

*The Life*

*And Times*

*of*

*Richard  
Samuel  
Davis, Sr.*



**Sunrise:** April 27, 1937

**Sunset:** November 13, 2009

**Saturday, November 21, 2009**

Service: 2:00 p.m.

**China Grove A.M.E. Zion Church**

4659 Mount Gallant Road

Rock Hill, South Carolina 29732

Reverend Martin Boulder, Pastor

**Monday, November 23, 2009**

Burial: 11:00 a.m.

**Fort Jackson National Cemetery**

4170 Percival Road

Columbia, South Carolina 29229

# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Inspirational Reading

Musical Selection

Poem Readings

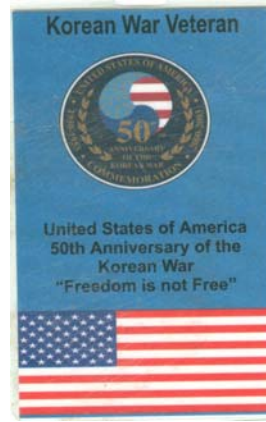
Obituary Reading

Eulogy

Open Remarks

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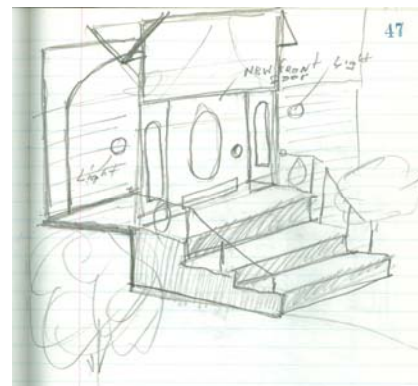
Recessional



Andrea Delgado  
Duran Jones

April Kellam

Karen Roberson



## *The Watch*

For many years  
This Marine has stood the watch

While some of us were in our bunks at night  
This Marine stood the watch

While some of us were in school learning our trade  
This Marine stood the watch

Yes.. even before some of us were born into this world  
This Marine stood the watch

In those years when the storm clouds of war were seen brewing on the  
horizon of history  
This Marine stood the watch

Many times he would cast an eye ashore and see his family standing there  
Needing his guidance and help

Needing that hand to hold during those hard times  
But he still stood the watch

He stood the watch for many years  
He stood the watch so that we, our families and  
Our fellow countrymen could sleep soundly in safety, Each and every  
night  
Knowing that a Marine stood the watch

Today we are here to say  
Semper Fidelis (Always Faithful) **Marine Richard Davis**... the watch  
stands relieved.

Relieved by those You have trained ,Guided, and Led.  
**Marine Richard Davis** you stand relieved.. We have the watch...

## *My Father And My Friend*

Sometimes I sadly wonder why  
Time seems to so quickly pass us by.

Not long ago when I was small,  
You picked me up when I would fall.

Through summers, winters, falls and springs,  
I've come to learn so many things.

For you've been there—close by my side,  
My inspiration and my guide.

It seems our heroes went away,  
And there aren't many left today.

But you're my real-life superman,  
And I am still your biggest fan.

When others say that I'm like you,  
I feel so proud and hope it's true.

I know you'll be there to the end,  
For you're my father and my friend.

**Richard Samuel Davis** was born in Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, New York on April 27th, 1937. Richard is the third eldest child born to the late Anna Viola Davis and Richard Joseph Davis. As a young boy, Richard grew up on Madison street in Brooklyn, where his fondest memories were of his



grandparents Sam and Viola also lived with the family. Richard loved to imitate his grandfather and traveled with him everywhere.

Richard began his education at Public School 129, but felt his real education started once he attended P.S. 44. Always a motivated child, Richard delivered groceries to make money, took up the hobby of building trains when he was 10 years old, and stayed active in school while running track and playing baseball.



Richard continued to build on his skills while attending Food Trade Vocational High School, where he honed his love for cooking. It was after high school that Richard joined the Marines, serving his country 5 years and earning the rank of Sergeant.

