

## Jackie S. Davis

March 5, 1936 - May 30, 2021

Graveside services for Jackie Sylvester Davis 85, of Tyler will be held on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Restland Memorial Park Cemetery in Carthage with Rev. Pike Wisner and Rev. Charles Dodson officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Davis passed away Sunday, May 30, 2021 in Tyler. He was born March 5, 1936 in Panola County to Leon Davis and Percy Butler Davis.

Jackie was a member of First Baptist Church Tyler. And when living in Carthage, a member of First Baptist Church as well.

He attended Baylor University in Waco, Texas on a baseball scholarship and received a Master's Degree from Stephen F. Austin University.

He was a retired baseball coach from Carthage High School and Athletic Director/Coach for Panola College. He also played professional ball for the Philadelphia Phillies.

Jackie was preceded in death by his father, Leon Davis; mother, Percy Davis; brother, Billy Joe Davis; sister, Aliene Sheffield; and son, Jacke Davis.

He is survived by wife, Barbara Davis; sons, Jeff Davis and J.P. Davis; daughter-in-law, Kishla Davis; and grandsons, Rex Davis and Ty Davis.

He was honored with numerous awards and recognition throughout his career, from 8 times being named Coach of the Year to Panola College and Carthage High School Hall of Fame. But if you asked him, he would say his major accomplishment as a coach was being a friend to aspiring players including 38 drafted into the majors and 118 players signing with universities.

Jackie was an avid competitor and loved playing sports. He was an All-Star athlete from the get go. His philosophy was to play as hard as you can, give it all you got, play by the rules, and win or lose be friends with those you compete against.

Outside of the sport of baseball, he was passionate about golf. And luckily got the opportunity to play a few rounds from time to time. He not only played a lot; he won a lot as well. If there is a golf course in heaven, he probably has a tee time by now.

As good as an athlete as he was, and as much as he loved sports, he cherished his friends and family. He loved to tell a joke or two and had the best sense of humor around. He also had the biggest heart of any man and was always putting others first.

He had a strong, loving faith in God that carried him through the many trials of life, including the loss of his eldest son, Jacke Daniel Davis, who I am sure are enjoying being reunited once again for the first time in many years. He believed in the power of prayer and devoted himself to the Christian faith. He loved God.

He also loved life to the fullest. He loved his family so dearly and so wanted them to know how much. He loved his golf. He also loved a grape popsicle on a regular basis.

He was a man you could count on to be on your side. All those who knew him can testify to that fact. And although he lived 85 full and grand years on the earth, he still will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him.

He was kind, generous, loving, strong, friendly and a passionate man who will be truly missed, at least until we are all reunited again one day.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Graveside Service

JUN 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Restland Memorial Park Cemetery  
2107 TX-149  
Carthage, TX 75633

# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jackie S. Davis



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - June 02, 2021 at 10:35 AM

MI

“ I am saddened to hear of Coach Davis' passing. I had the pleasure of getting to know him while working on a baseball piece for the Loblolly. He was also my bowling coach while in attendance in Panola College. I will never forget day one of that class, being the only female Coach Davis knew I had to set the standard high and show all the boys up in class. He will always remain a huge part of my college memories.

*Mandy Morton Irving - Oklahoma*

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**Mandy Iring** - June 19, 2021 at 05:18 PM

JT

“ So sad to hear of the passing of Coach Davis. He was a wonderful man. I worked for him for a while at Panola College, and he taught me so much and showed infinite patience. He will be missed.

*--Jill Anderson Toft, Columbus, Ohio*

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**Jill Toft** - June 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM

RM

“ *Im Ray Mena. Me an jakie started our coaching an teaching careers together at Timpson high in 1969!! He was as fine a man you would want to meet! RiP*

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**Ray mena** - June 03, 2021 at 05:03 PM

RG

“ *I woke up this morning only to have my heart broken with the news that one of the finest men, coaches, husband, and father has gone to be with his lord and savior. Coach Davis gave me the opportunity to continue my baseball playing career after high school and I could not have asked for a better leader. He and Barbara took me under their wings and led me down a path that was unforgettable for the 2 years I was at Panola. I will never forget their gratefulness and kindness to me. He showed me how to prepare for baseball down the road for years to come. And to this day I thank him dearly for what he did for me. I can honestly say that it is one of the main reasons that I am still in the game of baseball and love doing what I do because of Jackie Davis. So many great memories that I don't have enough time and space to share them all but I know I am a better person because of Coach Davis.*

