



Vincent Darnell Davis

July 4, 1965 - April 4, 2026

Vincent Darnell Davis, affectionately known as “Vinie,” was born on July 4, 1965, to the late Clarkson “Buddy” Davis and Carrie B. (Dabney) Davis in Bremono Bluff, Virginia.

Vincent received his formal education in the Harrisburg School District, beginning at Downey Elementary School and graduating from Harrisburg High School, Class of 1985.

During his high school years, he was a proud and accomplished member of the Harrisburg Cougar Band, participating in the Marching Band, Symphonic Band, and Jazz Ensembles. He also auditioned and earned placement in the All-District, All-County, and All-State Bands, a rare and distinguished triple honor.

He continued his education at the illustrious HBCU, Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, where he double majored in Business Management and Music Education. While on campus, Vincent served as Tuba Section Leader in the Invincible Marching Marauders and was a proud brother of the Theta Delta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity, Incorporated.

He remained active on campus, assisting with audio/visual support for student performances and serving as chapter president of the NAACP. Later in life,

Vincent continued to “Strive for the Highest” by furthering his education at Elizabethtown University (Corporate Communications, 2010) and Liberty University (Religion/Theology, 2015).

Vincent was employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he served with dedication.

He was a devoted member of Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Minister Trey DuPont. He was actively involved in the church’s Culinary Ministry, where he was known to fry the best fish at the annual church cookouts. He loved singing and praising the Lord as a member of the Men of Zion Men’s Choir.

Vincent continued to grow spiritually through his participation in the Rooted Class and faithfully spent his Sunday afternoons visiting and ministering to hospitalized church members as part of the Comfort and Care Ministry. Vincent allowed the Lord to use his gifts in many special ways. Glory to God.

He had a passion for music, and mentorship extended throughout the community. As a brother of Kappa Kappa Psi, he embraced the motto “For Greater Bands,” working tirelessly to uplift band programs at all levels.

Through his nonprofit organization, the HBCU Band Committee, he raised scholarship funds, assisted high school students with college scholarship auditions, connected students with college band directors, and helped many attend HBCUs. He also hosted several Battle of the Bands events, bringing HBCU bands to Harrisburg, earning him the well-known title, “Mr. HBCU.”

Vincent was also committed to civic engagement, assisting campaigns, walking through neighborhoods to register voters, and serving as an official

poll watcher during elections. In his leisure time, he enjoyed reading, fishing, hunting, traveling, cooking, and shopping.

On Saturday, April 4, 2026, Vincent peacefully departed this life at sixty years of age, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Aaron Davis.

Vincent was a loving, devoted father to two children, Kyla L. Davis and Jeremy C. Brown. Vincent is also survived by a sister, Karen Davis; two God sisters Yolanda Lewis and Aretha Mosley; special aunt LaVerne Poindexter; and a host of extended family members, church family, and friends who will forever cherish his life and legacy.

Vincent would want all to remember on our saddest days, "This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it." - Psalm 118:24

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Flower delivery, 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 22, at Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets
Steelton, PA 17113

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church
212 N Progress Ave
Harrisburg, PA 17109
(717) 541-0388

Service

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Tribute Wall

RW

“ *Ree White lit a candle in memory of Vincent Darnell Davis*



Ree White - May 16 at 12:51 AM

FL

“ *Fred and Beretta Lewis*



Fred and Beretta Lewis - May 05 at 09:26 PM

FL

“ *Fred And Beretta Lewis lit a candle in memory of Vincent Darnell Davis*



Fred and Beretta Lewis - April 30 at 10:33 PM

VP

“ *Vince, I feel blessed to have known you. I miss you buddy. -*



Vince Porter - April 28 at 09:54 AM

SH

“ *My friend may you rest in peace. God comfort all his friends and family.* ”



Sheryl - April 26 at 10:49 AM

DS

“ *Denise Saunders lit a candle in memory of Vincent Darnell Davis* ”