Another activity Richard loved was playing the

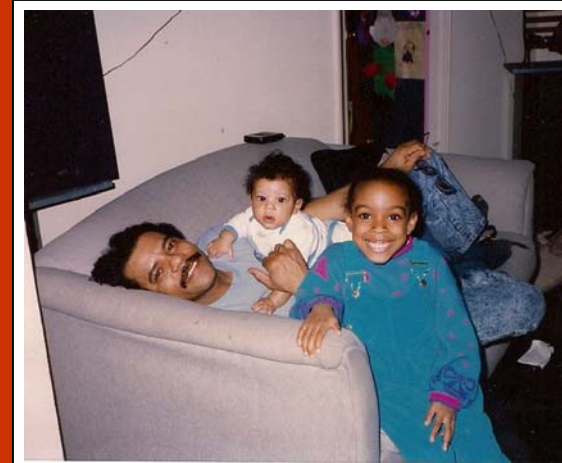
horn. Around the age of 20 he joined the Drum and Bugle Core in Brooklyn as part of the Carter's Cadets Horn line. It was here that he met his first wife Shirley

Wooten. In 1960 he and Shirley had their first child, Selene Glenda Davis. Soon after in 1964 they welcomed a son, Richard Samuel II.

Truly a jack of all trades, Richard continued to learn and gain skill. During his adult life he began attending Famous Artists School in Connecticut where he studied under the legendary Norman Rockwell. Shortly after he went on to do adult training for carpentry.

Richard held several city jobs, working for the New York Department of Corrections as an officer and

maintenance supervisor, the Board of Education, the U.S. Post Office, the New York Housing Authority, and even as an art teacher.



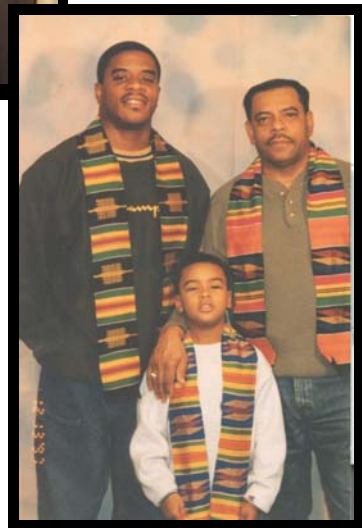
While attending a community Fundraiser party, he met his wife Theresa Bates through a mutual friend. Through this union Richard has two children, Akilah, born in 1984, and Alim, born in 1989.

Richard retired from the Post Office after 22 years of service and from the Department of Corrections after 30 years of service.

In his later years, Richard moved to Rock Hill, South Carolina, where he built a home and spent the remainder of his retirement.



**Richard Davis** has always been a lovable person; his friends and family know him to always be a jokester, drawing people to him through laughter and his countless stories. He continued to enjoy his hobbies throughout his later years, drawing, designing, and building. He prided himself on his craftsmanship and even created a room-sized community for his trains. His next project was to build a movie theater for his home, complete with theater chairs and screen so he could enjoy his widespread collection of movies.



He accomplished so much during his time here, from his military honors to his awards from his jobs. But he always considered one of his biggest achievements to be his family. To be blessed to see 4 children, 4 grandchildren, and plenty of nieces and nephews grow up. Richard leaves to cherish his memory his wife Theresa, 4 children: Selene, Richard II, Aki-lah, and Alim, 5 siblings: Arlene, Lillian, Deanna, Joan, and Edmund, 4 grand children: Danielle, Lalani, Marcel, and Richard III, and countless loving relatives and friends.

*Those we hold most dear never truly leave us. They live on in our hearts and lives through the lessons they taught us, and through the happiness, laughter, and love they gave us. Richard's spirit is here with us anytime we make a joke, tell a story, or laugh. We will always love him and miss him, but will always know he is alive in spirit with the Lord.*

***He will forever be alive in our hearts.***



# **Acknowledgement**

With deepest gratitude and appreciation, the family acknowledges the many expressions of sympathy through your prayers, gifts, calls, and visits during our bereavement. We would like to thank all for the support you have shown, and love and friendship you shared with Richard throughout his life.

- The Family

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