



# Leslie Hill Davis

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## **Leslie Hill Davis**

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**L**eslie Hill Davis, 84, of Charlotte, died Sunday, November 7, 2021 at CMC Main-Charlotte. He was born October 28, 1937 at the Davis homeplace in Croft NC, to the late Bruce Hill and Candace Rebecca Auten Davis. Leslie attended Croft School, Huntersville School, and later graduated from North Mecklenburg High School. He then went onto earn a chemistry degree from Davidson College. After working many years as a chemist at such places as Dupont & Union Carbide, he went back to school at UNC-Chapel Hill, earning a degree in pharmacy. He worked as a pharmacist for over 30 years, in many retail locations around Charlotte. He was also an avid gardener, gaining Master Gardener status. Leslie humbly served in the US Army Reserve for 37 years, attaining the rank of Colonel.

He not only loved his family & friends; he also loved his gardens & fruit trees. He always took pride in growing his own vegetables and fruits, along with some unique & beautiful flowers. His repertoire of veggies & fruits include growing corn, okra, beets, greens, tomatoes, peas, beans, sweet potatoes, peaches, figs, blueberries, and so much more, each and every year. He called it his “country buffet”. He was always more than willing to share the fruits of his labor & dispense advice on how to grow good, healthy plants! In addition to being a dedicated gardener, Leslie also enjoyed traveling the US, dancing the night away, singing in the church choir, and taking his grandsons to see the airplanes and trains.

Leslie is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mary Lou Atkins Davis of the home; daughter, Emily Gale and her husband, Paul IV of Mocksville, NC; son, Brice Davis of Raleigh, NC; grandsons, Paul V & Nathan Gale, and Dylan Davis; brother & sister-in-law, Silas and Junie Davis of Huntersville; nieces, Noelle Small (Jon) of Charlotte & Lois Ellen Tuttle (Hayden) of Huntersville; nephew, Andrew Davis (Beth) of Fort Mill, SC; and several great-nephews and a great-niece. He is also survived by his former daughter-in-law, Barbara Gyori Davis of Clayton, NC.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Margaret Ellen Davis.



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A service to celebrate the life of Leslie Davis will be held at First Baptist Church of Mount Holly on Monday, November 15 at 1pm, with burial at Independence Hill Baptist Church in Huntersville following the church service. An ice cream social will be held at Independence Hill after the graveside service. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday night, November 14, at James Funeral Home.

Memorials may be sent to FBC of Mt. Holly, Independence Hill Baptist Church or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday, November 14 at James Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, November 15 at First Baptist Church Mt. Holly. Burial will follow at Independence Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Arrangements are in the care of James Funeral Home of Huntersville, NC. Online condolences may be made at [www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com](http://www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com).



# Events

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## Visitation

- Sunday**, November 14, 2021
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- James Funeral Home**  
10520 Arahova Dr, Huntersville NC 28078



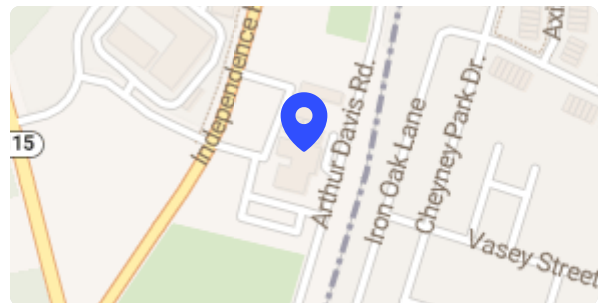
## Funeral Service

- Monday**, November 15, 2021
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET
- First Baptist Church Mt. Holly**  
300 S Main St., Mt Holly NC 28120



## Cemetery Details

- Independence Hill Baptist Church Cem.**  
10220 Independence Hill Rd, Huntersville NC 28078





## Tribute Wall

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JP

**Julie Perkins** posted:

Hey Mary Lou, I am praying for and thinking of you and your family. I'm so sorry about Leslie. May God's blessings and peace be with you. ❤️

November 16 at 7:50 PM

NP

**Natalie D. Potter** posted:

I'm so saddened to learn of the loss of Less. I met Les when I became a Master Gardener. He was always so kind to me and seeing him at the meetings was always a pure joy. He will most certainly be missed.

November 15 at 4:43 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Davis family.