Denise Saunders - April 22 at 11:52 AM

KL

“ *Kim Lewis lit a candle in memory of Vincent Darnell Davis* ”



Kim Lewis - April 22 at 10:15 AM

KD

“ *Karen Davis lit a candle in memory of Vincent Darnell Davis* ”



Karen Davis - April 22 at 09:21 AM

WS

“ *My Condolences to the Family and Friends* ♡
Wayne E Wallace Sr

Wayne Everett Wallace Sr. - April 22 at 03:22 AM



“ *I am lost for words at this moment. Vinie this is a hard one for me. Your dedication & support for students to continue their education at an HBCU to participate in their Band Programs was VERY Special to you. I know how hard you worked to connect the dots for this to work. You will NEVER be forgotten, I know you're going to find Royal Farms Chicken & Lexington Market at your NEW ADDRESS. Rest Easy. We'll done thy Good & FAITHFUL SERVANT*



Linda M. Cammack - April 21 at 08:42 PM

LS

“ *Vinnie and I were devoted members of the Harrisburg High Cougar Marching Band. We later were members of prestigious HBCU Marching bands (He - Central State and I - Grambling State University). For years we reminisced on our experiences. Vinnie promoted HBCU's by bringing various bands to Harrisburg for the youths to experience positive, respectable music and artistic skills. Talk bad about the Cougar band, HBCU's or his community - get ready for a verbal beat down and education session on your errors. Vinnie was a spiritual, talented, unique, community driven person who will be dearly missed. Rest In Peace Classmate – Harrisburg High Class of 1985. Lisa Lowery- Spriggs and Family*

Lisa Lowery Spriggs - April 21 at 01:23 PM

BF

“ *Bridget Finley lit a candle in memory of Vincent Darnell Davis*



Bridget Finley - April 21 at 09:40 AM

RW

“ *Vinie always had a smile on his face and a hug to give. I never heard him say an unkind word. He was the sweetest guy. I seen Vinie a few years ago on one of my trip back home. I ran into him at the Broad Street Market. We spoke, reminisced and hugged as we departed one another. God has truly gained an Angel.*
Rochelle (Cornelius) Sassi White



Rochelle White - April 20 at 10:51 PM

JF

“ *Sending my condolences and prayers to Vinie’s family during this difficult time. Vinie is good man who helped the community in so many ways.*
My childhood friend and band member in the Harrisburg High Cougar Marching Band, we had so much fun back in the day. I’m glad I got a chance to see him back in the summer at Gospel event. He will be missed, especially at the Harrisburg High Cougar football games.



Rest in Heavenly Peace, Vinie.
Jeannie Franklin-Woodward

Jeannie Franklin-Woodward - April 20 at 08:31 PM

SB

“ Vincent aka Vinnie as we know it, I could always count on seeing you on the 4th of July for our birthday we share together! This year you will definitely be missed but not forgotten! Love you Bro, rest in paradise! Forever in our hearts.

Sonya Tripp Baskins - April 20 at 06:56 PM

DG

“ In Great memory Minister Davis I will also remember seeing you walk down the Greater Zion aisle every Sunday morning rest with God.



Darrick Grayson - April 19 at 09:31 PM

MS

“ My condolences to the family on the loss of your loved one. Praying for God's comfort over your hearts and minds.



Marla Sims - April 19 at 06:15 PM

MW

“ Margaret Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Vincent Darnell Davis



Margaret Wilkerson - April 19 at 04:31 PM

TH

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of a childhood friend and neighbor Vinnie. May God's love comfort his family and friends as they mourn such a great loss. Karen I am thinking of you at this time as you mourn the loss of your brother.

