



## Robert David Crockett

December 5, 1947 - April 5, 2021

An icon in Army Aviation and well known and respected throughout the Army Aviation enterprise, Davy Crockett closed out his final celestial flight plan and passed away peacefully on April 5th, 2021. He was preceded in death by his lovely wife, Susan Coates Crockett, his brother, Ronald Crockett and his parents, Helen and Robert Crockett. Davy was born on December 5th, 1947 and raised in a town called "Davy", nestled deep in the mountains of West Virginia. After graduating from Welch High School in 1965, Davy made his living by working the coal mines. After a few years, Davy made the decision to serve his Country and joined the U.S. Army Reserve. After basic combat training he became a supply clerk and opted to apply for and serve on Active Duty. Davy had his aspirations focused on flying so in 1970 he applied for flight school and after a rigorous application process he was accepted into the Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course at Fort Rucker, Alabama. After his training, Davy served in Vietnam assigned to Headquarters Troop, 2nd Squadron, 17th CAV, 101st Airborne Division. After completing his tour in Vietnam, Davy returned to the United States and ventured into the private corporate aviation world, flying Bell helicopters out of Baltimore, Maryland. His passion for flying increased as well as his zeal to remain in the military so he joined the West Virginia Army National Guard Aviation program and served out of Parkersburg, WV until 1981 where he realized his final, true calling into his new aviation home and family; the Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF), Virginia Army National Guard in Sandston, Virginia. As a young Chief Warrant Officer 2 (CW2) Davy volunteered for every duty or mission that the AASF could throw at him, learning every aspect of his new aviation landscape while amassing flight time and experience in both the UH-1H and OH-58A helicopters, most notably flying Law Enforcement Officers throughout Virginia in support of the State's Drug Eradication program. While being promoted to Chief Warrant Officer 3 (CW3), Davy was tasked to transition and master the new, Army Assault helicopter, the UH-60A Blackhawk. In 1986, after his transition into the Blackhawk, he immediately attended and passed the UH-60 Instructor Pilot's course and brought back his skills to the AASF, instructing, and evaluating all assigned pilots in the AASF program. In time Davy was awarded the title as Standardization Instructor Pilot (SIP) and served the AASF as an Instrument Flight Evaluator (IFE), Night Vision Goggle (NVG) Instructor Pilot as well as instructor in tactical

flight. Davy continued to answer the call to duty and was deployed for a year to Fort Rucker, Alabama in support of Desert Storm whereby he trained students to become aviators to continue into the war fight. After promotion to Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CW4), Davy continued his military studies and accepted subsequent calls to duty. This time supporting a mission in Bolivia serving as full-time cadre and aviation subject matter expert. Davy's pinnacle deployment was in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) from 2005-2007, serving as the Assault Battalion's Standardization Instructor Pilot (SIP) for the 2nd Battalion 224th Aviation Regiment. After his return from OIF, he attended and graduated from the Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course which qualified him for the highest rank in the Warrant Officer Corp. He was subsequently promoted to Chief Warrant Officer 5. In 2009, Davy retired from the military with 35 years and 10 months of service and at the same time, retired from the Civilian Technician Program as a GS-13 with over 27 years of service. A Master Army Aviator, his awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, The Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. Davy worked hard and he equally loved to play hard. There was never a dull moment with Davy and every member of the aviation community loved to socialize and join him in working off the stresses of the day. He loved to deep-sea dive and take his vacations in Cocoa Beach, Florida. Davy is survived by his beautiful daughter, Kelsie Meygan Crockett, his brother Richard Crockett, numerous nieces/nephews and great nieces and nephews, and a small chihuahua by the name of Cricket who served as his partner in crime in his later years.

Everyone will miss Davy, but we will all carry him with us in memory as a husband, father, aviator, diver, adventurer, mentor, and friend. Davy Crockett: a life well lived. There will be a walk-through visitation 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 11th at Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge, VA. Private service to be held on Monday, April 12th at Vincent Funeral home with the burial at Washington Memorial Cemetery in Sandston at 1:00PM that will be open to everyone. Please observe all Covid-19 safety precautions such as wearing a mask and social distancing.

# Events

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**APR 11** **Walk Through Visitation** 01:00PM - 05:00PM  
Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel  
9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA, US, 23140

**APR 12** **Graveside Service** 01:00PM  
Washington Memorial Park  
6217 Memorial Drive, Sandston, VA, US, 23150

# Comments

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“ Peggy Melson lit a candle in memory of Robert David Crockett



**Peggy Melson** - April 14 at 12:38 AM

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“ Patty Harrison, AASF, WVARNG lit a candle in memory of Robert David Crockett



**Patty Harrison, AASF, WVARNG** - April 11 at 04:12 PM



“ RIP Davy. A great aviator and a great friend. We shared some fun times.

