



OUR HEARTFELT THANKS

We are comforted by God's love and our memories. We are also comforted by the innumerable expressions of love many of you have extended to us in our time of bereavement. It is with the deepest sense of appreciation and great love that the Davis family simply says, 'thank you'!

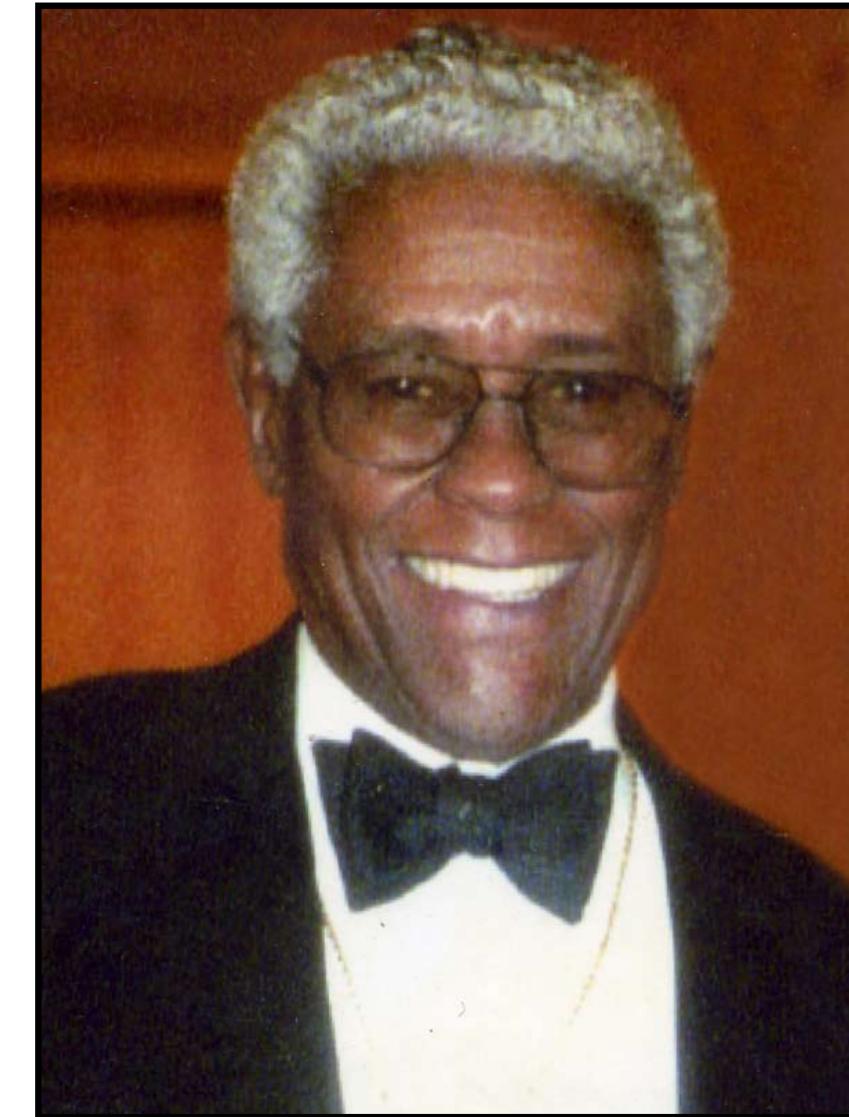
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MEMORIAL SERVICE

Dr. Francis Douglass Davis, Sr.

1923 - 2017



Thursday, March 2, 2017
Eleven O'clock in the Morning

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
at
Providence Missionary Baptist Church
2295 Benjamin E. Mays Drive, Southwest
Atlanta, Georgia

The Reverend Dr. Richard W. Wills, Sr., Pastor

Obituary

Dr. Francis Douglass Davis, Sr. was born September 1, 1923 in Macon, Georgia. He was the second of three sons born to Dr. Wanzie and Carro Appling Davis.

Dr. Davis graduated from Ballard Normal High School in Macon, Georgia and in 1947 from Morehouse College. He received his Dental degree from Howard University in Washington, D. C. in 1951. He interned in Oral Surgery at the Jersey City Medical Center in Jersey City, New Jersey and completed residency training at 7533 U.S.A.F. Hospital in Europe.

He spent twenty years in the Air Force, having retired as a full Colonel in May, 1973. He served as Chief of Professional Services at 1st U.S.A.F. Hospital, Selfridge A.F.B., Michigan and Director of Base Dental Health Service at McGuire A.F.B., New Jersey. He was the recipient of three commendation medals, including the 1st and 2nd Oak Leaves. He had a limited practice of Oral Maxillofacial surgery in New Jersey and served as a professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University Dental School.