November 14 at 5:07 PM

EM

**Emma Jo McGee** posted:

Dear Mary Lou and family, Les and I became fast friends through Master Gardeners. He was always smiling and eager to help everyone. He was a great help to me when I arrived with a full car of donations for our freebie tables. He helped me set the items up and keep them organized. He helped me also set up the plant swaps when we had them. At the end of the meetings he hung around to help me load up my car with leftover items. He was such a wonderful friend to me and everyone else in our group. When he would walk in the door with vases of his beautiful Zinnias for door prizes many of us would want to hover around him to admire the lovely blooms. They were coveted as prizes as were the many plants and seeds from his garden. We loved his pumpkins, too! He amazed us with your wonderful peach cobbles, green beans and more that he had grown and prepared with you. He was such a humble man and a dear heart. He gave me bags and bags of Zinnia seeds to use in our school projects over the years. He gave of himself generously and kindly. He was a fine example of a strong disciple of Christ. As others have said he will be greatly missed. His gentle spirit will live on in our hearts and minds. In Christ, E.J. McGee

November 14 at 2:50 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Davis family.

November 14 at 5:41 AM



**Dr. & Mrs Yoosun Park** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Davis family.

November 13 at 9:05 AM



**David Wilmoth** posted:

I had the pleasure of having Leslie as a member of my Family tree. I had not seem him in years but I will always remember seeing him at the reunions, His kindness and that smile of his made him that special person . Mary Lou, Emily and Brice you are in my thoughts and prayersDavid Wilmoth

November 13 at 6:27 AM



**Emily Frances Rorrer Coffey** November 14 at 6:46 PM

MaryLou, Emily and Brice I very sorry that I could not be there with you tomorrow but you are in my thoughts and prayers! Leslie was a dear gentlemen and I know he will be missed by many people!!



**Jim Davis** November 13 at 9:39 AM

Always enjoyed visiting my Cousin Leslie at our reunions. My condolences to his Family.



**Christine Jones Muller** posted:

Dear Mary Lou, Brice, and Emily,Time and distance have not diminished my memories, respect, and cherished friendship with Leslie and your family. Always a caring, compassionate listener, he took sincere interest in the well being of others. I looked forward to chatting with him at Army Reserve drill and he always shared good advice for career, gardening, and life!My thoughts and prayers are with you. I share your tears and celebrate the life of a wonderful person I was so fortunate to know. I cannot be with you Monday, I wish I could, but I send my heartfelt sympathy from over the ocean.Christine (Jones) Muller

November 13 at 5:01 AM



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CK

**Carol Koball** posted:

I had the pleasure of spending an educational and pleasant afternoon several summers ago interviewing Les for a Spotlight article in the Master Gardeners' newsletter, Share The Buzz. We hiked all over his property tasting grapes and I marveled at the vastness and variety of his garden. He could have fed an army. After our hike we were joined by his lovely wife for some iced tea and conversation. A very satisfying afternoon and a rare privilege for me. He will be missed. Carol Koball

November 12 at 5:34 PM

BP

**Beverly Pearson** posted:

I knew Les from volunteering with him at Mecklenburg Extension Master Gardener Volunteers. He was a kind and generous soul. He loved to bring a covered dish to our luncheons and it was always absolutely delicious. he will be deeply missed. Beverly Pearson, Charlotte, NC

November 12 at 4:19 PM

NN

**Nancy Neely** posted:

I'm sending sincere condolences to Mary Lou and the Davis family. Les and I went through master gardener training together and formed a bond because we live close together. He shared his keen sense of humor with me and his deep love of gardening and nature. He touched my life with sunshine. I'm grateful to have known him. Nancy Neely

November 12 at 5:37 AM

TB

**Tonya Banbury** posted:

I am truly sorry to hear about Les's passing. What a good friend and gardener he was, always enthusiastic about our various Master Gardener projects and how he might contribute. I grew Mexican sunflowers because Les shared seeds with me years ago. His smile and kind heart will be missed. Yours in sympathy, Tonya Banbury

November 12 at 3:56 AM

PC

**Paula Cox** lit a candle in honor of Leslie.

Mary Lou, My heart goes out to you and all the family. I wish the comfort of family, friends will keep you strong. May God bless all. Paula Cox

November 11 at 12:24 PM





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BS

**Brenda Stevens** lit a candle in honor of Leslie.

Mary Lou and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Leslie's passing has left a huge void in our neighborhood. We miss him already.

November 10 at 1:21 PM



JR

**Janice Mcgraw Rose** posted:

Mary Lou, I am thinking of you during this time of sadness, my heart knows the pain. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Leslie was a terrific Christian man, he will be missed by many.

November 9 at 8:42 AM

TC

**Tracy Cooper** lit a candle in honor of Leslie.

November 8 at 5:37 AM



TR

**Tracy** posted:

So sorry to hear about the passing of Leslie. We always enjoyed seeing and talking to him. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Love, Gene and Tracy Cooper (Beth's parents)

November 8 at 5:36 AM

JE

**Jeweldrinkard** November 16 at 8:13 PM

So sorry, Mary Lou, to hear about the passing of Leslie! I know this is a very difficult time for you and your family! My thoughts and prayer go out to all of you.. May God give you peace!

Love, Jewel Drinkard 🙏



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Leslie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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