



## Harold O Davis

May 15, 1929 - August 30, 2024

### "A Self Made Man"

Harold O. "Hal" Davis, 95, of Toledo, Ohio, has passed away on August 30, 2024. Mr. Davis is survived by his son, William Davis, his daughter in law Victoria Williams, SueAnn Hutchinson and her husband Scott Hutchinson, grandchildren Sarah-Ann

Rodgers and Tyler Davis. Born in Ford City, Pennsylvania in 1929, he graduated in 1947 from Doylestown High School where he grew up. Mr. Davis then served in the U.S. Air Force Strategic Air Command where he played an instrumental role in deploying and flying B-29 Bombers to various parts of the world during the Korean War.

On the G.I. Bill, he earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Bowling Green State University in 1956. This is where Mr. Davis met his future wife, Barbra Younkin, and in 1955 they married at the Prout Chapel at Bowling Green State University campus. In 1956, he worked at Ernst & Ernst, a CPA firm, as an audit supervisor. He was hired by The Blade Newspaper on Oct. 23, 1963, as assistant controller and was promoted to director of finance in April 1969. In 1978 he completed the Harvard Advanced Management Program and in Jan. 1984, was named Vice President, Administration of both The Blade and Block Communications, Inc. As chief

financial officer of BCI, Mr. Davis was involved in the acquisition and financial operations of fourteen companies including the forming of Buckeye Broadband. His favorite Blade newspaper was the Monterey Peninsula Herald on the beautiful California Coast. He traveled there annually and was involved in the installation of new presses and implementation of good relations between union labor and management. The always present plaque located on his desk stated "Communicate" and his chief solution was to "cope". While his forte was business and finance, Mr. Davis- received media attention in 1967 for his golfing prowess, when he hit what some deemed "the longest drive ever recorded at the ancient Valleywood Golf Club." He was active in many professional organizations including the Toledo Rotary. When his son Bill joined the Boy Scouts, he developed the idea of fundraising for all of NW Ohio. Due to his innovative ideas for popcorn sales, he was known as the "Popcorn Colonel" Mr. Davis loved boating and owned five separate boats all named "Sojourn." He served as commodore at the Indian Hill Boat Club in 1979, affectionately known as "Mr. Clean" due to his attentiveness to his boats. After 27 years, Hal retired and enjoyed traveling to California multiple times a year. He also cruised to Alaska, the Baltic Sea, and traveled parts of Europe, all with his wife of 54 years, Barbra. In 2009, after being widowed, Hal reconnected with his high school sweetheart, Helene Chambers. They enjoyed six years together, reminiscing on the old days but creating new memories. Mr. Davis was a true gentleman and was always courteous, conscientious, honorable, collaborative, loyal, and respectful. In his life, he put others before himself. Mr. Davis was a member of Zion Methodist Church where he served as Treasurer, and later in life was involved with St. Andrews UM Church.

He has served on the board of Riverside Hospital, North Coast Health Systems, and the Bowling Green State University Foundation. He had infinite patience and leadership skills, often encouraging people to not admire their work before it was finished. Mr. Davis was an inspiration to all with his many successes in life. He was a peaceful, patient, kind and a true gentlemen. Visitation will be held on Wednesday September 4, 2024 at Church of St. Andrew United Methodist, 3620 Heatherdowns Blvd. 43614 from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Funeral services will begin at 11:00 am followed by committal services at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Ottawa Hills Memorial Park

4210 W Central Ave  
Toledo, OH 43606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of St Andrew United Methodist  
3620 Heatherdowns Blvd.  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Funeral Ceremony

SEP 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Church of St Andrew United Methodist  
3620 Heatherdowns Blvd.  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Graveside Service

SEP 4. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Ottawa Hills Memorial Park  
4210 W Central Ave  
Toledo, OH 43606



# Tribute Wall

PH

“ Having worked in the Executive Offices of The Toledo Blade and BCI, I had the pleasure of sharing many years with him at the office. His obituary described his kind, patient personality perfectly. He truly was a fine gentleman.

*Pamela Holt*

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**PAMELA J HOLT** - January 30 at 12:50 AM

BS

“ Hal was a wonderful fellow to know and glad to have had his friendship going back to the days at Indian Hill Boat Club

*Barry Savage*

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**Barry Savage** - September 03, 2024 at 12:36 PM

TC

“ The Family of Helene Chambers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold O Davis.

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**The Family of Helene Chambers** - September 03, 2024 at 10:51 AM

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“ The Family of Helene Chambers purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Harold O Davis.



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**The Family of Helene Chambers** - September 03, 2024 at 10:51 AM

CT

“ Celia, Alex and Tanya purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Harold O Davis.



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**Celia, Alex and Tanya** - September 02, 2024 at 08:56 PM

CT

“ Celia, Alex and Tanya planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold O Davis.

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**Celia, Alex and Tanya** - September 02, 2024 at 08:56 PM

GG

“ Gregory Williams and Kimiko Goto purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Harold O Davis.



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**Gregory Williams and Kimiko Goto** - September 02, 2024 at 01:27 PM

TF

“ On November 1996, Hal let us spend a week in his Irvine condominium for our vacation with our new born baby Nathan. He was so generous in sharing with our family! We are forever thankful! From Douglas, Nathan, Diego & Susana Williams.

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**The Williams Family** - August 31, 2024 at 05:45 PM

FW

“ From Douglas, Diego, Nathan & Susana W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold O Davis.

From Douglas, Diego, Nathan & Susana W. - August 31, 2024 at 05:39 PM

FW

“ From Douglas, Diego, Nathan & Susana W. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Harold O Davis.



From Douglas, Diego, Nathan & Susana W. - August 31, 2024 at 05:39 PM

YB

“ Your son and friend forever, Bill purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Harold O Davis.



Your son and friend forever, Bill - August 30, 2024 at 10:29 PM

YB

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Your son and friend forever, Bill - August 30, 2024 at 10:29 PM

SJ

“ I met him a while back when Tyler brought home to our Men’s group. He was very well spoken and we could tell he loved his Grandson Tyler a lot. It was a pleasure to meet him. May God give your family HIS strength and peace. God Bless.

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**Steven Jackson** - August 30, 2024 at 08:35 PM