



Mr. Thomas Floyd "Tom" Davis

November 26, 1943 - January 25, 2023

Thomas Floyd "Tom" Davis, 79, of DeWitt died January 25, 2023. He was born November 26, 1943, in Bethesda, AR, to Claude and Avis Dale Davis. Coach Davis began his teaching and coaching career in 1965 at Drew Central in Monticello. In 1971, he moved to DeWitt, where he spent the rest of his career as a coach and high school principal. He was a member of the Independence County Basketball Hall of Fame and the University of Central Arkansas Basketball Hall of Fame. In his retirement years, his grandchildren were his focus and he loved them dearly.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, LeRoy and Winston Davis.

He is survived by his wife, Kay Aston Davis; two sons Lance Davis (Hollie) of Stuttgart and Todd Davis of Springdale; two grandsons Hayden and Drew Davis; one granddaughter Taylor Davis; and one brother Jo Davis of Bethesda, AR.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

TS

“ Coach was a good man. Was fair, especially if you could get him talking sports.

Prayers for his family.

Troy Singleton - February 02, 2023 at 04:49 AM

PD

“ Prentice And Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Floyd "Tom" Davis



Prentice and Sue Davis - January 30, 2023 at 08:34 AM

PD

Mr. Tom is definitely missed... We are so sorry for your loss. DeWitt Sr. Center is missing him for sure. He was getting so weak but he was with us as long as he could. I can still hear David, John, Kenneth and him caring on. Praying for all his love ones.

Prentice and Sue Davis - January 30, 2023 at 08:45 AM

AB

“ Coach Davis was a great man. Prayers for Mrs. Kay, Lance, Hollee, Todd, and his grandkids.

April Bevis - January 28, 2023 at 07:30 PM

ML

I had the fun of growing up next(across the meadow)door to Tom and playing high school basketball with him. Great athlete and one tough guy! ❤️

Mike Low - January 31, 2023 at 03:00 PM

BV

“ Coach Davis was always so kind to me! He made sure I felt “at home” at DHS when we moved to DeWitt. Todd, you & your family are in our prayers. (Jeremy & Beth)

Beth Vansandt - January 28, 2023 at 03:52 PM

AW

“ I’m so sorry to hear about Coach Davis passing. I will be praying for all of the family during this difficult time.

Amy Watkins - January 27, 2023 at 09:23 PM

MT

My condolences to the family! So sorry for your loss!

Melba Tomlinson - January 28, 2023 at 07:26 PM

DT

Tom Davis was a friend to all of DeWitt. We all called him "Coach", but he wore so many hats during his days as an educator in DeWitt. Coach came to DeWitt my Senior year at DHS and immediately became our leader, coach and friend. His family took us all in as part of their family on and off the court. We sang and laughed as a TEAM on the bus after games on the bus, but when it was time to work and give 100% he was all business. We respected, trusted and appreciated Coach Davis and Coach Love. We loved that TEAM.

Most of DeWitt never knew of Tom Davis the Hall of Fame UCA Bear basketball star because he never talked about his personal successes. Let's just say he was the Scottie Pippen/John Hutchcraft level player of his days at UCA. Instead he only wanted to talk about what "his students" were going to be able to achieve in the future.

Coach Davis got me to believe in myself. That I could go to college, play basketball, get a degree and have a good life if I gave 100% at all times. I appreciate all he did for me and my teammates that year and so many years for all of DHS after that.

I want Kay, Lance and Todd to know that we all thank them for sharing this wonderful man with us. Our Dragon family was stronger because you all were there with us. We love you Coach.

David H Thigpen - January 28, 2023 at 09:56 PM