Dr. Davis was a Fellow in the American College of Dentists; he served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Hospital Medical Center in Newark, New Jersey; consultant to the National Institute of Health, Black Health Providers Task Force on High Blood Pressure Education; member of the Trustee Board and President-Elect of the Commonwealth Dental Society. He was an appointed member of the National Delta Dental Plan Association Advisory Committee.

He was the recipient of the National Dental Association's President Award for Outstanding Service; "Man of the Year" for Community Service by the Brooklyn-Queens-Long Island Alumni Association of Morehouse College; the Distinguished Alumnus Lifetime Achievement Award in Dentistry from Morehouse College; "Man of the Year" by the Wolverine Dental Society; the Trailblazer Award in 2013 by the North Georgia Dental Society; and a special recognition plaque by the Office of Health Professions and Pre-Dental Society at Morehouse College for his dedication and mentorship in the profession of dentistry.

Francis was an avid sportsman; golf was his passion. He also loved to play tennis and racquetball. He excelled at poker and bridge and loved to dance.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-six years, Hattimarie; daughter, Robin; and grandsons, Brian and Joshua Harris. He was predeceased by his son, Francis, Jr.

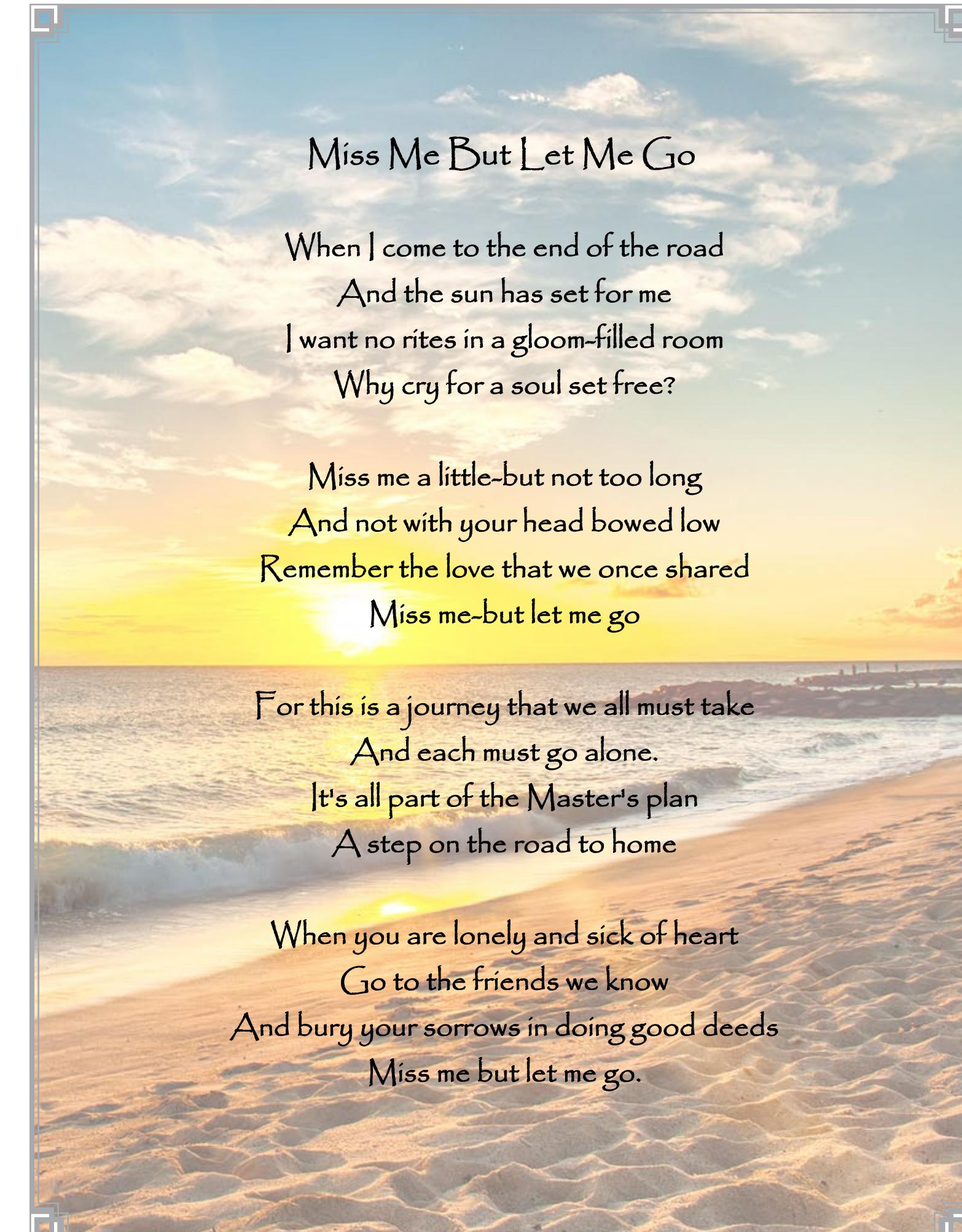
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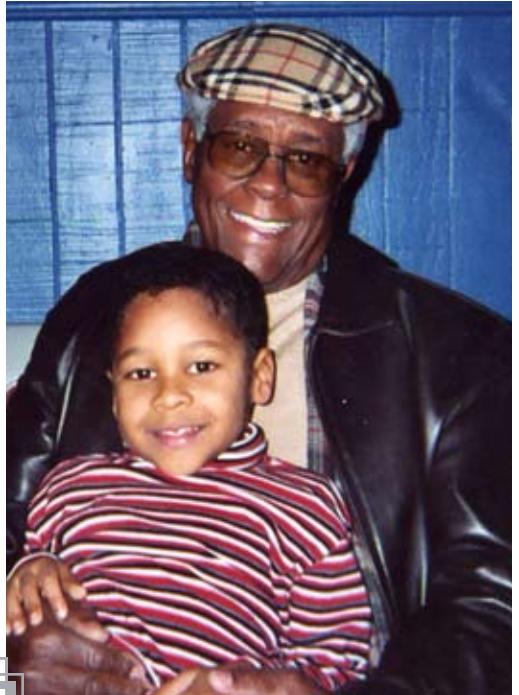
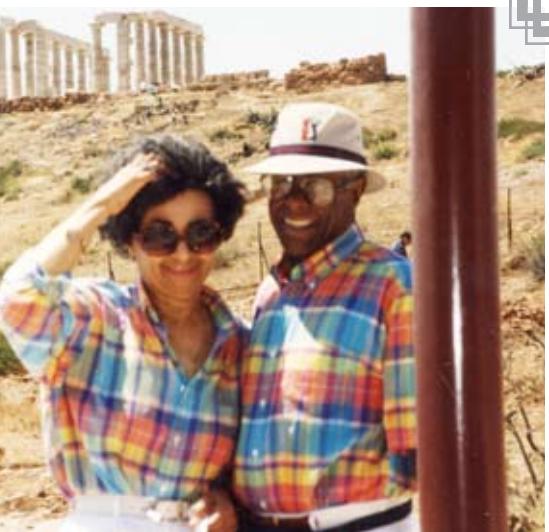
When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little-but not too long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me-but let me go