*To Barbara, Jeff, JP, and rest of family, Kim and I want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Thank you for making our lives so much happier being with y'all and spending 2 great years together.*

*God bless and job well done Coach Davis. Will miss you my friend.*

*Ronnie and Kim Gideon  
First Base Coach Colorado Rockies*

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**ron gideon** - June 02, 2021 at 07:46 PM

RG

“ I only met Jacke Davis five years ago through golf at Hollytree CC. Jacke was always smiling and laughing with me and my golf jokes even when it was obvious he was in some kind of pain. We played golf several times but never more than nine holes, usually only seven because he would tire easily. Jacke was always humble and he never bragged to me about any of his athletic accomplishments or coaching records. Well, he did brag once about his cell phone photo of himself and Ben Crenshaw.  
Rest in peace my friend, your earthly pains are over. Hope to see you someday on the fairways of heaven.  
You golf rules buddy,  
Robert Greening

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**Robert Greening** - June 02, 2021 at 02:00 PM

SR

“ Sandra and I send our deepest sympathy to Barbara, Jeff, JP and all the Davis family . “ I enjoyed those years of coaching with Jacke at CHS and all those golf games we played . Great memories !! He was a dear friend and a great guy ! Rest in peace, Jacke .  
 (“Sleepy”)

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**Sandra Reynolds** - June 02, 2021 at 11:53 AM

RH

“ My 8 siblings and I grew up one house down from Coach Davis, Mrs. Davis, Jackie, Jeff and John Paul. We all have so many childhood memories. The whole neighborhood played Basketball there and football in their front yard. We all went to Mr. Biggerstaffs land and roamed it for hours on end. I remember Jeff and I giving each other haircuts and having to get our head shaved. I don't know how Mrs. Davis put up with me.

Coach Davis always tried to encourage you, even when you didn't have a lick of athletic ability. I remember him taking Jeff and I to see Jaws when it first came out at the Old Esquire Theater in Carthage. I was scared and he leaned over and said : boy that thing would swallow you in one bite.

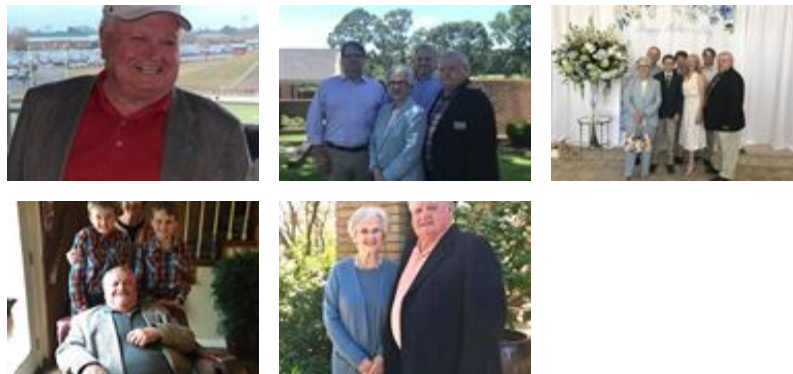
I'm sure he is in heaven catching for Jackie and all of heaven can hear the ball hitting that mitt. I will miss him and I hope GOD gives Mrs. Davis, Jeff, and John Paul the strength to know that he is in a better place with no aches or pains.

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Robert Dean Hunter - June 02, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ 105 files added to the album LifeTributes



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 02, 2021 at 10:28 AM

DC

“ Love this man. In 1985 Coach Davis told my dad “he can swing it” so “stick that boy behind the plate & he’ll get his school paid for”. That opened many college doors for me and the rest is history for my family. Admire the friendship our families, and especially Coach and my Dad, shared for 40+ years. Honored to be a Baylor Letterwinner alongside Coach Davis. #SicEm always Coach.



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**Dr. Marty Crawford** - June 01, 2021 at 11:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jackie S. Davis.



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June 01, 2021 at 04:11 PM

JL

“ Barbara, John Paul and Jeff - I am remembering Jackie today and share your grief and sorrow. I always loved and admired Jackie who was one of so many 1st cousins. Jackie had that unique Davis Laugh that always drew smiles and mirth. So too did his stories. Grace, Peace and Love to each of you. Joe Ben

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**Joe LaGrone** - June 01, 2021 at 03:20 PM

RJ

“ *Ronnie and Andra Jones purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jackie S. Davis.*



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**Ronnie and Andra Jones** - June 01, 2021 at 12:57 PM