



Mike K. Davis, Jr.
August 31, 1936 - January 18, 2020

Mike K. Davis, Jr. was born August 31, 1936 to Hattie L. Wilson-Nash and McKinley Davis in Carthage, Texas. Actually, his was named McKinley Davis, Jr. but due to a misunderstanding when registering for elementary school, was called Mike K. Davis and has been known by this name his entire life. Mike passed from this life on January 18, 2020 at the age of 83 at his home in San Antonio, Texas (Leon Valley).

Mike attended public schools in Galveston, TX. He joined the Navy in 1955 and was honorably discharged in 1965 in Long Beach, CA where he lived the majority of his life. Mike was united in marriage with Addie R. Thompson-Davis in 1959. Out of this union were born 4 children. Mike and Addie remained married for 21 years, and although divorced, remained good friends. In 2003, Mike made Leon Valley in San Antonio, Texas his permanent residence. It was in San Antonio where he met Jean Johnson who was a vital part of his life for the last 18 years.

It could be said that Mike was an unconventional man. He refused to settle for the norms expected of him as Black man in America. When he joined the Navy, the expectation was for him to be a cook or porter. He refused, asked to be tested, and became a Radioman, which resulted in him becoming a licensed amateur radio operator, a hobby he continued all his life. He worked in telecommunications during his career at Southern California Edison and Unocal from which he retired. Mike was a licensed real estate agent and a successful real estate investor, at one time owning 13 rental properties in 3 states. He also loved to travel and was adventurous enough to travel alone quite often. His travels took him to Cuba, South Africa, Brazil, Panama, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Mexico, St. Martin, St. Lucia, Jamaica, Hong Kong, China and Alaska. He and Jean were also avid cruisers and enjoyed RVing.

Mike was very socially and politically active. It began in 1972 when he and Addie canvassed for the Shirley Chisolm presidential campaign. In Long Beach, his home was one of the polling places for elections in the 70s. He was also active in the campaign for Barack Obama's 2008 presidential run, and attended the 2012 National Democratic Convention. In San Antonio, he was elected the 2018 Precinct 3002 Chair of the Bexar County Democratic Party. He was also very active with Leon Valley and served

on the zoning committee, the oversight bond committee for the construction of the fire department and renovation of city hall and the police department, and was a member of the Home Rule Charter Commission. Mike also was a volunteer for the American Red Cross, a member of the League of Women's Voters, LULAC, The American Legion, the VFW and was a Silver Life Member of the NAACP.

Overall, Mike was a family man. He loved, loved loved, his children, grandchildren, siblings and extended family and would make sure he was with them whenever he could. He never missed an important event.

Mike is preceded in death by his father, McKinley Davis, Sr., mother, Hattie L. Nash, son, David Thomas Davis, daughter, Marisa Wright-Stevenson, granddaughter Leona Stevenson, and beloved sister Ida M. Washington

He leaves to cherish his memory three children: Mark J. Davis (Paula), Desiree R. Kannel (Michael, deceased) and Traci R. Johnson (Bentley); his siblings, Pamela M. Nash- Francis, Natalynn D. Nash-Marshall and Julia A. Nash.; 9 grandchildren, Raymond Wright, Latoya Wright-Norfleet, Taisha Stevenson, Jonathan Davis, Kristin Ramirez, Melissa Jafari, Sarah Kannel, Tiffany Davis, and Stephen Greer and 18 great-grandchildren, aunt's Helen Johns and Bobbie Wilson and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Mike also leaves behind his special and loving companion Jean Johnson and her children Michael Johnson (Yvonne) and Cheryl Johnson.

A memorial service honoring Mike's life will be held on Saturday, February 1 at 11:30AM at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, 4114 SW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78227.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Doctors Without Borders at <https://tinyurl.com/MKDavis>