



Ed Davis

April 3, 1953 - February 5, 2010

Pastor Eddie Ed Gene Davis, of Fort Collins, died unexpectedly February 5, 2010. Services will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at Timberline Church, 2908 Timberline Road. Ed was born April 3, 1953 in Camp Gordon, Ga. He lived with his family in Haswell, Colorado until the age of 9. He then lived in the Timber Lake community in South Dakota, where he learned to drive a tractor, starred in football, basketball, and track and was a top student. In the middle of his junior year in high school he moved to Fort Collins, Colo. He attended Poudre High School and met the love of his life, Donna Shields Davis. They were married July 12, 1975 in Fort Collins before moving to Texas where Ed received his BA in music education from TCU. They then moved to Denver where Ed received his Master of Divinity at Denver Seminary. After joining the Evangelical Presbyterian Church denomination he helped start Cherry Creek Presbyterian in Denver. In 1982 Ed and Donna moved back to Fort Collins and started what is now Christ Fellowship Church. In nearly 30 years of Ministry he has taught, counseled, baptized, and married thousands. He loved and served his denomination by traveling, teaching, supporting and leading committees. Championing missions work, he was involved in Mexico, Guatemala, Africa and here at home. A leader in the Fort Collins Church Network, he had a passion for this city and its churches. He was an outstanding husband, an exemplary father, a leader of many, pastor to pastors, loyal friend, coach, loving son, caring brother and teacher. Ed enjoyed playing, coaching and watching sports with his sons. He enjoyed time

with his daughter, daughter-in-laws and grand-daughters. To the chagrin of his kids he was unafraid to talk to anyone, and would often strike up conversations with complete strangers and he had a great sense of humor. He had a passion for growing and learning. Some of his favorite times in his life were fishing trips with his dad, brothers and family. Ed's heart overflowed with love for his family, his church family and his Lord, Jesus Christ and he looked forward to this day, when he would walk the streets of heaven. He is survived by his wife Donna, his two sons Jeremy and Grant, his daughter Amy, his daughter-in-laws Jill and Jennifer, his grand-daughters Kyla, Madelyn, and Kennedy. He is also survived by his parents, Herbert and Wanda, his brother, Maynard, and his wife, Robin, a brother, Barry, his sister Nancy and brother-in-law Mark, father-in-law, Robert and his wife, Wendy, many special nieces, nephews, and extended family. Ed would not have appreciated flowers or the like as much as he would have appreciated donations to the causes that he held dear. Please make checks payable to Ed Davis Memorial Fund in care of Bohlander Funeral Chapel.

Tribute Wall

KD

“ Dear Amy and family, I was saddened upon returning from Colorado All-State Choir to hear the news of your father. It is so difficult to find words to express my sorrow for you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. If there is anything I can do let me know. With Love, Karen DeVries

Karen DeVries - February 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Donna, Too long ago to admit to I remember watching you and Ed from afar as you prepared your lives together at First Christian Church. Over the years I know Charlie Patchen has expressed to me his pride in all the good work and love you two have shared with so many in the Lord's service. I was shocked yesterday when Rich Vroon, a fellow member at New Life E.Free church in Aurora told me of his invitation to preach and then of Ed's sudden death. I could only be still and mourn for all of you. As I'm sure you've comforted many through their losses, you know that these days after the services are even more lonely, and I pray the presence of God will hold you during these times, and guide you as you form a somewhat new life for yourself and your family. May He comfort you and your family, providing for you fully. My prayers are with you. Wm Banks

William Banks - February 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dear Donna, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear husband. Even though I did not have the privilege of knowing him personally, I know God used him in a wonderful way to teach and bless others. Also, God blessed him so much, this side of Heaven, by giving him such a wonderful wife! May knowing "to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord" help you during this difficult time.
Mark Wilhelm

Mark Wilhelm - February 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Donna and family, My mother, June, heard this morning in her Ft. Collins church service of the recent passing of Ed. We are both so saddened by the news. I mainly knew Ed in high school and saw him with you at our last high school class reunion, but what always stood out about Ed was his loving, kind countenance. He was different from a lot of the other "popular" guys and I'm sure it was because his heart was guided by his love for our Lord, even back then. I consider it a privilege to have known him. I hope and pray you will receive comfort in remembering all the tremendous love and good memories he shared with you during your time together.

