



In Loving Memory

*Earl Pope Davis Sr.*

July 9, 1938 - November 1, 2024

## *Funeral Service*

7 p.m., Wednesday, November 6, 2024  
Munden Funeral Home, Morehead City, NC  
Officiated by Rev. Patrick Whaley

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Lighting of the Candles

Asa and Ayla Webb

† Processional

“Last Date”

by Floyd Cramer

† Words of Grace & Greeting

Opening Prayer / Lords Prayer

Special Music

“Take My Hand Precious Lord”

Ervin Gray

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 29:11

Unison

*For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

Family Remembrances

Psalter Lesson

Psalms 23

Unison

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

New Testament Lesson

Romans 8

Select Verses

Homily

Special Music

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Ervin Gray

Benediction

Recessional

“When The Saints Go Marching In”

## *Pallbearers*

Joey Michael Davis ♦ Earl Pope Davis Jr. ♦ Joey Michael Davis Jr.  
Troy Matthew Davis ♦ Aaron Michael Schmidt ♦ Adam James Schmidt

## *Graveside Service*

10 a.m., Thursday, November 7, 2024  
Coastal Carolina Veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville, NC



Earl Pope Davis Sr., 86, a retired USAF Chief Master Sergeant and a retired Raytheon Senior Logistics Manager, formerly of Grifton, North Carolina, passed away on Friday, November 1, 2024, at Pruitt Health - Crystal Coast.

Earl was a life-long member of the United Methodist Church and an active member of the Grifton United Methodist Church.

He was born July 9, 1938, in Lumberton, NC. While on active Air Force duty, he earned an Associate's Degree and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Management. He attended the Air Force's top enlisted professional military education academies and schools. During the 1950s, he participated in the Pacific Nuclear Testing Program and later served in both the European and Pacific Theaters. As a member of various Air Force Inspection Teams, he traveled extensively throughout the world. He had been the Senior Enlisted Advisor to an Air Force General Officer on all matters relating to the concerns, morale, attitudes and general well-being of the Army, Navy, and Air Force enlisted force and their families. He had a world-wide reputation of being a people person.

At his military retirement location, he spearheaded an extensive logistics project which resulted in his organization winning the coveted Air Force Daedalian Award, the highest logistics award in the Air Force. Subsequently he became the Raytheon Manager for the Base Operating Service Program, Richards-Gebaur AFB, Missouri and later, a senior Logistics Manager, for the Raytheon/NASA Logistics Depot, Annapolis Junction, Maryland. Prior to retirement from Raytheon, he was a senior logistics manager for nine years for the Kwajalein Island missile range. After retirement, he became a technical consultant for Raytheon and L-3 Communications.

Earl's 30 plus years of military service combined with 20 years of Defense Contractor Service plus 2 years as a consultant culminated a period of over 52 years of government service. While on active duty he was a physical training instructor and throughout his life he enjoyed SCUBA diving, parachuting, golfing, long distance jogging, weightlifting, martial arts, riding motorcycles, boxing, racquetball, water skiing, and most sports associated with physical fitness. He loved to travel and in his retirement years, he and his wife visited many countries.

His many medals and awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, five Meritorious Service Medals, two Air Force Commendation Medals, and nine Outstanding Unit Awards.

He was a devoted husband and parent and is survived by his loving wife, Volene; son, Joey M. Davis (USAF Chief Master Sergeant, Retired) and wife Linda of Pace, FL; daughter, Janice D. Pait (retired educator) of Morehead City, NC; son, Earl P. Davis Jr. (USAFR Lieutenant Colonel, Retired) and wife Charlene (USAF Senior Master Sergeant, Retired) of Portsmouth, VA; daughter, Julie L. Webb (RN) and husband Jason of Morehead City, NC; grandchildren, Joey M. Davis Jr. (USMC, Retired), Troy M. Davis (USAF, Veteran), Charles Brandon Pait, Aaron M. Schmidt, Adam Schmidt, Ayla Volene Webb, and Asa Webb; 7 great grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Grace Davis.

In addition to his parents, Earl was preceded in death by his brother, Rev. Donnie G. Davis his wife Barbara; sister, Virginia Coleman and husband W.J.; sister, Dixie Floyd and husband Sprunt; brothers, John Carl Davis and Bobby Davis; and son-in-law, Charles Pait.

Earl will be greatly missed by his loving wife, beloved family, and many close friends in Grifton, Hawaii, Austin, and San Angelo, Texas; and his Marshallese and American friends on Kwajalein, Island. His wife, Volene, was the love of his life and he enjoyed a special friendship with his church members, doctors, nurses and their staff. He was a man for all seasons.

Arrangements by Munden Funeral Home & Crematory Inc., Morehead City, NC

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