Teresa Hills-Davis - April 17 at 02:33 PM

SC

“ Sherri China Chatman lit a candle in memory of Vincent Darnell Davis



Sherri China Chatman - April 17 at 02:33 PM

RJ

“ Ricardo & Roxanne Jefferies lit a candle in memory of Vincent Darnell Davis



Ricardo & Roxanne Jefferies - April 17 at 12:38 PM

RJ

Our Condolences to Vinie's family and friends

Ricardo and Roxanne Jefferies - April 17 at 12:42 PM

MB

“ God has gained an Amazingly Dedicated Angel. I can say if you didn't have a disagreement with Vinnie that didn't feel like an arm wrestle, you haven't fully experience Vinnie. After all you would be literally laughing out loud. I am grateful to have seen you back in March at Giant in Kline Village. You were an Angel on Earth, now you are an Angel with God. Father God Encamp Your Comfort Angels Around Vinnies Family and Friends.



Monique Bryant - April 17 at 10:22 AM

RM

“ I am praying for your family during this difficult time Vinny was a good friend and we're going to miss him May the Lord be with you and may you take you through this difficult time

Rev Fernandus Moffitt - April 17 at 08:30 AM

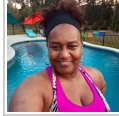
GF

“ My condolences and prayers are extended to Vincent's entire Family. God will provide each of you with the strength needed now and forever more. May all of your wonderful memories be etched in your hearts forever.

Rest Well Classmate - Harrisburg High Class of '85

Gina Finley

Gina Finley - April 16 at 09:59 PM

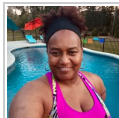


Peace and blessings to the FAMILY!

Vinnie took great pride in his skills! He was one of the exceptional students that I shared classes with! Smart, musically gifted, gone too soon. We will miss you Vinnie!

*Darlise Henderson (Mousie)
C/o '85!*

TheAuthor Darlise - April 17 at 05:00 PM



He told me he was a LEADER! Pave the way Vinnie for your classmates!

God bless!

TheAuthor Darlise - April 17 at 05:02 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vincent Darnell Davis.*



April 15 at 02:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Vincent Darnell Davis.

April 15 at 02:44 PM



“ *Sending condolences to Kyla, Jeremy and the entire Davis family. My favorite memories of Vinie were seeing him swing that tuba around his body in the marching band. Take your rest, Classmate.*

Nichelle Chivis - April 14 at 05:05 PM

KM

“ My condolences to the family of Vincent's family and friends. Our relationship was brief as we worked on Mayoral campaign of our friend, Nevin Mindlin. Vince enjoyed being involved in politics and community engagement. Rest in peace my friend in Jesus mighty name, AMEN 🙏
Rev. Keith D Mitchell

Keith Mitchell - April 14 at 10:30 AM

MA

“ Vinie was my best coworker & team member. He was a very nice person. I still cannot believe he is gone, every time I walk pass by his cubical reminds me of our chitchat, our funny conversationsI still see Vinie everywhere around the food court of strawberry square. I love you Vinieyour last text is still in my computerI know you are sleeping peacefully now



Mashiat - April 14 at 09:45 AM

PS

“ Penny Smink lit a candle in memory of Vincent Darnell Davis



Penny Smink - April 14 at 09:44 AM

PS

RIP and I will miss you stopping at my cubicle at work and chatting with you.

Penny Smink - April 14 at 09:46 AM

DV

“ *Deanna Vanasco lit a candle in memory of Vincent Darnell Davis*



Deanna Vanasco - April 14 at 08:28 AM

LC

Beautiful Man, I'm So Sorry For Your Loss. I Don't Even Know Him, But His Smile Did Just Truly Brighten My Day.

Liam Coats - April 14 at 09:20 AM

DG

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants. Psalm 116:15

Vinie a Faither Servant of God! My Co-Laborer in the Gospel and Union, my friend WELL DONE, Man of God.

My sincere condolences to the family and community. We don't grieve as those with no hope. Our HOPE goes beyond the grave. Rest In Peace Vincent. Your Sister in Christ, Dr. Linda Green Gumby

Dr Linda Green Gumby - April 14 at 09:46 AM

WP

william j pillgreen

william j pillgreen - April 18 at 01:44 PM