



## Ralph "Corky" Josiah Davis

December 8, 1936 - July 23, 2021

Mr. Ralph Josiah "Corky" Davis, 84, of Bartlesville, died at 1 PM on Friday, July 23, 2021 at the Jane Phillips Medical Center in Bartlesville.

Funeral services will be held at 10 AM on Thursday, July 29, 2021 in the Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be in the Fairview/New Zion Cemetery at Cushing, Oklahoma directed by the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

The Davis family will receive guests for visitation at the Stumpff Funeral Home on Wednesday from 4 PM until 8 PM.

Mr. Davis was born at Cushing, Oklahoma on December 8, 1936 the son of Ralph Josiah Davis and Gussie May Millinger. He grew up and received his education in Cushing where he graduated from Cushing High School in 1956. He was married to Cherrie Marean Hesser on October 20, 1956 at Cushing. They made their home briefly in Bartlesville and Cushing until Mr. Davis entered the United States Army in January of 1958. He was released from active duty in January of 1960 and received his Honorable Discharge in December of 1963. Mr. Davis joined the Bartlesville Police Department in 1960 and served with them until his retirement in 1980 as a Captain and Assistant to the Chief. Mr. Davis had attended TU and numerous law enforcement related courses including the FBI Academy and had also been active as an instructor in different law enforcement courses. Following his police retirement, he was employed by the Osage County Assessor's Office for 20 years and then had his own pipeline surveying business for several

years. He loved working cattle, riding horses and loved to play music. He was a master steel guitarist and for years had the Corky Davis and his Cowboy Swing Band and they played in various locations in Bartlesville including OK Mozart and First Baptist Church as well as in the surrounding areas and at Branson, Missouri. He was a member of the Steel Guitar Association.

Survivors include his wife, Cherrie Davis of the home, three sons, David Davis and wife Cheryl Ann of Jay, Oklahoma, Randy Davis and wife Jan Webster of Skiatook, Oklahoma and Robert Charles Davis of Bartlesville, 11 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 sisters, 2 brothers and a grandchild, Taylor Ray Davis.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairlawn Cemetery

Highway 18 North  
Cushing, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel  
1600 SE Washington Blvd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
(918) 333-4300  
<http://www.Stumpff.org>

## Chapel Service

JUL 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel  
1600 SE Washington Blvd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
(918) 333-4300  
<http://www.Stumpff.org>

## Graveside Service

JUL **29**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Fairlawn Cemetery  
Highway 18 North  
Cushing, OK

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Marian Malone lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Corky" Josiah Davis*



Marian Malone - June 16, 2023 at 12:45 PM

MM

*I had no idea that Corky had passed. I would have come to honor the man that I will always remember as being so joyously happy and loving. My prayers go out to Cherry, David, Randy, Charlie and all of his family. Bless and keep you all.*

Marian Malone - June 16, 2023 at 12:50 PM

ES

“ *Thoughts and prayers for the family* 🙏



Ernie & Tami Snodgrass - August 01, 2021 at 01:39 PM

KI

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Davis family. So many memories come to mind living a few doors away from one of the nicest guys we've ever had the pleasure to know.*

*The King Family: Jean, Tom(Jill), John(Patti)*

King - July 30, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph "Corky" Josiah Davis.



July 29, 2021 at 06:08 AM



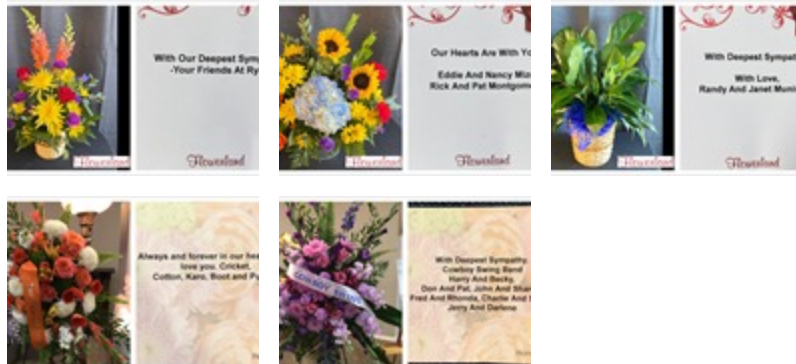
“ Thank you for being the best bonus Grandpa I could ask for! I will miss you always.  
Love, Keeley



Keeley Marquez - July 29, 2021 at 12:36 AM



“ 10 files added to the album Flowers



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - July 28, 2021 at 05:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph "Corky" Josiah Davis.*



