



Merle Augustine Davis

July 25, 1956 - May 31, 2015

Our beloved husband, father and friend passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on May 31, 2015 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Born in Los Angeles, CA on July 25, 1956, he was the second of eight boys born to Mary Jane and Augustine Davis. As a child he lived in Tuba City, AZ and Salt Lake City, UT. Starting at age 12 he spent six years in Shelley, Idaho with the John and Frances Harker family where he attend school and enjoyed country living, basketball, football and excelled in wrestling as a member of the varsity team as a sophomore. Music was his biggest love. He played the guitar since childhood and played in bands in Arizona, Utah, Idaho and throughout the country. "We love you, Merle. Keep on playing."

Merle spent most of his adult life in Salt Lake City, Utah. Throughout his life he loved to work, keep busy and contribute. His skills included contributing to the beautiful interior finish carpentry work we enjoy at the LDS Conference Center, Bountiful Temple, local Dillard's stores and many beautiful homes in the Park City area. He also enjoyed the profession of spray painting finish to cars.

Everywhere Merle went, people loved him. He had a great love for his family and friends and especially his children. They speak of feeling safe and secure in his arms. He was full of faith and hope and had a strong testimony of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints – which faith he says he gained from his foster father, John Harker and family. He looks forward, with his special gift of hope and faith, to being with

his family and friends throughout eternity. His spirit lives on. "You're #1, Dad. After a long and courageous battle with liver disease, may you rest in paradise. We love you and will miss you until we meet again."

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers - Melvin, Calvin, Ervin, Everett, Marvin and son, Elijah (mother Nadine).

He is survived by his wife, Shellie Marchbanks Davis and children - Tyler (mother – Janet), Mary (mother – Nadine), Natasha (mother – Tamara), Isaiah, Jacob, Rachel and Sarah (mother – Bonnie), stepchildren Madi, Jentry, Beau and Ryan, 8 grandchildren and two brothers - Hank and Alvin.

A special thanks to Alex Davis who blessed and prepared Merle for his journey into the next realm beyond this mortal life. We forever thank him for that. Also, a special thanks to Merle's brother Hank and the Harker and Marchbank families for their generous contributions as well as the past and present LDS wards for providing for the family luncheon after the interment as well as the much needed emotional support.

Funeral services are Saturday 12:00 noon with a public visitation 11:00-11:45 am and a private family visitation from 10:00–11:00 am at the Winder 7th Ward LDS Chapel, 4350 South 1100 East. Interment at the Murray City Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Murray City Cemetery

5490 S Vine Street
Murray, UT

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 6. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (MT)

Winder 7th Ward
4350 South 1100 East
SLC, UT

Funeral Service

JUN 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Winder 7th Ward
4350 South 1100 East
SLC, UT

Tribute Wall



“ *Merle Augustine Davis*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *My name is Nadine Anglesey, I am an ex-wife of Merles. We had our bad times but we had our good times as well. I had two wonderful children with him. Elijah and Mary Jane, I love them so much and if it wasn't for him I wouldn't have had them. I thank him for those gifts. I have fond memories of him. He had the gift of music and he could listen to a tune and play it within minuets. I would watch him catch a tune and play it without a mistake. He had a good heart who it was hard to show the love that he had for everyone. I forgave him for any ill will that he put on me and that made my life easier to live. I had a opportunity to take care of him for about 4 weeks while his wife worked and it gave us a chance to get to know each other again. I forgave him a long time ago, I wish him peace and love with the loved ones that have passed. My son is the one who I am sure came through and gave him a hug. We miss the one's that we love but it is like being on vacation and we will see them again. God speed to you and watch over the one's who loved you.
love,
nadine*

nadine - June 15, 2015 at 10:10 AM



Went on Placement in Shelly, Merle was my classmate in 9th grade - Always remember him playing drums at school parties RIP friend ❤️🌹

arlynn Knudsen - December 09, 2024 at 09:27 PM

SH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Shauna Harker - June 09, 2015 at 02:02 AM

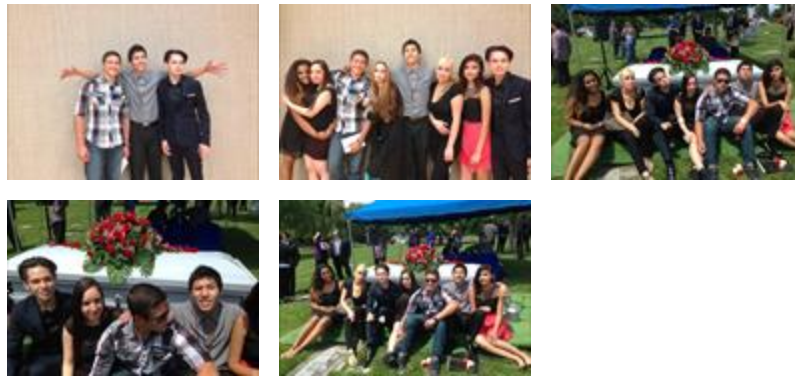
SH

These balloons were given to him 6 days before he passed to the other side of the veil. His step-daughter, Madi, took this picture as she and Shellie let them go - with himj up to heaven to let him know he IS #1 to them. "You're #1"

