



Stephen Randy Davis

September 27, 2019

Stephen Randy Davis, 65 of Hendersonville, NC passed away after a short battle with cancer on Friday, September 27, 2019, surrounded by his family who will miss his kind spirit and loving interest in others.

Randy was the son of the late John W. Davis and Barbara Swann Davis of Asheville. He is survived by brothers John W. Davis Jr. (Bud) of Fletcher (wife Beth), Mark V. Davis of Weaverville (wife Tonya) and his sister Brenda Swain of Asheville (husband Ken). He was a beloved uncle to nine nieces and nephews and a great-uncle to many.

Inspired by his father, Randy was brought up in a music culture and at an early age started playing the bass fiddle. After graduating from A-B Tech with a degree in accounting, he was recruited by Bill Monroe to join the Bluegrass Boys. He spent over 5 years traveling with the band, which included several trips overseas to Japan and other interesting destinations. When he returned, he spent 9 years as a member of the Mark Pruitt Band playing bass and singing lead vocals at Bill Stanley's BBQ and Bluegrass in Asheville, NC. Later, Randy spent several years performing with Norfolk Southern Lawmen Band for the Southern Railway. He was well known and respected all over the country by bluegrass fans and friends.

During his career he worked for the Coca Cola Company and for over fifteen years for the Division 13, NCDOT in Asheville, where he was much loved by his work family.

Randy was an avid sportsman and outdoorsman who loved to hike. One of his favorite hobbies from a young age was to deer hunt with family. He spent many days in the fall camping and hunting with his two buddies, brother Bud and dear friend Mike Hunter.

In Randy's neighborhood community, many counted on him to help maintain properties when they were unable. Randy was always happy to assist anyone who needed extra help. It was well known in the neighborhood that every evening after work Randy would go to his side yard and feed his deer. He had them all named and if he was running late, they

would be waiting patiently for him.

As a well-known musician in the bluegrass community, Randy leaves a legacy of excellent recordings, which include collaborations with Kenny Baker, Bill Monroe and many others. His talent and contribution to bluegrass music is a great loss.

Special thanks to the staff at Mission Hospital St. Joseph Campus for the compassionate care they provided. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, appreciate some bluegrass music, adopt a pet without a home or take a hike in the woods and enjoy the outdoors.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019 between 2:00pm and 4:00pm at Highlands Cremation & Funeral Care, 2393 Hendersonville Road, Arden, NC 28704.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Highlands Cremation & Funeral Care - Maple Springs

2393 Hendersonville Rd.

Arden, NC 28704

(828) 676-2730

<https://www.highlandscremationandfuneralcare.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen Randy Davis*

October 09, 2023 at 01:52 AM



“ *Stephen Randy Davis*

October 08, 2023 at 10:49 PM



“ *Stephen Randy Davis*

October 24, 2022 at 11:11 PM

MC

“ *Hello family. We are sorry to hear of Randy's passing. We have fond memories of Chatam Rd n many many weekends of bluegrass fun and family time. Also at Mamaw n Papaw Swanns house. You have our love and prayers. Rest in peace dear cousin. Love in Christ. Betty and Jerry Plemmons whole family.*



Michelle Plemmons Carter - October 03, 2019 at 01:27 PM

TJ

We have only known Randy for about 5 years but have known of him through my high school friend for quite a while. Randy was such a kind man and so interesting to talk to. He was humble and we did not know about all his accomplishments. He enjoyed my treats after cutting the grass and wish there could be more. Our condolences to his immediate and extended family he leaves behind. We hope they will find comfort in knowing how many lives he touched. Many prayers for his family and friends. Thea and Dan

Thea Johnson - October 04, 2019 at 06:08 PM

MH

“ *I succeeded Randy in Bill Monroe's band in 1979 and always had great respect for his musicianship. I always thought he played bass with Bill the way it should be played. We only met a couple of times, but it was easy to tell he was a nice guy. This is awful sad. My sympathies to his family and friends. Way too soon.*

Mark Hembree - October 01, 2019 at 12:08 PM

TO

“ I am so sorry to learn of Randy’s final journey. We met him in 1980, being regulars at Bill Stanley’s. Not only was he a blessed and talented musician, but a kind, compassionate, warm human being. Will definitely keep the family in thoughts and prayers.

