

## ***In Memory: Kyle Franklin Davis***

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This past Tuesday, April 29, 2008, my father, Kyle Franklin Davis died in Chattanooga, Tennessee. While he had been struggling with health issues for the last several years, the severity of this last illness was more than his body could take. Fortunately, his recent illness was not prolonged. We will publish more later. Suffice it to say that he was surrounded by family and friends until the time of his death. He was richly loved and is already deeply missed. **UPDATED: To read my part of his eulogy, please see the file attached after the article...**

### **Col. Kyle Davis**

Col. Kyle Franklin Davis went to be with the Lord early on Tuesday morning, April 29, 2008.

He was born on April 26, 1918, in Ogden, Utah. He enlisted in the Army in 1938 and had a long and distinguished military career, which included fighting in WW II in the South Pacific, and also in the Korean Conflict. After WWII was over, he was assigned in Japan as the Legislative Advisor to the Japanese Defense Agency and was the Deputy Chief of Staff for Civil Affairs of the U.S. Army, Far East. He was instrumental in helping the Japanese write their constitution.

Col. Davis was sent to various posts after that time and was eventually assigned to the Army Headquarters in the Pentagon at Washington, D.C., where he served on active duty with the Joint Chief of Staff until his retirement in 1963. He then worked for the Army in a civilian capacity. When the Army was reorganized in 1962, he designed and implemented the Military Assistance Program for the U.S. military. He also designed and managed the Command Management Review and Analysis System, as well as the Foreign Military Sales Management Review System which involved all aspects the Army's material and logistical needs globally. These programs were adopted and used by other countries. The latter system was such a comprehensive and important tool to the U.S. Military and worldwide, that he was awarded the prestigious PACE award given by the Secretary of the Army in 1969. In 1970, he graduated from the University of Maryland with a master's degree in public administration.

Before his retirement from Civil Service in 1973, he began what he considered an even greater calling, that of serving his Lord. Hundreds, if not thousands of people, have been impacted either directly or indirectly, by his service to God as a youth leader, as the vice president and secretary of the Christian Men of the Pentagon, as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, principal and consultant to Accelerated Christian Education, in which he was instrumental in starting over 100 Christian schools.

Survivors include his loving wife, Aletha, with whom he shared 66 years of life together. Other survivors include two sons, Douglas, of New Port Richey, Fla., and Michael, of Dallas, Texas; two daughters, Linda and Lynn, both of Chattanooga; three wonderful grandchildren, Jonathan, of Fort Benning, Ga., Julie, of Lincoln, Neb., and Justin, of Dallas, Texas.

For much of Col. Davis' adult life, he worked with young people. He also supported a number of

mission activities in foreign countries. Therefore, in lieu of flowers, the family would like to request that donations to be made to orphanages in Romania and Uganda in his memory. Donations may be sent to BIMl, 8614 Harrison Bay Road, Harrison, TN 37341. The donation may be directed to either account #702 (Romania) or #1223 (Uganda).

Visitation will be in Lakewood Baptist Church today, May 1 from 5-8 p.m. and Friday 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dr. David Bragg will conduct the service Friday at 1 p.m. in the church.

Interment will be in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Send condolences at [www.CovenantFuneral.com](http://www.CovenantFuneral.com).

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