherish. He always shared stories of his family and I could tell his love for you all. His latest Christmas card included the note that being a grandparent was neat. May you find comfort in the promise of Heaven and the love of Jesus. Jan Mullis

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**Jan Mullis** - February 19, 2017 at 06:27 PM

DS

“ Leslie and Leah, Donna and I lift you both up in prayer to our heavenly Father. May you sense the peace that passes all understanding as the Holy Spirit comforts you during this time. Rick was a fine Christian man who I thought a lot of. He was always gracious and patient while trying to schedule the pulpit speakers at Mosleyville. His absence will leave a huge void in the leadership there.

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**David & Donna Smith** - February 19, 2017 at 06:16 PM



“ Dear Leslie and family,

*Eric and I were shocked and saddened to learn of Rick's passing. We always thought so highly of him. Rick and my daddy were born a day apart. They are both gone too soon. I enjoyed watching you both dance at the Buskers Ball. I took so many great photos that evening. I'm going to make copies for you and Leah. The photos capture the happiness on Rick's face as he danced with his lovely wife. He left a lasting legacy of wonderful memories. He will be missed.*

*Wendy and Eric Little*

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**Wendy Little** - February 19, 2017 at 06:05 PM



“ Leslie,

*May you find strength and peace in all the wonderful memories you shared together. We will miss Rick on the dance floor, (I will miss having Rick for my corner). Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Bob and Linda Irvin*

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**Linda Irvin** - February 19, 2017 at 05:59 PM



*May God's comfort and peace give you strength for these difficult days, Leslie. My heart aches for you and your family. Lean on God's promises.....Psalm 46:1 is one I've relied on: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Sending love , hugs, and prayers. Just can't find the words to express my sorrow and how much I'll miss Rick's sweet, quiet spirit and smile at square dancing. He was always so kind and helpful to me.*

*Jesus loves you, Leslie! So do I, sweet friend! Call me anytime, day or night.*

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**Sandra Franklin Wilder** - February 19, 2017 at 06:45 PM

KH

“ Mr Davis was such a wonderful person. He was my son's Parapro until retirement and he was well respected and liked. My son loved him and knew what a constant he was everyday. Mr Davis was so thoughtful and caring. They broke the mold when Mr Davis was made. I know how excited he was to have his grand baby arrive. The Hill Family is very sorry for your loss.

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**Kathryn Hill** - February 19, 2017 at 05:44 PM

IN

“ Leslie, we were shocked and also sorry to hear of Rick's death. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
W.B. and Imogene NeSmith

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**Imogene NeSmith** - February 19, 2017 at 04:44 PM

JP

“ Leslie & family, we are so sorry for your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Jim & Barbara Purcell

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**Jim & Barbara Purcell** - February 19, 2017 at 04:38 PM

NW

“ Leslie and Leah and family, I am so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. Please, let me know if there's anything I can do to help y'all. I have been having mobility issues ( using walker, walking stick, for almost a month now...slowly improving...so I will not try visitation or service, but I will keep your family in my prayers.Noel Williamson

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**Noel Williamson** - February 19, 2017 at 04:30 PM

KA

*Dear Leslie and Leah,  
I only learned today of his passing. The Lord bless you with peace and confidence that you'll meet again. We love you.*

*Gene and Kathi Gunter*

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**Kathleen** - February 19, 2017 at 09:23 PM

GH

*LESLIE, LEAH, AND FAMILY -- I WAS SO SORRY TO HEAR OF RICK'S PASSING. HE ALWAYS VISITED MY GRANNY AND GRANDDADDY, (FRAZIER), AND THEY THOUGHT THE WORLD OF HIM, AS SO MANY OTHER PEOPLE. MY PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS WILL BE WITH YOU ALL DURING THIS JOURNEY YOU MUST NOW TAKE. JUST REMEMBER, JESUS WILL BE RIGHT THERE BESIDE YA'LL EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU OR FORSAKE YOU. REMEMBER ALL THE MEMORIES, AND KNOW THAT ONE DAY YOU WILL BE TOGETHER AGAIN. MY PRAYERS, THOUGHTS, AND LOVE WILL BE WITH ALL OF YOU IN THE DAYS, WEEKS, AND MONTHS AHEAD. LOVE TO ALL OF YOU. LOVE IN CHRIST, GLENDA HAMM*

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**GLENDA HAMM** - February 19, 2017 at 11:54 PM