TomParker - October 01, 2019 at 07:42 AM

MH

“ My memories and friendship goes back many, many years with Randy. I can’t believe this sad news. I spent many years learning so much about music from this wonderful family. His talent and infectious smile will be missed so much! I love the entire Davis family and pray for healing the pain I know you are going through.

Mike Harris - September 30, 2019 at 09:26 PM



“ I first met Randy when he was playing at Bill Stanley's as a member of Marc Pruitts band back in the late 80's. Then I would often see him when visiting the DOT office. He always had a smile that was full of life and energy. We will miss Randy and we send our sincerest condolences to his family.
Ric and Dawn Ledford

Ric Ledford - September 30, 2019 at 09:21 PM

SR

“ Condolences to family and friends. I didn't get to know Randy personally but watched him playing bass many times when he was a Blue Grass Boy. I'd like to mention that Randy was not only an excellent bass player but he was also an outstanding singer. His baritone singing in the band's trios with Bill was so good...and he was a fine lead singer as well, having recorded lead vocals on Monroe's "My Louisiana Love," possibly the only time Bill asked a bass player to sing lead on a recording. He knew he could count on Randy.

Sandy Rothman - September 30, 2019 at 05:30 PM

GT

“ John, Beth and family. We are very sorry for your loss. Please accept our sympathy. Your brother sounded like a wonderful man, gone too soon. Gail and Steve Teele

Gail and Steve Teele - September 30, 2019 at 03:59 PM

BM

“ Even though we only knew Randy for brief time as both a friend and neighbor, it was obvious to us that he was a fine human being who genuinely cared for people. His background in bluegrass music is a revelation to us and we are looking forward to celebrating his life further through his music. Our condolences go out to his extended family and close friends whose lives have been enriched through decades of sharing.

Bruce & Diane Mitchem - September 30, 2019 at 02:57 PM

BD

“ I am so very sorry. Randy was such a kind, caring and great person. He will be greatly missed

Barbara P Davis - September 30, 2019 at 01:37 PM

JM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Randy was such a good person to be around. I am very thankful for his friendship. He will be sorely missed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Jeff Moore - September 30, 2019 at 11:16 AM

DW

“ " We have worked with Randy for many of years here at the DOT. He was always had a gentle, kind, loving spirit about him. We would talk about his bluegrass days and the love he had for the music and outdoors. He will truly be missed by all.

Dana Woodard and Kathy Sigmon"

Dana Woodard - September 30, 2019 at 11:15 AM

CW

“ Randy was one of the most positive people I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with. I can honestly say I've never seen him showing any emotion but smiling. He was such a positive gentlemen and always was so nice to everyone he spoke to. A true class act! Rest easy Randy! You will be missed by many!

Cody Weddle - September 30, 2019 at 10:49 AM

PB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with Randy, and he was one of the kindest, most fun people to be around. He never had an unkind word. Your family is in my prayers.

Pam Burnette
NC Department of Information

Pam Burnette - September 30, 2019 at 08:41 AM

JM

So sorry for your loss. He was a great co-worker and friend he will be dearly missed by all NC DOT. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Joan McCurry

Joan McCurry - September 30, 2019 at 10:03 AM

PL

Randy was our neighbor and our friend. Randy was always there for everyone in our small little community. Always smiling, always happy to see you. We still can't believe he's gone! When I passed his house this morning, I could swear I saw him standing on his porch with his beloved dog Champ. May they be together now.

Peggy Law

Peggy Law - September 30, 2019 at 12:31 PM

PL

One more thing.....we would say to our dog when we walked him "want to go see Randy?" and he would about jerk the leash from our hands. Dogs know.

Peggy Law

Peggy Law - September 30, 2019 at 01:57 PM

MG

Musicians are a special kind of people and Randy was that and more..a gentle soul. I'm grateful for so many years of his smile, laughter, and good works. Myra Grant

Myra Grant - October 02, 2019 at 12:33 AM

FM

Running into Randy was always a bright spot in the day. He was a kind, generous and thoughtful neighbor. We will miss him. Fran, Diana and Cassie McKendree

Fran McKendree - October 15, 2019 at 05:46 PM

EH

Joe and I were so saddened to hear of Randy's passing he was a dear neighbor and friend and he will be sorely missed.... His sweet dog Champ has welcomed him home... Ellen Hutchison

Ellen Hutchison - October 16, 2019 at 09:50 AM