Joyce Jardine Combs - February 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Dear "Miss Donna", We are so sorry to hear about Ed. I recall him visiting the CFC class room while you were teaching...always with a smile. I pray that God continues to walk with you and your family thru this season of your lives. -Al, Kelleen, Jaren, Zachery, and Kaylee Piepho

Al Piepho - February 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ Dear Donna and Family, I was so sad to hear today of Ed's passing away recently. I was just sharing with a friend last night how dear the two of you are and what an impact you had on my relationship with our precious Lord and Saviour. I will be praying for you and this difficult time....it is hard enough to lose someone ill, but someone healthy like Ed and so sudden must truly be a faith stretching time. I love you Donna. Love, Vicky Knapp

Vicky Knapp - February 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Donna, Amy and family, My heart is so saddened to hear of your loss. Ed was such a wonderfully kind man who brought happiness to everyone he met including the strangers he would strike up conversations with! You are all in my thoughts, Ed will be greatly missed. Love, Lindsay

Lindsay Pletkovich-Mason - February 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Dear Donna, I was sad to read about Ed's death while looking at the Coloradoan on-line. It brought back some good memories from High School. I pray that our Lord Jesus will give you and your family His comfort and strength as you mourn Ed's death and cope with the changes that His death has brought to your life. In Christ, Gordon Besel

Rev. Gordon Besel - February 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Donna, Karen, Robin and Family, I am so sorry to hear of Ed's passing. He was so kind and caring and had such a great sense of humor. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Carol

Carol Blanco - February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Dear Donna, We are so sorry for the loss of your sweet husband. Not only is this a loss to your family but our whole city will suffer because of losing who God has been through Ed Davis. What fond memories we have of Ed's great smiling face. Whenever we would see Ed alone or the two of you together his smile would light up the space where we were. His kindness towards friends and acquaintences will be one of the things that we will always speak of as we remember him. When our grandson, Rob, was in your care I remember Ed's playfulness not just with Rob but with the other children as well. We are grateful for the place that you and Ed have had in our lives and the lives of our family. May you be comforted by the comfort that God promises.

Don and Joyce Knab - February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ We are so sorry to learn of the sudden loss of Ed. He will be missed by many. His love for the Lord, his family and his friends was a shining example for all of us to follow. I knew him through his frequent visits to our restaurant, The Egg & I. He was always smiling, upbeat and happy. Because of this, Ed was a favorite with our staff. I will miss seeing him light up the room with his presence. I know that he is walking in splendor with God and watching out for us here on earth. May the Lord's words of comfort help you navigate through these most difficult times. Rayno & Patty Seaser The Egg & I Restaurants

Rayno Seaser - February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Eddie was a great classmate and friend. I was really looking forward to see him at our next class reunion. He will be dearly missed. My prayers are with him and his family.

JEFF HUMMEL - February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Dearest Donna and Family: We were so saddened to hear of Ed's passing and pray that God's love and comfort will surround you in the days ahead. His funeral service was beautiful, and we know that he is safely home. He was a wonderful pastor and a good friend!
Love, Kenny & Sherry

Kenny & Sherry Dickinson - February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TQ

“ I was just informed of Ed's death yesterday by a mutual friend, Brad Haack. Ed was a wonderful friend who will be so very missed by so many. Ed and I were great friends in high school and even though we didn't stay in contact like we both would have liked, we did have the opportunity to visit over the phone a few times in the past couple years. Ed was such a bright light to everyone around him - he is now lighting up the heavens with his smile and love for all. My heart goes out to all of you. Your memories of Ed may bring a tear, but will always end up with a smile. I've always smiled whenever I thought of Ed. God bless you all. Tom Quinn

Tom Quinn - February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Donna, We are deeply saddened by Ed's passing. Please know we thought so highly of him and will miss him tremendously. You, your family and all of CFC are being held up in prayer. Much Love, Kathy and Torgun

Torgun & Kathy Lovely - February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Donna & family: I am so sad to read about Ed's death. I so fondly remember him from Poudre High School. He was an outstanding member of our class. What a fine man.