**Patty Harrison, AASF, WVARNG** - April 11 at 04:16 PM



“ I remember growing up in davy and going to Crocketts I would see David,always so nice.

**Peggy** - April 14 at 12:40 AM



“ David was a dear friend of mine. He will be truly missed. We shared many good times.

Brenda K. Green

**Brenda Green** - April 14 at 10:53 AM

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“ A consummate aviator and the most fun guy to be around in the air or on the ground. I know all his Guard brothers share the same sorrow that his family does because we were all his family too.

**Mike & Debbie Simmons** - April 10 at 11:22 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Jim Snow** - April 09 at 07:52 PM



“ Rest In Peace my brother.

**Jim Snow** - April 09 at 07:53 PM



“ Flew with him in WV guard so sorry to hear was good person and well respected pilot he will be missed

philip wiley

**phillip wiley** - April 09 at 11:06 PM

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“ David was three years older than me as we grew up in Davy, WV. I always admired his athletic ability and thought he was the coolest guy. I salute his service to our country and know he has now flown high enough to reach out and touch the face of God.

Gene Isbell, Venice, Florida

**Gene Isbell** - April 09 at 07:02 PM



“ I loved the Crockett family I just found out they were neighbors he did hid life beautifully with a strong woman by his side. Rest well. Ruth Isbell

**Ruth Isbell** - April 09 at 07:40 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathies to my Crockett family during this sad time. We love you all and David will be missed. We thank him for his years of service to our country. He was a kind soul and a friend to all. Love, Cousin Diane

**Diane McGrew and Sally Ponczek** - April 09 at 05:20 PM

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“ We attended Welch High School together ( an 8 mile trip for both) and graduated in '65. Davy was a good athlete in and out of school. He and his brother, Richard, played for the Davy, WV softball team in a multi-county league. Last saw Davy at our 50 year high school reunion. We had all changed physically, but he was still the kid I got to know in high school and played softball with later. Thankful for his service to our nation, and for the friendship we shared.



**Alan B Eanes** - April 09 at 02:41 PM

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“ I met David on the first day of the 1st grade at Davy Elementary in Miss Hopkins class. We have been friends ever since in Boy Scouts, Jr Hi, High School. David was quarterback of our Jr Hi team and guard on our High School basketball team. He was a great guy, great memories. So sad for his family and friends. Doug Beverly

**Doug Beverly** - April 09 at 02:20 PM

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“ Mindy Brooke lit a candle in memory of Robert David Crockett



**Mindy Brooke** - April 09 at 02:15 PM

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“ Davy was an Army Aviator. He walked the walk and talked the talk with "Swagger". He was a colorful soul, who had a smile and personality that made him center stage in any room. He served his country proudly first in Vietnam, Bosnia, Bolivia and Iraq. He volunteered for missions when others wouldn't and flew many he wish he hadn't, but he was always available to fly if you needed him to. I flew many missions with Davy fighting fires, looking for marijuana or the wreck of a lost family plane. He flew many missions which needed his skill & training, which he practiced and honed as an Instructor Pilot of 20+ years. His aviation brethren, enlisted and officer alike who called him FRIEND will miss him. We will honor him as we tell his stories, of which I have volumes, for many years to come. Davy was my friend, my brother, my mentor, my golf and diving buddy, and I never doubted that he had my back in the air or underwater. I will cherish his life and all he shared with us at Army Aviation. Rest in Peace Brother Davy!

**Wayne (Gadget) Martell, CW4 RET US Army** - April 09 at 01:16 PM

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“ I can't even begin to share all the GREAT life adventures I shared with this outstanding Army Aviator. Jay L. Marts

**Jay L. Marts** - April 09 at 08:31 AM

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“ Karen P. Disse lit a candle in memory of Robert David Crockett



**Karen P. Disse** - April 09 at 07:35 AM

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“ Davy and I served together in both the West Virginia and Virginia Army National Guard. Davy was a great friend and I treasure the memories we created over the years. Rest In Peace my dear friend. David R. Legg, Atlantic Highlands, NJ

**David R. Legg** - April 08 at 04:12 PM

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“ Scotty Wampler lit a candle in memory of Robert David Crockett



**Scotty Wampler** - April 08 at 03:31 PM



“ A most exceptional man. Proud to have served with Davy.

**Darrell Turner** - April 09 at 05:45 PM



“ I first met Robert Davy Crockett in June of 1960 at Camp Roland, VA at Boy Scout camp. He got my attention when he indicated he was from Davy, WV. He was a pleasant and likeable fellow. I remember him telling me how he got the name Robert but I couldn't tell you the details. My last encounter with him was in the Davy Methodist Church basement. My Dad was pastor of the Methodist church in Davy when I was born at Stevens Clinic. My parents and I were at the Davy church for some sort of meeting or celebration when I last saw him. I extend my sympathy to all of Davy's family and friends.

**Mark Johnson** - April 09 at 08:22 PM