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July 28, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ *So proud to be able to call Corky my friend. Definitely a man among men. I had the privilege of working with him at the Osage County Assessors office where he was not only my co-worker but a mentor and a friend. He always told the new guys "Your most important job is to make me look good!" I can honestly say that I did everything I could to never let him down! Besides work, he taught me an appreciation of western swing music. I'll never forget when he brought his band to play for my parents 50th wedding anniversary, I thought we were getting a 3 piece band and he showed up with 7 musicians and twin fiddles!! It couldn't have been better if it was Bob Wills himself!! To his family, our prayers are with you just know he will always live forever with me!*

*Jeff Bute*

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**Jeff Bute** - July 28, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ 8 files added to the album Flowers



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - July 28, 2021 at 10:16 AM

DB

“ I met Corky when I joined the police department in 1976. After he retired I would run into him from time to time and he was always glad to see me and the feeling was mutual. I watched him perform many times and know he brought a lot of joy to people. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Cherie and the boys. He will be missed by Many people. Don and Kathryn Baker



Don Baker - July 28, 2021 at 02:12 AM

LA

“ It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to a great man. He will be missed! Cherrie thinking of you and your family, God Bless. Ken/Linda Anderson

Linda Lee Anderson - July 27, 2021 at 09:11 PM



JE

“Corky Davis was the school bus driver (that picked up kids in my neighborhood) my senior year at Col Hi. Nice, nice guy. *EVERYONE* liked Corky!

Jim Eppler - July 27, 2021 at 06:30 PM



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July 27, 2021 at 06:03 PM

BM

“When in high school I had to go to youth court because of a traffic ticket and was sentenced to a number of week end sessions at the police department. The training person for this punishment was Sgt Corky Davis. It was a pleasant experience. I graduated from College High in 1967 and I still remember him.

Billy D Middletom - July 27, 2021 at 05:59 PM

SB

“So very sad to learn of Corky's passing. Really enjoyed knowing him and listening to his music. Always looked forward to his play dates. My heart and prayers go out to his family and all the band members. Thanks for all the wonderful memories-Corky.  
Sandy Wilkie Barlow



Sandy Wilkie Barlow - July 27, 2021 at 05:49 PM

KM

“*Kimberly AXSOM Fogle, Lee and Mike purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ralph "Corky" Josiah Davis.*



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**Kimberly AXSOM Fogle, Lee and Mike** - July 27, 2021 at 01:57 PM

JB

“*JoAnn and Stacy Brice purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ralph "Corky" Josiah Davis.*



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**JoAnn and Stacy Brice** - July 27, 2021 at 01:36 PM

KK

“*Ken and Judy Kimbley purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ralph "Corky" Josiah Davis.*



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**Ken and Judy Kimbley** - July 27, 2021 at 12:17 PM

HL

“What a great guy he was, always had a smile on his face. Proud to say he was my friend. He was a mentor for so many musicians and young people who wanted to try their hand at being a singer. I know many will miss him, but none more than the members and former members of his bands. We offer our most sincere condolences to Cherri and all his family.

So long my friend...

Harry Lawson  
Cowboy Swing member

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Harry Lawson - July 27, 2021 at 12:07 PM

BL

Corky always had a funny line or story to tell. What an entertainer. We lost a good one here. Happy to say he was my friend. RIP Corky. Condolences to Cherrie and his family. Bless you all.

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Becky Lawson - July 27, 2021 at 03:30 PM

CH

I am so very sorry about Corky, and send love and prayers to my friend Cherrie and the family. Cork, Cherrie and I went to school together in Cushing. We always had a good time at reunions. He will be missed. Carolyn Minnix Harris

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Carolyn Harris - July 27, 2021 at 04:18 PM

JO

First met Corky in 1980 when I was applying to various Police Depts. What a great man he was and an inspiration to many young officers. Heard his group play music a few times, always had the crowd smiling. He will be missed by many friends and neighbors.

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John O'Rourke - August 18, 2021 at 09:09 PM

JB

“ *Joan L Baughman lit a candle in memory of  
Ralph "Corky" Josiah Davis*



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**Joan L Baughman** - July 27, 2021 at 09:39 AM

BA

*Corky and Cherrie are like family to me and Dee. We have so many memories, all the way back to kids. He is what I consider a real buddy! A tough Cushing high school TIGER! We will cherish the life long memories, (maybe forget a few)  
Love you Cherrie and family.*

*Bill & Dee Allen*

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**Bill Allen** - July 29, 2021 at 10:59 AM