Kathy Brooks Anderson - February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *May God be your comfort and know he is always with you. Ed has inherited the greatest gift. Ps 1:1-3 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 And he will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.*

Duane & Laura Smith - February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Dear Donna and family, Phyllis and I share many happy memories of helping birth the church Ed and you had a vision for! Words from us are not sufficient to convey to you how we feel at this time. God said it best when He announced Jesus' birth through the angels, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests.! Ed is now experiencing the fulfillment of that favor in the presence of the Lord!*

Bill & Phyllis Miles - February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Dearest Donna and family, All the Gardners are so saddened by Ed's unexpected passage into heaven. We know by faith that Ed is in his "real" home with our Father. When we think of Ed we smile b/c Ed was always smiling! Ed just made you feel good about being alive. Ed radiated the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. When our boys were younger at Heritage Christian School, Ed was one of those adult role models we felt blessed that our boys were around. Our boys LOVED just hanging with Ed! God bless you and comfort all of you. Ed is with Jesus now preparing a place for each of you. With love...the Gardner Family...Fred, Denise, James, Eric and Grant

denise gardner - February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We were so saddened by the news of Ed. Ed and Barry were part of our "regulars" on many a Thursday morning. Ed was such a great guy always a smile and kind word. We lift a cup to you Ed, you will be greatly missed. Tracy, Alicia & Diane @ Cappuccino Corner

Diane Breed - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Dear Davis Family, My prayers and condolences go out to you all. Ed was a high school basketball coach for my son and he made a great Christian impact on Walt. I am very thankful for that adult mentoring that helped mold my son into what he is today, 2nd Lieutenant, West Point Graduate 2009. Thank you Ed and Davis Family. God is with you during this difficult time. With Love, Andrea

Andrea Peebles - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Ed Davis was a blessing to our family and will be missed by us and the entire Fort Collins community. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Donna and the family. We love you! The Missirlian Family

Penny Missirlian - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Donna and Family, So saddened to hear about Ed's sudden passing. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Arlene Deines Mason - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Dear Donna and family, We were so saddened to hear of Pastor Ed's passing. He was also so friendly when we would see him at CFC when picking up or dropping Caitlyn off. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mark, Connie and Caitlyn Evans

Connie Evans - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Jeremy, So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Be happy you have many wonderful memories. Thoughts and prayers.

Donna Housh - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Ron was such an incredible catalyzing force for God's Kingdom. His compassion for those impacted by HIV and AIDS, especially the millions impacted in Africa moved him to action. His legacy of serving as a change agent means life and all of its fullness for countless numbers of persons he will never know. He will be greatly missed! Steve Haas Vice President/Chief Catalyst World Vision United States

Steven W. Haas - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Sweet Donna, my heart goes out to you and your family. I had very few "good" friends in high school; but when I think of you, Donna, I think of smiles and kindness and bubbles and fun. May God's love and His promises to us comfort you and give you strength. Mary Shotwell Schumm

Mary Shotwell Schumm - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Our family wants you to know how blessed we were to have known Ed. The times we spent with him were special to our family and we won't forget. May you always remember how he touched so many lives with his love for his Lord. Please know that we are here for you and we pray that you and your family find peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Doyle Gardner Family - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Dear Davis Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of need. Charlie

Charlene Sheaman - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Dear Friends, My deepest sympathy in the loss of Pastor Davis! He was a very gentle-spirited and kind man of faith who will be greatly missed. I attended a service a few years ago that he officiated and was so moved by his compassion and care in ministering to a grieving family. He touched many hearts that day! Amy, I'll always remember the musical times we shared at Preston. Your beautiful voice is a gift that will give tribute to your father and others forever. Please give my best to all of your family and know that I am holding you close in my thoughts and prayers. GOD BLESS! Mrs. Annie Schwarz/ music para

Annie Schwarz - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Donna, my heart is so heavy for you right now. I wish I could tell you how to cope, but of course, God will show you the way. I know you were very happy, and I know you will take comfort in that also. Much love to you. You're in my prayers.

