



## DONALD D. DAVIS JR.

July 6, 1971 - February 4, 2020

Donald D. Davis, Jr., 48, of Fayetteville, passed away from ALS Tuesday at Upstate University Hospital. He was born and raised in Utica. Don was a pediatric SWAT nurse at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital for many years until retiring in 2017. He enjoyed photography, gaming and hiking and was a member of Manlius First Baptist Church in Manlius. He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, William and Sadie Davis, maternal grandparents, Jim and Helen Grygiel, uncles, Tom Davis and Gregory Smith and his dog, Cali.

Don is survived by his wife, the former Theresa "Terri" Mackey, father, Donald D. Davis, Sr., mother, Linda Smith Davis and brother, Shane (Bernard Palotti) Davis and fur babies, Finn, Tuxedo and Baby Cat.

Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life 2 pm Sunday, February 9th at Manlius First Baptist Church, 408 Pleasant St, Manlius, NY 13104. BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, has care of arrangements.

Donations may be made in his memory to ALS Association Upstate NY Chapter, 135 Old Cove Rd #213, Liverpool, NY 13090 or Kindred Spirits Greyhound Adoption, 6685 Reservoir Rd, Clinton, NY 13323.

Please share memories and tributes at [www.bagozzitwins.com](http://www.bagozzitwins.com).

# Events

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**FEB**   **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**   02:00PM

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MANLIUS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
408 PLEASANT ST., MANLIUS, NY, US, 13104

# Comments

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“ The children's hospital lost one of the best. Don was a fantastic mentor to many of us trainees, and a perfect role model in his caring for critically ill children. He had a passion for his work and the utmost care for his patients. He was a light of caring and humor on the edge of life-or-death for so many families with sick children. It was one of my great privileges to work in the trenches with Don, and on more than one occasion his calming demeanor in crisis guided this scared resident, and many patients out of trouble...

Terri, you have my deepest condolences.

Michael Eckrich

**Michael J. Eckrich MD** - February 13, 2020 at 03:41 PM

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“ I worked with Don and Terri for many years in the PICU and on the Transport Team. I will always remember Don as a big vital guy with a tender heart and a booming laugh. He was an expert clinician, fearless Transport leader, teacher and mentor, and strong patient and family advocate. Don touched so many lives in his career in pediatric critical care nursing. He and his devoted wife Terri, both were role models for the next generation of nurses and doctors providing empathetic, skilled nursing care to children. I was honored and inspired to call them my colleagues. Terri, my deepest sympathy and respect for the love and support you gave your dear husband Don. My heart aches for you both.

Nancy Boeing

**nancy boeing** - February 09, 2020 at 11:21 AM

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“ It was always SO reassuring to push through those double doors into the PICU and hear Don's booming, "Hi, Doc!" It was terrific to learn that he was the primary nurse for any of my patients, but just as much fun to shoot the breeze with him any evening when he wasn't. The clinical care he gave our patients was just terrific, the attention to any patient on whom SWAT was called careful and precise, the education I saw modeled for nurses and pediatric residents awesome, and his manner so calming with/for/to families. Golisano Children's Hospital has lost a superb nurse (and quite a character!).

Terri, my condolences go out to you at this difficult time.

Sue Stred, MD

Susan E Stred - February 08, 2020 at 09:02 PM

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“ Sending love and prayers.  
Michele Scardetta

Michele Scardetta - February 07, 2020 at 08:47 AM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of DONALD D. DAVIS JR..



February 07, 2020 at 07:52 AM

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“ Although I spent many moments with you , Terri, over the years , as you held my hand, then we held “hands” together , I also knew Don thru you, & OT vocera call days, when he was the calm savior .... you & I shared many therapy moments in triage You are an amazing warrior who gave all your strength to Don, everyday. My heartfelt hugs & sympathy during this time of such a loss... hugs my friend , Rest In Peace Don ~~

elizabeth donnelly - February 06, 2020 at 04:23 PM

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“ Terri, I am so sad to hear this news. I was lucky enough to train with Don for a couple of shifts in the PICU. I remember him drawing out concepts and quizzing me for answers, and giving me the why answer, a true teacher with an evident passion for his patients. I remember you stopping by my office on 12 and telling me about the dogs you both adopted and how he loved them. He was a gentle soul in all aspects of life. Wishing you strength and comfort in knowing how well respected and loved he was to all who knew him.

