

## Elvera Davis

**Rosewood Heights | Sunday, November 17 2013**

Our Mom, Elvera Davis, 77, of Rosewood Heights, passed away on November 17, 2013 at home, surrounded by her loving family. This amazing, beautiful person was born, so fittingly, on a magical and snowy Christmas Eve Night, Dec. 24, 1935.

Born to Elmer and Anna (Schwab) Burges of Dorsey, she had one sister, Erma Grable, who she always referred to as her baby sister. They all preceded her in death. She married James E. Davis of Pocahontas, Ark. on Feb. 9, 1955 in Alton.



After graduating from the St. Joseph School of Nursing in 1956, she began her nursing career. She worked at the Little Flower Hospital in Pocahontas, Ark., and then VIP Manor in Wood River. She then served as Director of Nursing at the Beverly Farm Foundation before retiring in 2001. She continued nursing part time, simply because taking care of others was her life. She made many friends during her nursing career and was widely known and considered, as one doctor friend put it shortly before she passed, “the greatest nurse ever”.

She is survived by her husband and best friend, our Dad, Jim Davis, her five boys, Jim, Davis, Mike Davis, Joe Davis, Tom Davis, and Tim (Laura) Davis. Two boys, John and Danny preceded her in death. Eight daughters survive: DeeAnn (Sam) Titsworth, Janet (Tim) Cox, Linda Davis, Karen (Steve) Catt, Jeannie (David) Stratton, Patti (Steve) Snyder, Susie (Mark) Marburger, and Beth Davis. She also had a special 9<sup>th</sup> daughter, Kim Albert and two very dear friends, Maxine Calhoun and Pat Gvillo.

She was a loving grandmother to Michael, Melissa, Chris, Mandy, Carrie, Megan, Steve, Matt, Tim “Bryant”, Brittany, Haleigh, Brooke, Caiden, and Mason; three great grandchildren, Alyssa, Maddy, and Presley.

Our Mom’s final weeks with us were a bittersweet time. We laughed and cried with her, and because of her selfless courage, she blessed us with many days to tell her how much we loved her, and she made sure to tell us how proud she was of us and how much she loved us.

In the end, the “Greatest Nurse Ever” gave us the gift of taking care of her, allowing her husband, children, and grandchildren to nurse her in the loving home she and our Dad built together. And now she sleeps....we love you, Mom.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20 at Paynic Home for Funerals, where a Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 21.

Burial will be private.

Memorials may be made to any Cliedo Cranial Dysplasia Research Foundation in memory of Elvera A. Davis, R.N.

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