Martha Williams Nichols - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I am sorry to hear about Ed passing away. Your feelings don't go without notice. Sometimes we don't always understand why God takes us home early, much like Enoch was taken. But we know this, Ed was a friend of God. I've learned to live with my past loved ones in my heart, knowing they are safe with the Lord where there is no more pain. Trust me, as time passes on, it gets better and more understanding enters our hearts as we seek God's wisdom. Saint Augustin once said: "Understanding is the reward of faith. Therefore, seek not to understand that ye may believe, but believe that ye may understand." My condolences are with you and the family. I will be out of state during the funeral and won't be able to attend, but I will be there in spirit.

ray martinez - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ My condolences to Ed's entire family. My fond memories of Ed centered around playing early morning basketball at Holy Family Church. In addition to always being our unofficial peace maker, Ed was known for his spectacular jump shots-as he elevated off the court at least 2 inches. I will truly miss him and his infectious smile.

Hep Wilkins - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ We were so sorry to hear about your loss. We remember Eddie from High School in Timber Lake, South Dakota. We know the sadness of losing loved ones but in spite of our sorrow, oh! what a joy to be in the presence of the Lord. We shall meet again. Tom and Janelle Schweitzer

Tom and Janelle Schweitzer - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Donna My heart goes out to you in this very difficult time. I know that you will have many, many happy memories of times spent together and my hope is that they will help you smile and bring you comfort. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers and I will be there with you in spirit as you celebrate Ed's life Tuesday evening. Take good care of you.

Milre Goodrich Henry - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Donna - I was saddened to hear of your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers. As we know he is safely home with God, rest in the knowledge that you will see him again. Take care of yourself and know that many are holding you up in prayer.

Diane Launchbaugh Frankforter - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Donna and family, I am so sorry. What a shock it was for me to read of Ed's early departure from this life. I still recall the last time I talked with Ed. What a blessing he was to me at that time and how much I could sense his love for people and His Lord. We talked of family and how God was working in both of our lives. His presence will most certainly be missed, but the memories of Ed and the life he shared with family and friends will continue on for many, many years. What a blessing he was to so many and a wonderful model for husbands, fathers, friends and leaders. My prayers go out to you Donna, your children and the rest of your family.

Ron Arndt - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Dear Donna and Family, I am sad sorry to hear about Ed's passing. He was one of my customers for many years. He would always come into the credit union with a huge smile on his face. I always enjoyed helping him. He was so caring, loving and full of life. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Jenni

Jennifer Asamoto - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Dear Davis Family, I am so sorry to learn of Ed's death. We are all blessed by God's grace and His assurance that we will spend eternity with our Lord. Nonetheless, we are all saddened by the passing of his wonderful servant, Ed. May you all be sustained by loving memories of your dear husband, father, family member, friend and pastor. Ed made such a loving and positive impact on so many, many people.

Sam Aldern - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Ed was a loyal and encouraging friend. I will value and cherish our times together through good and tough times. He was an inspiration to many and a champion for Christ.

Dale Layer - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ So saddened to hear of your loss. Ed was such a great guy; always had a smile & kind word. Loved his sense of humor! It was an honor to know him. I hope you can find comfort in your cherished memories of him. He will always be with you.

Rita Gordon - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Donna, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Greg and Debbie Wharton - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I will always remember Ed for his passion for kids and sports. He was such a positive influence for my son, Andy, while he was in high school. I know so many young men who are better people because of the coaching and mentoring that Ed poured into their lives. I know I am but one person of a very large community that is grieving the loss of Ed. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go to you and your family during this difficult time.

John Greenlaw - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Dear Donna & Family, We were sorry to hear about Ed's sudden passing. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. We were blessed to know such a wonderful, loving, and thoughtful man. We appreciated all the time he spent with our son coaching basketball at HCS.*

Chuck & Linda Miller - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM