



Johnny Henry Davis, Jr.

January 21, 1942 - June 5, 2013

Johnny Henry Davis, Jr., beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away June 5, 2013 after a short bout with cancer. Johnny was born January 21, 1942, in Auburn, Alabama, to Johnny Henry and Ruth Maurine (Black) Davis, Sr. His family moved to Texas in the 1950's. Johnny became a "Fighting Texas Aggie" graduating with his B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering. He and his wife moved to Richardson, Texas in 1966.

While in college, he worked as a camera man for Channel 3, KBTX, in Bryan-College Station. After graduation, his first job was at Collins Radio. His career transitioned from designing microelectronic circuits to being a part of the management team for two voice mail companies. Johnny developed their international distribution networks and made many good friends during his international travels.

Johnny's hobbies included ham radio. He was first licensed at age 13 and held the call K5LZA. Later, he changed that call to K5JD. Johnny's skill with Morse code was unparalleled. While attending Radio School in the Army National Guard, Johnny was asked to serve as the assistant instructor his first day in the class since he already excelled in the class curriculum. Johnny also enjoyed traveling with his wife, like working at his computer and visiting with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild.

Johnny was a member of several different organizations. He served on the Dallas Summer Musicals Guild Board, held many offices in the Dallas Amateur Radio Club, was in REACT, and on the Dallas County RACES Council. He was also an active member of Masonic Lodge Dallas No. 760 as well as several other Masonic organizations. Johnny served many years as the Dallas County RACES Officer. He relayed Weather Spotter reports from the amateur radio nets to various media outlets for reports to the public.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mary Ann Davis of Richardson, Texas; children, Johnny H. Davis, III and Tammy Suzanne Sigman; grandchildren, Heather Sherman, Mary Lynn Sigman, and Johnny H. Davis, IV; great-grandson, Kaden Hunter Sigman; sister, Patricia Davis Exner and husband, Jerry; sister-in-law, Priscilla J. Harris; nephews, Ben Exner and William B. Harris, IV; and nieces, Sara Crow and Amanda Staiano.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son-in-law, Gregory James Sigman, brother-in-law, William Birch Harris, and grandson, Hunter Michael Sigman.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 8, 2013, at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel in Allen, Texas with Rev. Johnnie R. Jones officiating. Interment will follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park. The family will receive friends during a visitation from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Friday evening at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Parkinson's Voice Project, 500 N. Coit Rd., Suite 2085, Richardson, TX, 75080.

Memorials

I will always cherish having the honor of being your little girl my dear sweet daddy. I love you forever and into eternity with all our memories and the bond of your spirit that will forever remain in my heart

TAMMY S SIGMAN, JUNE 28, 2013

Mary Ann - Our condolences to the Class of '61 - we remember the good times we had at the CHS reunions with you and Johnny - you remember the good times you two had together. Our best wishes.

RUSS & SALLY BROWN, JUNE 8, 2013

Bro. Johnny led an exemplary life worthy of sincere emulation. He was generous with his time and counsel. Always willing to help others. His words and actions inspired those around him and were pleasing to God. His labors are finished and well done.

DON MURRAY, JUNE 8, 2013

Mourning the loss of another cousin and praying for my family in Texas and Louisiana. Growing up, I always looked forward to visits from the Davis family. I remember the adults playing Rook and using their secret signals, Johnny Jr. showing me how to shoot a bow and arrow, and Patti playing beautiful music at the piano. He was a thoughtful, thinking man; slow to anger, wise and respectful of others. We will miss you, Johnny Jr.

RONNY JOHNSTON, JUNE 7, 2013

Mary Ann, Jerry and I were so sorry to learn of Johnny's passing. He always had a pleasant attitude when we saw him at the Parkinson Voice Project. Our prayers are with you and your family. Warmest regards,

BETTY & JERRY BONNIOL, JUNE 7, 2013

How shocked and saddened we are to learn of the death of a dear friend in amateur radio --- K5JD! That familiar call was known throughout Texas and especially Dallas County...through RACES nets and in so many special events and service projects. His contributions to the engineering community and the ham radio community are legendary!! Johnny.. we will never forget all you've done for all of us.. we send our warmest regards to the family during this time of your great loss. How glad we are to know there is a Heaven and a special place for that booming voice, as he joins our own relatives forever. Be at peace.

PATTY MARTIN, JUNE 7, 2013

Johnny was a great mentor to a young ham (me). He always had good advice and could lend an ear if you needed help or had a problem. RIP K5JD, you will be missed! 73 and 88 de W5GM

JAY URISH, JUNE 6, 2013

Mary Ann, so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. You've always been a very strong and grand lady. God Bless you.

MARY LOU LOPEZ, JUNE 6, 2013

I enjoyed the Masonic Gathering very much that Br. Johnny set up. My condolences.

JOHN PODPECHAN, K5JJ, JUNE 6, 2013

As always, sad to hear the going-away of an beloved brother, guess that is life. He certainly did enjoy his life especially with his family and friends, also serving the Masons -- without him we all would have not been here on the Mason gatherings. Blessed be his soul and our mighty father is welcoming him. RIP our beloved brother. My father passed away exactly on the same day-month 12 years ago (Colonel R.R. T.T. Eberhard R.H. Eschert / Carlos V). Omnia vincit amor, Brother Georg (aka: Gnosis Essene) / Japan (KJ6ARR-JR2FJI)

GEORG OTTO PETER ESCHERT, JUNE 6, 2013

Brother Johnny was a great friend and a mentor to me. He was the heart and

soul of the Masonic Gathering. I have missed his check-ins. RIP Brother Johnny.

WADE MASSEY, JUNE 6, 2013

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