



## Mr. Thomas Wright Davis Jr.

August 20, 1949 - April 26, 2017

Thomas Wright Davis, Jr., 67, passed away Wednesday, April 26, 2017, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, TN.

Mr. Davis was born August 20, 1949, in Oxford, MS. He attended Bethel Lutheran Church in Biloxi, MS. Some of his interests included gardening, working in his yard, helping others, and traveling, particularly to beaches and sunny areas. Above all, he absolutely loved his family.

Thomas began his medical career at the Baptist Memorial Hospital of North Mississippi. He spent years working in the emergency room before taking time off to get his Bachelor's degree in Nursing. He later worked at the Coahoma County Hospital in Emergency Services before moving to Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Davis served as Chief Nursing Officer at Baptist Memorial Hospital Desoto, Director of Intensive Care and Telemetry at St. Joseph's Hospital in Memphis, Director of Surgery at Baptist Memorial Hospital Central and Baptist Memorial Hospital East. While studying for his PHD in Hospital Administration, he worked as an Administrative House Supervisor at Baptist Memorial Hospital East. After completing his degree, Mr. Davis finished his career as a Nurse Surveyor for the Joint Commission for Accreditation for Hospitals. He enjoyed traveling the country meeting other medical professionals. He retired and moved to the Mississippi Gulf Coast where he volunteered at the Bethel Free Health Clinic. He loved working with those in

need of health care and found it fulfilling during his retirement years.

Visitation will be Saturday, April 29, 2017, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home. A funeral service will immediately follow at 4:00 p.m. also at Coleman Funeral Home. Bro. Wesley Hughes will officiate. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Gulfport, MS.

Mr. Davis is survived by two sisters, Brenda (Thomas) Wimberly and Lisa (Dickie) Carper, both of Oxford; one brother, Tony (Alisa) Davis of Olive Branch, MS; two nieces, Paisley (Jay) Gay of Olive Branch, and Amanda Carper of Oxford; two nephews, Brad (Heather) Carper of Oxford, and Austin (Melissa) Davis of Olive Branch; and a host of great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Wright Davis, Sr. and Bettye Huckaby Davis.

Memorials and donations may be made to Bethel Free Health Clinic; 1650 Carrol Dr., Biloxi, MS 39531.

Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall at [www.colemanfuneralhome.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Garden of Memories Cemetery

295 Mississippi Highway 7 North  
Oxford, MS 38655

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 29. 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford  
601 Commerce Parkway  
Oxford, MS 38655  
(662) 234-3900  
info@colemanfuneralhome.com  
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## Service

APR 29. 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CP

“ I worked with Thom for a number of years at the Joint Commission. It was truly a pleasure to work with Thom. He was very dedicated to his work and in improving health care. I will truly miss Thom. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
*Carol Ptasinski*

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**Carol Ptasinski** - May 15, 2017 at 08:40 AM

BA

“ I met Tom when I first started my career at The Joint Commission. When he realized I was a new employee, he immediately helped me feel comfortable and gave me a lot of advice regarding tips on how to make air travel as easy as possible. He was fun to be around and I will miss him.

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**Barbara Lewin Allen** - May 11, 2017 at 02:58 PM

DI

“ So sorry to hear of Thom's passing; he was wonderful to work with such a beautiful spirit he will truly be missed!~ Rest in Heaven my friend.

*Diane Hill*

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**Diane** - May 10, 2017 at 01:52 PM

KH

“ My condolences to the family of Thom Davis. I enjoyed working with him. Great guy and great sense of humor. Appreciate greatly his contributions as a Joint Commission surveyor. His was a life well lived. Respectfully, Kimo Hemmes, The Joint Commission

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**Kimo Hemmes** - May 10, 2017 at 01:50 PM

BS

“ I am sorry to hear of Thoms death . He was a great man that cared for others and always had great stories to tell and he loved to laugh ! I had the pleasure of surveying with him many times . He will be missed !

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**Billie Sheeran** - May 07, 2017 at 06:17 PM

PG

“ Knew Thom St Joseph hospital and from baptist Desoto. He was truly a very caring person and was always willing to help!! So very sorry to hear of his passing. May he rest in peace 🙏❤️



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**paulette gwartney** - May 06, 2017 at 09:59 PM

SL

“ The world has lost one of the best. I worked with Thom at the Joint Commission and loved when we could survey together. He had so much knowledge to share and loved helping others. I will truly miss him. Suzan Lambert

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**Suzan Lambert** - May 01, 2017 at 10:28 AM

TC

“ I worked with Thom at The Joint Commission and what a breath of fresh air he was . ... a real joy to be around ... he was so happy and positive.... always caring about others and looking for that next great adventure. I'll never forget a survey we did together at a small rural hospital in middle of nowhere Tennessee-- he planned where we'd stay, eat and even an historical tour ...RIP my friend... love and miss you !

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**Tammy Barker Croney** - April 30, 2017 at 04:04 AM

BW

*Thank you so much for the kind words! Brenda Davis Wimberly*

**Brenda Wimberly** - April 30, 2017 at 09:34 AM

CM

“*Thom was a very dear friend and coworker for many years. Thom was the most giving loving person you could ever meet. He touched so many lives in so many ways that people did not know about. Thom cooked many dishes of food for my family when my dad had cancer and my parents were living with me. He always joked with me when he called and said "Is it Cracker Barrel or Piccadilly for Thanksgiving this year." He always made sure my mom and dad had home cooked food on Thanksgiving and Christmas bringing huge sacks with bowls and bowls of food that he and his family had cooked. When my sister in law was diagnosed with leukemia and she was in and out of the hospital, the only thing she could eat was potato soup, and he cooked potato soup and kept her well stocked with it until she was able to eat "real" food. Thom was a true friend who was always there when you needed him. He loved the ocean and the beach and all that came with that, and he got to live that dream after he retired. I am so happy that he was able to do what he loved even if it was such a short while. I loved him dearly, and he is going to be terribly missed. Rest in peace Thom Davis.*

