



Lyle A. Davis

April 26, 1945 - February 20, 2017

Cape Girardeau businessman and civic leader Lyle A. Davis passed away Monday, Feb.20, 2017, at age 71, much too young, having endured a long struggle with Lewy Body Disease, an Alzheimer's-like affliction.

He was born April 26, 1945, in San Diego, California, to Leon and Lila Hurlock Davis, and soon thereafter his family moved to lola, Kansas, where he grew up.

Upon graduation from lola High School, he attended college, then entered the U.S. Navy, serving four years in Vietnam, the Mediterranean and San Diego. After his honorable discharge, he completed his college degree at the University of Kansas, and he began a long and fruitful career with Trane, the international heating and air conditioning company.

He moved to Cape Girardeau in 1981 as district manager of Trane and retired in 1996. Soon thereafter, he began a second successful career as a financial advisor with the Cape Girardeau branch of A.G. Edwards and Sons brokerage house, now Wells Fargo Advisors, retiring in 2013.

During his 36 years in Cape Girardeau, he was actively involved in a variety of civic and charitable activities. He was a long-time member of the Lions Club (for which he served as president). He also served as a member of the Cape Girardeau Board of Education, and he served as a board member of the Women's Safe House, Southeast Health Foundation and Saint Francis Medical Center Foundation. Most recently he served several years on the Downtown Cape Girardeau Community Improvement District Steering

Committee. In addition, he was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church.

Throughout his life, he enjoyed competition, whether in business or on the field of play. He viewed the opportunity to compete, and to work toward the realization of goals and dreams, as a privilege and a blessing. His zest and passion for life was evident, most of all in his love of family and in the depth of friendship for his many friends. He was indeed someone who brought joy to the lives he touched.

He and his beloved wife, Robin, were married nearly 31 years ago on March 22, 1986.

He is survived by his wife; his daughter, Taylor Davis of Fort Worth, Texas; grandchildren, Devin Smith, Emilia Witt and Tabb Witt; stepson, Lance (Tara) LaFont, and stepgrandchildren, Brie and Wesley Claire LaFont, all of Cape Girardeau, and a sister, Mona Crane of Merrillville, Illinois.

Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Dr. Barry Winders officiating. Entombment will be at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum in Cape Girardeau, with full military honors.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Alzheimer's Association, St. Jude Children's Hospital or Centenary United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 334-1909
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Service

FEB **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BR

“ Dear Robin,
We were so sorry to hear of Lyle's passing. You have our deepest sympathy and our prayers for you and all of your family.
John and Betsy Rigdon

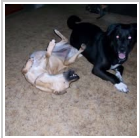
Betsy Rigdon - February 27, 2017 at 04:38 PM

SO

“ Robin,
I am so sorry about Lyle's passing. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.



Susie O'Connell - February 24, 2017 at 11:11 PM



“ Lyle Daddy what can I say? You were taken much too soon! You gave me so many laughs throughout the years that I have known you! You were such a Hoot at Dalhousie when I worked the Beverage Cart for those years. I always knew 12 pack of Coors Light! I shall miss you my friend! Robin I am so sorry for you Loss I know you loved him very much but he was always a pain in the a**. I am praying for you and your Family! Fair Winds and Following Seas my Navy Brother! Thank you for your Service! Love Laurie Martin



Laurie Martin - February 23, 2017 at 04:12 PM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Lyle A. Davis.*



February 23, 2017 at 09:41 AM



“ *Robin we are so sorry for you loss. Lyle was such a kind of funny man. It was always so nice seeing him on the Golf Course. Praying for you and the family.*

Neil & Beverly Prater

Beverly Prater - February 23, 2017 at 09:41 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Lyle A. Davis.*



February 22, 2017 at 10:13 PM



“ *Dear Robin, I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you.*
Kelly Patton-Grissom

Kelly Grissom - February 22, 2017 at 09:53 PM

AB

*Robin,
We are so sorry to hear about Lyle. Our deepest sympathy,
Paul and Ann Brinkopf*

Ann Brinkopf - February 23, 2017 at 05:33 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for
the family of Lyle A. Davis.*



February 22, 2017 at 02:08 PM

RF

“ *Susie and I are traveling, but I saw Lyle's obituary online. We want
to express our condolences for your loss.*

Russ and Susie Felker

Russ Felker - February 22, 2017 at 01:42 PM



“ *Gift of Grace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Lyle A. Davis.*



February 22, 2017 at 12:43 PM

KG

“ Robin & family, What an honor it was to have Lyle in our family. He truly was a one of a kind man, who will be greatly missed. His smile could light up an entire room, when he talked to you, he was truly interested in what you had to say, and you knew he cared. His stories and jokes, would have you in stitches! He had such a zest for life, it was always a joy to be around him. Heaven has definitely gained a very special angel and golf pro! So very sorry that I could not make it to pay my respects to Lyle. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Love you so much, Kimmie

Kimberly A Graff - February 22, 2017 at 11:54 AM

JR

So very sorry to hear of Lyle's passingsuch a happy soul and always kind to my son Jason...speaking to him with words of wisdom he remembers and appreciated. He will be missed. Jo Rodgers and family.

jo Rodgers - February 22, 2017 at 10:05 PM

LL

“ Lyle and I worked together for the Geological Survey in Lawtence, Kansas, in the mid 60's. He introduced me to his buddy from high school, Bret Lawrence, and we have now been married for 48 years.

We kept in contact for several years, writing him letters while he was in Vietnam, and partying together whenever we all got together. He brought me a ring from Southeast Asia that I still have.

Lyle was so fun to be around. He had a quick wit and a lot of energy. Condolences to his family.

linda lwrence - February 22, 2017 at 11:27 AM