Sarah Irish

Sarah - February 06, 2020 at 03:59 PM

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“ Terri and family  
so glad that Don and Terri found each other while sharing the mutual passion of caring for children. I will somehow always have this vision of Don in his SWAT RN role with a billowing red super hero cape as he came to the bedside to offer his expert clinical skills to our patients, family and staff. Don left a legacy to nursing by how he improved and advocated for pediatric nursing practice at Upstate. This wonderful man will not be forgotten.

thinking of you Terri

Nancy Page

Nancy Page - February 06, 2020 at 01:48 PM

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“ Don was a great nurse, teacher, and friend. He will be missed but always remembered.

Carol



Carol Hauck - February 06, 2020 at 01:34 PM

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“ Terri: My Heart is aching for you. I know how much you loved Doñ and how you had so many plans for the future. Apparently, God has a different plan for you. Hang onto all those beautiful memories and you have many! Many people do not experience the wonderful trips you went on and those glorious pictures Doñ has left you. He is your guardian angel for all time now and is whole again in heaven. He was greet by sweet, wonderful Calli. Take each future step one at a time and embrace your memories of Doñ. Dad and I love you and are always here for you. love always mom  
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Etta & Bill Mackey - February 06, 2020 at 10:11 AM

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“ Don was a friend of mine. We would often talk about religion / spirituality. Don felt that he was meant to offer his abilities to others. I think he did. I will miss him.

Can't you hear him laugh even now?

kevin - February 06, 2020 at 08:13 AM

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“ I worked with Don for over 10 years, he was a phenomenal nurse and such a funny guy. He inspires me still to strive to be a great nurse. When I think of how many Children lives he has saved, and all the smiles he inspired... I realize how lucky we all were to have known him. My Love and Prayers go to his wonderful wife Terri



carrie - February 06, 2020 at 07:58 AM

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“ Don was a dear friend. I will never forget the love and support he offered me throughout our friendship. We shared a love of Maine, video games, and photography. I'd often open my messages from him to a photo he'd taken. I will always remember him fondly. You are with God now, D. Rest In Peace.

K - February 06, 2020 at 12:52 AM

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“ Danielle Demarest lit a candle in memory of DONALD D. DAVIS JR.



**Danielle Demarest** - February 05, 2020 at 11:13 PM



“ I don't know what to say. I just know that the world is a dimmer place now that Don has moved on. He will continue to light our way from a far where he is no longer in pain.

**Danielle Demarest** - February 05, 2020 at 11:22 PM

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“ So sorry I am in Florida till March 1st. DD was such of professional, passionate, patient advocate care giver. Always could make a intense situation calming. You were so fortunate to have him share in your life and vice versa. May you be comforted knowing that you gave your all these last months of his life and now he is at peace .

**Jan Bullard** - February 05, 2020 at 09:43 PM

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“ Don was a nurse at the Summer Camp I worked at. When I knew him he was a kind and energetic person. Rest In Peace.

**Noah Alles** - February 05, 2020 at 09:22 PM

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“ Etta And Bill Mackey lit a candle in memory of DONALD D. DAVIS JR.



**Etta and Bill Mackey** - February 05, 2020 at 07:14 PM



“ Doñ will be sorely missed! He had such a wonderful smile.

**Etta and Bill Mackey** - February 05, 2020 at 07:15 PM

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“ We could not of asked for better nurse's when Brianna was in the hospital. It was a great feeling knowing she had the best care with Don and Terri. Sending Hugs to you.. Love Dan & Lori Walsh



**Lori Walsh** - February 05, 2020 at 07:09 PM

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“ Bobbi Marafino lit a candle in memory of DONALD D. DAVIS JR.



**Bobbi Marafino** - February 05, 2020 at 06:31 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a great nurse, nice guy, and would always lend a hand for anyone. I can picture him laughing in 4C all of these years later! I hope your memories will be a comfort at this terrible time.

**Bobbi Marafino** - February 05, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ Don was a wonderful neighbor and friend. We will always remember him smiling, laughing and his encouraging way. He will be greatly missed and never forgotten. Terri, you were an amazing, devoted wife to him and our hearts ache for you. Don is now with Jesus and all of the angels around him are smiling more just because he's there.

**Lisa and Steve Peterson** - February 07, 2020 at 12:07 PM