Shauna Harker - June 09, 2015 at 02:17 AM

SH

“ 10 files added to the album New Album Name



Shauna Harker - June 09, 2015 at 01:04 AM

Jl

This is Jill, I am so sorry for the loss of Merle. I barely found out about his passing. I knew him for 28 year's! I always called him Max,sometimes Merle. I definitely prayed in his honor at my church and home. Everyone, I give you much loving thoughts and prayers. Stay coool & stay with the tunes! He'd love to know he gave you the very sweet balloon of experience!! Actually he probably already does,but I think he's so proud of you. Everyone, my condolences, take care sincerely Jill. He actually taught me how to play a few songs on guitar.,way coool! Wishing you all well! Celebrate his life,not his leaving the earth. Just so you understand, He'll be with you forever in your heart and his soul. If you feel something kinda weird, he's just giving loving greetings to you. Take care, sincerely Jill

Jill - April 30, 2016 at 10:41 PM

MR

“ *I was in the band Alliance with Max in about 1986-1988 and was his second guitarist. Max taught me a LOT! I have been trying to get in touch with Max for years, but didn't know how. I've asked around to anyone who I thought might even have a clue about how to get in touch with him. I really wish I could have gotten in touch with him and renewed our friendship, I so wanted to. I am very saddened to learn of his passing. RIP Max my friend. I will miss you. I will always remember you, my friend. - Mark Rakes*

Mark Rakes - June 07, 2015 at 06:01 AM

JD

“ *Julie Davis lit a candle in memory of Merle Augustine Davis*



Julie Davis - June 06, 2015 at 04:31 PM

JD

“ Shellie,
My heart and prayer are with you at this time!
I am here for you.....
Please call and lets get together, I'd love to spend time and talk
about Merle and get to know him better through your eyes.
I just found out and I'm sorry I'm not with you right now, when you
probably need me the most.
I love you, I'll keep calling you so we can get together!
keep your chin up and take care of yourself.
I'll talk to you really soon.

Love Julie

Julie Davis - June 06, 2015 at 04:29 PM

SH

“ 44 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Shauna Harker - June 06, 2015 at 02:34 AM

CF

I miss you brother! Rest easy!

Christine Peters Ferguson - June 28, 2017 at 10:55 PM

AB

“ Merle, it's hard to imagine that you've gone ahead of us. It's sad to know that you are no longer here, but I know you have reunited with family and friends. It helps to know that you no longer suffer. Know that you are dearly missed. I'll practice before we meet again, so that we can have a jam session or two like you always wanted.

Hank and AI, I'm sorry about Merle's passing. I can't imagine what the world looks and feels like now. My deepest condolences.

Audrey Boone - June 05, 2015 at 11:30 PM

KI

“ Play sweet Music with the Angels .See you on the flip side Max love you Thanks for the huge part you played in so many peoples lives . Thanks you for your beautiful music and for Natasha ~ It's me Kimi (Tami's sister)




Kim - June 05, 2015 at 05:13 PM



“ Until we meet again, Maximus...

Darren Hanks - June 05, 2015 at 04:35 PM


Brittany
Tastad

“ *My greatest memory with my uncle was always going up to park city to fish in the river and always sitting there watching and listening to him play his guitars with my cousin. His passion for music was beautiful. Every day I sit back and think of all the great memories we had and how much I'm going to miss my favorite uncle! You treated me so good and I loved every minute I got to spend with you. There was never a dull moment and I'm going to miss it every day!!! REST IN PARADISE uncle merle I love you* ♥



Brittany Tastad - June 05, 2015 at 09:54 AM

LY

“ *Lynne lit a candle in memory of Merle Augustine Davis*



Lynne - June 05, 2015 at 09:32 AM

CT

“ *We will miss this great and talented guy. We loved the way he perfected his music and shared his talents with others. We have a lot of great memories! May the Lord bless you all with the peace and comfort only he can give. God Bless We will see him again because Families are Forever!! Hugs to all*

Charlene Tso - June 05, 2015 at 05:45 AM

Madi
Hunt

“ *best memory of my dad would probably be when he took me to band practice with him and teach me how to play . Love you daddy rest in paradise. ?*

Madi Hunt - June 05, 2015 at 03:12 AM

BG

“ *Beth Gilbreath purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Merle Augustine Davis.*



Beth Gilbreath - June 04, 2015 at 03:33 PM

KH

“ *Kellie Hoover purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Merle Augustine Davis.*



Kellie Hoover - June 04, 2015 at 03:22 PM

KH

“ *Best Memory of Max....sitting in Mom's living room listening to Max play guitar and Shellie and Max singing. It was beautiful!*

Love to you and yours,

Kellie Hoover

Kellie Hoover - June 04, 2015 at 02:36 PM

LD

Love you brother you will be deeply missed & are loved by all, sorry to see you go, but glad that you are out of the pain. Love always your sister in law Luonda Davis tell we meet again. :(<\3

Luonda Davis - June 04, 2015 at 09:29 PM

LY

Fly with the angles Max. I bet you were so happy to see your son, brothers, and other family members. Lynne

Lynne - June 05, 2015 at 09:55 AM

SK

Feathered Hair, Leather Jackets and Dark sunglasses. I will always remember when you tried to give me Rocker hair advice back in the late 80's. Still didn't get it right... But truly, I will always remember you my cousin! Blessed with a love for music and amazing Acoustic/Singing talent that you have shared at family gatherings, or maybe at a family reunion or in my mom's kitchen or even at a park. But my most memorable and favorite to me is when you sang Silent Lucidity at Grandpa's funeral. You have touched many of us with your sweet soul. Rock on brother and enjoy all our loved ones as they welcome you in heaven. Forever watch over us all and my love sent to his wife and all his children and brothers. Your Haswood family send all our prayers and condolences.

Shannon Kee - June 05, 2015 at 05:35 PM