



## Raymond D. Davis

May 11, 1930 - November 24, 2023

Raymond D. Davis, age 93, of Salem, WI, formerly of Chicago and Evanston, IL, passed away Friday, November 24, 2023 while in the company of family members, at Archwood Senior Living in Salem, WI.

He was born in Chicago, IL on May 11, 1930, a son of the late Flora (Waggoner) and Custer C. Davis.

He was a graduate of Glenbard High School in 1948.

Ray was married to Esther Blaum on May 30, 1954, at St. John's Church in Chicago and she died Nov. 9, 2004. He married Ruth Ann Smith in Oct. 1996 and she died Apr. 2011.

He served in the U.S. Army Engineers and the Airborne from 1951 to 1954 with time in Korea, where he received two Overseas Bars, three Bronze Service Stars and United Nations Service Medal.

Ray loved fishing, playing the harmonica, writing short stories, was an avid reader and loved spending time with his family.

He was a police officer for the City of Evanston, IL from 1958-1980. He was a member of the Wheaton Masonic Lodge.

Ray is survived by five daughters Dawn (the late Tom) Callahan, of Downers Grove, IL; Debra (Carter) Mecher, of Roswell, GA; Diane (Tom) Sullivan, of North Sutton, NH; Renee (Russ Soltis) Kapraun, of Buffalo Grove, IL; Ruth (Karl) Hepp, of Savage, MN; a son Thomas W. (Laura) Davis, of Twin Lakes, WI; 21 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and a sister Jacqueline (late "Red") Hansen, of Grand Junction, CO. He was preceded by a grandson Matthew Kapraun.

Private family services will be at Chapel Hill Gardens West, Oak Brook Terrace, IL with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the charity of one's choice or hospice.

For information, please call Ehorn-Adams Funeral Home 815 678-7311.

# Cemetery Details

## Chapel Hill Gardens West

17W201 Roosevelt Rd  
Oak Brook Terrace, IL 60181

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ray, you were a hell of a guy that looked out for the rest of us. God bless,



Ken Labuda - November 30, 2023 at 09:03 AM



Thanks Ken

Tom Davis - November 30, 2023 at 07:09 PM



“ Ray was someone I could turn to as a new officer for advice. He was a fantastic officer that could be counted on when another officer needed help. Thank you Ray, may you rest in peace. Lieutenant George Scharm - retired

George Epd - November 30, 2023 at 07:30 AM



Thanks George

Tom Davis - November 30, 2023 at 07:09 PM

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“ Sincerest condolences to Ray's family. Ray was a valued member of our EPD family. For us new officers in the mid 1970's he was always helpful in making sure our paperwork was in order when it was turned in and mentored us in the complicated world of policing.

Sam Pettineo-Deputy Chief (Ret.) EPD - November 30, 2023 at 06:53 AM



*My sincere condolences to the Davis family. Ray was well liked and respected by members of The Evanston Police Department Family. Ray thank you for your services. RIP 🙏🌹*  
*Retired EPD Louis Boone*

**Louis Boone ( Retired EPD )** - November 30, 2023 at 09:12 AM



*Thank you Louis*

**Tom Davis** - November 30, 2023 at 07:10 PM



*Thanks Sam*

**Tom Davis** - November 30, 2023 at 07:10 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond D. Davis.*



November 29, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Posted one earlier but haven't seen it so here goes again . I remember My Uncle Ray as a Kind Funny Man . I remember he did the Best impersonation of Donald Duck He Sounded Just Like Him. Lots of Great Memories and get togethers in my childhood days and some teen days . He will be Missed But now he is At Peace No more suffering or Worries . Love Your Niece Linda ❤️❤️🙏🙏*

**Linda Behnke(Niece)** - November 28, 2023 at 04:01 PM



*Thank you, Linda*

**Ruth** - December 03, 2023 at 05:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Raymond D. Davis.*



November 28, 2023 at 02:25 PM



“ *I will never forget the drive to the hotel after Carolyn's wedding with Grandpa Ray in the passenger seat beside me and Cousin Tommy telling stories from the back seat. What a wild ride that was and great memories. I was practically kissing the ground after getting them back safely XD*

**Sarah Brehm** - November 28, 2023 at 02:16 PM



*Thank you, Sarah*

**Ruth** - December 03, 2023 at 05:36 PM



“ *Ray was the best Policeman I ever knew . Linda, Myself and my Father, Teddy all worked with Ray at EPD. Ray always taught me to help the new Rookies at work so they in turn would help the next group coming on after. I will miss his smile and laugh.*  
*Tom Devine*

**Thomas Devine** - November 27, 2023 at 01:33 PM



*I worked with Ray for many years at EPD. Ray was liked and respected by everybody. He was tolerant but firm when working. Quiet but very likeable.*  
*Rest in peace Ray. You deserve it 🙏*

**Glenn Cannon** - November 30, 2023 at 08:26 AM



*Thanks Glenn*

**Tom Davis** - November 30, 2023 at 07:12 PM



*Thanks Tom*

**Tom Davis** - November 30, 2023 at 07:12 PM

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“ *While working with Ray I always remembered how excited to see me walk through that door. His smile and his kindness will never be forgotten .*

**Marlea** - November 25, 2023 at 08:59 PM

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*Thank you, Marlea*

**Ruth** - December 03, 2023 at 05:33 PM