



Pershing Davis

October 24, 1918 - April 28, 2012

Foch Davis of Lindsay, Oklahoma departed this life on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at his home at the age of 93. Foch was born on October 24, 1918 in Temple, Oklahoma to David Isaac Davis and Maude Mae (McKee) Davis. He married Clara Duncan on November 18, 1939 at the First Baptist Church in Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Foch graduated from Hughes High School. He served his country as a member of the U.S. Army from December 1942 until January 1946, following George Patton and his army across Europe. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He was discharged as a Staff Sergeant and had served as an automotive mechanic and rifle sharpshooter. Foch earned two good conduct medals while in the service and was a member of what Tom Brokaw called "The Greatest Generation".

Foch considered himself an "Old Timer" of Lindsay, having lived here for 76 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lindsay since 1951. He was also a member of the Rotary Club, the Masonic Lodge and the Quarterback Club. He served on the Lindsay School Board for seventeen years and also served on the Hospitality Committee for Lindsay. Foch worked as a bus driver at Hughes while attending high school. He was employed at Miller Motors for twenty-eight years and worked as Transportation Director for Lindsay Schools for sixteen years.

Foch was an avid football and basketball fan. In the later years, he liked watching golf. He also loved camping and fishing, and on his camping trips, he met and made friends with people from Colorado to Texas. He was a real people person. Foch drove the # 1 Leopard bus for basketball and football for sixteen years. He enjoyed watching his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren play sports, and he was voted the # 1 Leopard Fan in 1997. Foch also enjoyed meeting each morning with the "Coffee Shop Gang" for many years. Nearly all of the friends he has left behind have a "Foch" story they can tell.

Mr. Davis is survived by two daughters; Diane Estes and husband H.O. of Lindsay, Oklahoma and Kim Woods and husband Wayne of Duncan, Oklahoma, one son, Kent Davis and wife Lynn of Dennison, Texas, three sisters: Maude Wilson of Walters, Oklahoma, Lillian Williams of Lindsay, Oklahoma and Ila Hayes of Shawnee, Oklahoma and one brother, Sonny Davis of Odessa, Texas. Foch also leaves behind his grandchildren: Renae Osborne and husband Donnie, Jacque Brown and husband Kenneth, Aubrey Murray and husband Eric, Misty Duke and husband Eric, Sunny Davis and Alison Davis and his great-grandchildren: Megan Osborne, Mitchell Osborne, Hartley Duke, Karstyn Murray, Keyli Murray, Kortlyn Murray and Harper Duke.

Mr. Davis was preceded in death by his wife, Clara Davis, on May 29, 2006 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. Also preceding Foch in death were his parents, one great-grandson, Kade Murray and nine siblings.

Funeral services for Mr. Davis are set for two o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at the First Baptist Church, located at 401 S.W. 4th Street in Lindsay, Oklahoma with Pastor Randy Allen officiating and Bro. Gene Sanders assisting. Interment will follow at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay. The family requests that memorial donations be made to the Lindsay First Baptist Church

Building Fund. Services are under the direction of B.G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences for the family may be made online at www.boydstonfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ *Diane and family: My sincere condolences upon learning of your father's passing. Please know that many remember him from when we were growing up and for belonging to the Greatest Generation. They were truly remarkable!* ”

Mahona Witter - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Kim and Davis family, I am so sorry to learn of Foch passing, I know your heart is breaking. I loved Foch driving the basketball bus, he was fun. I will never forget hearing hey luther to the referee's. He was a sure joy. Remember the good times.* ”

Martha Clements Eaves - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *(Tribute Text Not Available)* ”

J - May 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Renae and Family, so sorry to hear about you grandpa. My thought's and prayer's are with you at this time.* ”

Judy Summers (Yandell) - May 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Diane, I am just now hearing about your Dad. I am so sorry and will have your family in my prayers.* ”

Shirley (Hayes) Miller - May 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Diane,
Just found out about your dad. I'm so sorry for your loss. May God give your family peace and comfort.

Bernice Largent Shipman - May 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ WHAT A GREAT MAN!

BEV - May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ To the Davis Family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Foch was a great man and a true Leopard fan.

Dick Abram - May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

IG

“ Diane and family: I have you and your family in my thoughts and prayers with the loss of your Dad.

Irene Bell Gragert - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Foch was a great man, hold your memories close to you. Foch had a soft spoken voice unless he was talking to the referee's. It was a hoot to watch him get kicked out of ballgames & then sneak back in, because he always would.

Bill & Barbara Russell - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ The Greatest Man, and busdriver any Lindsay Student could have as a bus driver. Rest in peace Foch, you was loved by all students.

Tracey Harvey Halderman - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Diane and family,

Foch was such a special person. I will miss seeing him around town. I am sure my dad will miss having coffee with him. Any person would be blessed to leave just half the legacy that Foch left. I pray God will be there for you when you are sad and missing him, but I am sure you know that he is in Heaven waiting for you!

Donna Bartley-Clark - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ My sympathy to all of your family in the loss of your father. Another one of the old-timers who everyone in Lindsay knew. May good memories be a comfort to all of you.

Louanne (Ward) Trueblood - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Davis family; you have been on mind mind and heart all week!Foch has joined an elete group of special people. Just tomention a few: Jerry Hinkle, Lawton Carey, Barbara & Red Simonton and S.J. Foster. This is just a drop in the bucket, but he is in good company.

Betty Foster - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Diane and family, So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing but he's with the best now and can help call the roll up yonder.

Barbara McHenry Bercik - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Diane and family: I'm sorry to learn of Your Dad passing away. He was very well respected by everyone who knew him and he will be missed by all that knew him. One of the best school board members in the history of Lindsay schools and a great mechanic.

Lanny Smith - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Kim and Davis Family so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of Foch. He was truly a Lindsay Leopardette fan. I can still hear his voice yelling at the games! What a nice and kind man.

Billie Lynch Baker - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Davis family, sorry to hear of your great loss. Foch was a great man, I really enjoyed him when he working with dad @ the bus garage. I wish the best for you & he has my sincere prayers, may god bless this great human being.

steve Lauderdale - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ My sympathy to all the family members. True many have stories of Foch. When i was in early gradeschool years i used to beg to ride his bus. (my dad drove a bus too) Foch gave me the nickname of Muff Puff.

kim - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM