



## Virgil Otha Davis

October 23, 1933 - June 14, 2021

Virgil Otha Davis of Bloomfield, Indiana passed away on June 14, 2021 at the age of 87 at his home surrounded by family.

Born October 23, 1933, he was the youngest of five children born to Fletcher and Inez (Rainbolt) Davis. He grew up adventurous and resourceful in the country east of town. After finding life-long love in Irene (Hayes) Davis while attending Solsberry High School, the couple wed on August 8, 1952 and spent the next 68 years building a beautiful life and legacy together.

Virgil was an industrious and excellent provider for his wife and their three children. As their family grew, the couple purchased land nearby his parent's and Virgil self-built the home he and Irene would share the rest of their lives together. He liked to quip that he lived on R.R. #3 his whole life. Virgil maintained a 13-year career with General Electric as a tool and die maker before embarking on a 27-year career at Crane Naval Base where he hired in as a machinist and retired, the Director of Plant Operations of the Crane Army Ammunition Activity. Virgil was a member of the Bloomfield Masonic Lodge #84. He was an admirable example of Christian faith to all who knew him. He was a lifelong member of Walnut Grove Church of God where he taught Sunday School classes and served as the cemetery trustee as well. Virgil always appreciated the value of nature and shared that gift with others through gardening, bicycling the countryside, hunting ginseng, arrowheads,

and mushrooms, hiking, and frequent vacations to the family campground in The Great Smokey Mountains, TN which is a tradition carried on by his children and grandchildren. Perhaps, he was best known for his quiet wisdom, dry sense of humor, and patient, loving, and generous spirit. After his retirement, Virgil dove into woodworking generously sharing his talent with anyone in the community who requested a piece of his quality handicraft. No request was ever too big or too small, and payment was never accepted. He came out of retirement to serve as the Richland Township Trustee for 10 years. His relationship with God and his family, especially his loving Irene, were the absolute most precious things in this world to him and he would freely say and show it. He'd also say you weren't properly dressed without your pocket knife. One could not ask for a better husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

Virgil is preceded in death by his parents Fletcher and Inez Davis, brothers Ivan (Virginia) Davis and Wayne Davis, sisters Beluah (Clarence) Catron and Isabelle Binkley and one grandson, Steven Curtis Davis. He is survived by his loving wife Irene (Hayes) Davis, three children Garry Davis, Steven (Kambi) Davis, Gloria (Dennis) Duncan, five grandchildren Mitzi (John) Moss, Corey Davis, Brian Davis, Jodie (Scott) Ivey, and Audrey (David) Key, six great-grandchildren Preston Moss, Kaylee Ivey, Garrett Ivey, Baby Ivey, Hudson Key, and Averyn Key, sister-in-laws Grace Davis, Joan Kay Gater and Loessa Hayes and brother-in-law Warren Hayes, many other special family members, nieces, nephews and friends.

Services will be held at 2 P.M on Saturday at the Walnut Grove Church of God. Friends may call from 11 A.M. until the hour of service at the Church. In lieu of flowers, please make any donations to The Walnut Grove Cemetery and Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Walnut Grove Cemetery

Walnut Grove Road  
1458 S. Walnut Grove Road  
Bloomfield, IN 47424

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 19. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Walnut Grove Church of God  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

CU

“ *Connie Uland lit a candle in memory of Virgil Davis*



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**Connie Uland** - January 23, 2023 at 05:07 PM

BO

“ *I know Virgil only on a professional level...many years ago as a foreman over the machine shop at Crane, he helped a young engineer on several occasions and on many projects. I remember him as a kind and dedicated person and appreciated his suggestions and guidance. I am very sorry for your loss.*

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**Bob Osmon** - June 25, 2021 at 12:38 PM

GH

“ *The obituary of Virgil was beautifully written. He certainly deserved every bit of the recognition. We remember the Thanksgivings we shared with the Davis family at Steve and Kambi's and they were so nice.*

*We want to express our heartfelt sympathy with the Davis and Hayes families.*

*Sincerely,*

*Roger and Ginger Hearl*

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**Ginger Hearl** - June 19, 2021 at 12:36 PM

JH

“ *The Hudson Family sends their heartfelt condolences to the family of Virgil Davis. He was “one of the good ones” and will be missed. In sympathy, Jackson & Jennifer Hudson*

Jennifer Hudson - June 19, 2021 at 11:20 AM

FH

“ *Family of Mick Hayes purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Virgil Otha Davis.*



Family of Mick Hayes - June 16, 2021 at 04:53 PM

RA

“ *Irene and Garry,*

*Not only was Virgil a good man but he was always a good friend to so many. He made a difference in his quiet way. My sympathy to you in this time. You will be in my prayers.*

Roger Axe - June 16, 2021 at 10:12 AM

PH

“ *We were sorry to hear of Virgil's passing. Our hearts go out to all the family. I truly believe Virgil's mission on earth was to serve and serve he did. He touched so many lives in so many ways including ours with his blessings. His legacy lives on and God will reward him greatly.*

*Gilbert & Phyllis Haywood*

Phyllis - June 16, 2021 at 10:10 AM

MB

“ So sorry to learn of Virgil passing. He will be missed by many!



Martha Bowers - June 15, 2021 at 09:34 PM

BH

“ Virgil was a good man. Not only did I know him from the Park Walnut Grove area but I Supported him when he ran the Machine Shop at CAAA in the 80s. My thoughts and prayers to Irene, Gloria and the friends and family.

Barb (Helms) Hays - June 15, 2021 at 08:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Virgil Otha Davis.



June 15, 2021 at 03:51 PM

GM

“ Prayers and hugs to the Davis family. He was one of my favorite people to see in Dark Island Campground in Townsend TN. He will be missed

Glenda Mason - June 15, 2021 at 01:35 PM

PT

“ Love and God’s comfort to each of the Davis family and Virgil’s many friends.

*Danny and Pam Todd*

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**Pam Todd** - June 15, 2021 at 12:37 PM

CL

*Virgil was very helpful to Walnut Grove Church and the cemetery! His work on the cemetery gate is beautiful! He was a leader in so many areas. He worked as trustee of the cemetery and was influential in many good works in the church and community. His woodworking was legendary! He was a wonderful neighbor to my parents, Milly and Joe Uland. He will be missed. My sympathies to Irene, Gloria, Gary and Steve. God bless all of you.*

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**carolyn Uland Lovell** - June 17, 2021 at 08:13 PM