**Carol Massie** - April 29, 2017 at 10:32 AM

BW

*Love you, Carol.*

**Brenda Wimberly** - April 29, 2017 at 11:08 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Wright Davis Jr..*



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April 29, 2017 at 10:23 AM



“ *Thom was a great person to work sith at the Bethel FreeClinic in Biloxi. Stories? Lordy did he have stories. Every Tuesday the nurses would go out for lunch after clinic and we bonded. We shared in joys, in sadnesses, , and anything anybody needed, we were there. We had a bond, that time can never take away We all love you Thom. RIP new angel and watch over us.*

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**Ria Bombard RN** - April 28, 2017 at 11:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Wright Davis Jr..*



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April 28, 2017 at 10:44 PM

AA

“ I think of the conversations we had, the stories, lunches and snacks we shared, the pet looks of yours suited to each situation, your “Really” response dripping with sarcasm and I laugh. And then I feel my tremendous loss and my heart hurts.

Grief has a way of putting things under a microscope and during this process the most profound memory was your courage under fire. Your personal battle was handled like an Olympic champion. Your resolve to live life on your terms was amazing to watch. I watched your determination to not bring attention to yourself and how you made others the recipient of your personality instead, which was delightful and I miss you tremendously. I learned so much from you and will always see your life as a beacon.

I miss you and will cherish our relationship. Thanks for touching my life.

Rest in peace Thom Davis and may peace be with your family during their time of grief.

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**Anna Avant** - April 28, 2017 at 04:16 PM

BW

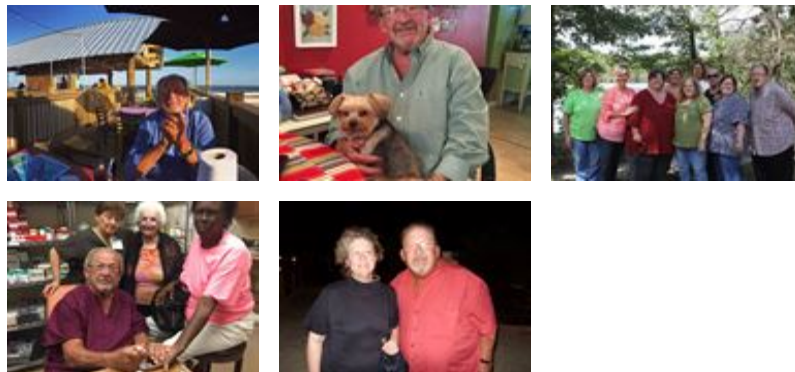
Thank you so much for these precious words! Brenda Wimberly.

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**brenda Wimberly** - April 29, 2017 at 09:00 AM



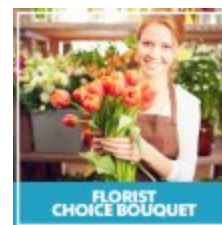
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Coleman Funeral Home - April 28, 2017 at 02:22 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Wright Davis Jr..



April 28, 2017 at 01:41 PM



“ *I first met Thom in January 2016 at the Bethel Free Clinic in Biloxi MS. I worked closely with him and found him to be a most kind and caring individual I have ever met. He was extremely competent and went out of his way to help patients and for that reason I will never forget him.*  
*My prayers and deepest sympathies to all of his family and many friends. Dr Bob Weierman*

Dr Robert J Weierman - April 28, 2017 at 08:14 AM



*Thank you so much for your knowledge no words. Brenda Wimberly*

brenda Wimberly - April 29, 2017 at 09:01 AM

HP

*Praying for the family.Hattie Price*

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**Hattie Price** - April 29, 2017 at 06:37 PM

JS

“ *I only had the pleasure to meet Thomas one time, but let me tell you he made quite an impression. I went by Brenda's house one morning on the way to work, and Thomas was there. We talked a bit, and then, I said that I needed to get to work. Thomas quickly told me that he wanted to tell me a story. I believe Brenda told him that I had to get to work. He said that work could wait and told me to 'sit down in that chair' so he could tell me his story. Of course, I did as he told me, and we had some great laughs together. Thomas will surely be missed by so many, but his memory will live on in all of us. Hugs!!!*

*Jill Stribling*

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**Jill Stribling** - April 28, 2017 at 07:55 AM

DB

“ *Debbie Bradford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Wright Davis Jr.*



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**Debbie Bradford** - April 27, 2017 at 10:26 PM

DB

“ A dear friend and co-worker who will be missed beyond measure. My thoughts and prayers are with Thom's family and the numerous friends and co-workers he leaves behind. Thom was a dedicated professional who touched the lives of so many people. We can all find comfort in knowing we will see him again one day.  
*In Loving Memory,*

*Debbie Allen Bradford*

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**Debbie Bradford** - April 27, 2017 at 10:20 PM

MS

“ Thinking of you all and sending prayers for comfort and peace.  
*Mary Brite Sellers*



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**Mary Brite Sellers** - April 27, 2017 at 10:07 PM

TM

“ My prayers are with the family. I always enjoyed being around Thomas although it has been many years since I had had the opportunity to visit with him. Just remember we will all see him again one day.

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**Tish McMinn** - April 27, 2017 at 09:33 PM

DH

“ Thom was a good soul, great boss and friend. He mentored me in my personal and professional life, and believed in me and my abilities. I will be forever grateful to him for that. Rest in Peace my friend. You had a life well lived.

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**Denise Hopkins** - April 27, 2017 at 08:02 PM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Wright Davis Jr..*



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April 27, 2017 at 05:14 PM