



### 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'!

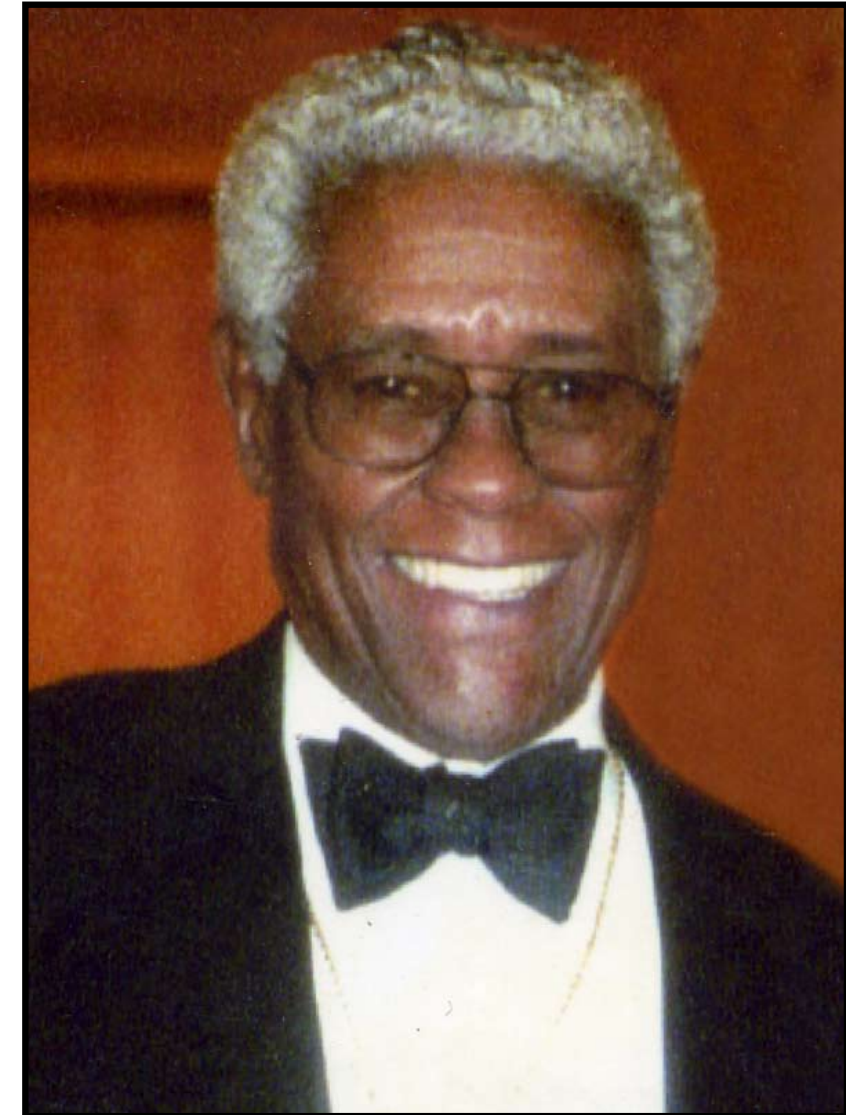
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## MEMORIAL SERVICE

# *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.

## Miss Me But Let Me Go

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