For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan
A step on the road to home

When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss me but let me go.





Order of Service

The Reverend Dr. Richard W. Wills, Sr.
Officiating

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC Dr. Joyce Finch Johnson, Pianist

GREETINGS The Reverend Dr. Richard W. Wills, Sr.

INVOCATION The Reverend Edward Warner

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN *Great is Thy Faithfulness* – TNBH, No. 153 FAITHFULNESS

SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament, Ecclesiastes 3 The Reverend Kevin Calhoun
New Testament, 1 Corinthians 13 The Reverend Angela Sutton

MUSICAL TRIBUTE *His Eye is on the Sparrow* Civilia D. Martin
Mrs. Henrietta Antoinin, Soloist

TRIBUTES:

Dr. Paul Gates, Chairman, Department of Dentistry
Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center, Bronx, NY

The Reverend Paul A. McDaniel, Pastor Emeritus
Second Missionary Baptist Church, Chattanooga, TN

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN *He Lives* – TNBH, No. 102 ACKLEY

TRIBUTES:

Dr. Norman Thomas, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Kappa Omega Chapter
Mr. Govan Thomas, Guardsmen, Inc., Atlanta Chapter

MUSICAL SELECTION *I Know Who Holds Tomorrow* Ira F. Stanphill
The Retirees Choir, Mrs. Ronnie Bryant, Director
Mrs. Bernice Hall, Accompanist, Mr. B. Wayne McMillan, Soloist

EULOGY Dr. Wills

PIANO MEDLEY *Climb Every Mountain* Dr. Johnson
You'll Never Walk Alone
Dear Old Morehouse (The Morehouse Hymn)

BENEDICTION Dr. Wills

CLOSING SELECTION *Ride the Chariot* – Negro Spiritual arr. William H. Smith
The Retirees Choir

*Please Stand

