



David Talley

August 15, 1938 - January 21, 2026

Jackson David Talley, of Centerville, Tennessee, known to family and friends as David, passed away on January 21, 2026, at the age of 87.

David was born on August 15, 1938, on Cane Creek in Lewis County, Tennessee, to Annie Mary Betty Bastin Talley. He was raised on the Bastin family farm alongside his grandparents, his mother, and his brother, Glenn Talley. He was a proud member of the Lewis County High School Class of 1956 and later attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, returning home when homesickness drew him back to the family farm.

After a brief period of employment with the United States Post Office, David began a lifelong career as a surveyor and designer with the engineering firm of Barge, Waggoner, Sumner, and Cannon in Nashville. He dedicated 43 years to the company, retiring in 2004. During his career he played an instrumental role in the design, installation, and inspection of water and sewer systems all over the middle Tennessee and southern Kentucky area and with the Harpeth Valley Utilities District in Bellevue, Tennessee. In 1961, David was drafted into the United States Army during the Berlin Crisis and served at Fort Hood, Texas.

In September 1962, David married Jane Aydelott of Centerville. They shared 63 years of marriage and were blessed with four children: Lisa, Jenny, Carol,

and Andy.

David faithfully served as a deacon at the Centerville Church of Christ and was an active member of the Kiwanis Club. He had a longtime passion for growing chrysanthemums and was deeply involved in the Hickman County Chrysanthemum Club. He devoted countless hours to Camp Meribah, where he assisted with mapping and installing water and sewer lines, contributed to numerous improvement projects, and authored an extensive history of the camp.

In his spare time, David tended multiple vegetable gardens, kept honeybees, and meticulously maintained not only his own yard but also several family cemeteries. Work was not merely something he did—it was his hobby and his calling. Through his tireless example, he instilled a strong work ethic in his children.

In addition to his beloved wife, Jane, David is survived by his children: Lisa (Terry) Barber, Jenny (Chris) Teet, Carol Talley, and Andy (Kristi) Talley. He was a devoted and cherished grandfather to Nick (Ali Jimerson) Batts, Travis (Jennifer) Barber, Lucas (Kayla) Barber, Grady (Annie) Teet, Grayson Talley, and Anna Grace Talley. He was also blessed with eight great-grandchildren: Emma, Gunner, and Hartley Batts; Bentley and Brady Barber; Harper Rowe; and Hayston and Hutton Barber.

David will be remembered for his quiet strength, unwavering faith, and tireless dedication to his family and community. His life was marked by service, humility, and an extraordinary work ethic that touched everyone who knew him. The legacy he leaves lives on through his family, the many projects he helped build, and the countless lives he influenced by his example. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund, c/o Centerville Church of Christ, 138 N Central Avenue, Centerville, TN 37033.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens

2833 Highway 100 E
Centerville, TN 37033

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (cst)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

Funeral Service

JAN 23. 1:00 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Maelynn Campbell lit a candle in memory of David Talley*



Maelynn Campbell - February 03 at 12:02 PM

MC

“ *Maelynn Campbell lit a candle in memory of David Talley*



Maelynn Campbell - January 31 at 11:00 PM



“ *...saddened to hear of Mr. Talley's passing....such a fine Christian man and constant presence while growing up in the Centerville Church of Christ congregation... thoughts and prayers for his family...*



James Arthur (Tank) and Dana Atkinson - January 24 at 11:18 AM

PG

“ *Patricia Gossett lit a candle in memory of David Talley*



Patricia Gossett - January 23 at 07:40 PM

DG

“ *Diane/Lonnie Garrett lit a candle in memory of David Talley*



Diane/Lonnie Garrett - January 23 at 02:51 PM

RW

“ *Rickey Westbrooks lit a candle in memory of David Talley*



Rickey Westbrooks - January 23 at 12:52 PM

KT

“ *Jane and the children. So sorry to hear of David's passing. He will be missed. Prayers for all of you. He was a great example of how to live a good life. Kathy Tucker*

Kathy Tucker - January 23 at 11:24 AM

MS

“ *I have been blessed to know David since my early childhood and to have him as a neighbor most of my life. I admired his intelligence and manors. He was a devoted member of the church and one of the last elders of the neighborhood I grew up in. He will be missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him. I always found him easy and pleasant to talk to.*

God bless.

Mike Staggs

Mike Staggs - January 23 at 09:09 AM



“ *Sandi Westover lit a candle in memory of David Talley*



Sandi Westover - January 23 at 07:10 AM

JB

“ *June bowen lit a candle in memory of David Talley*



June bowen - January 22 at 10:21 PM

DN

“ *Dana Nicholson lit a candle in memory of David Talley*



Dana Nicholson - January 22 at 09:47 PM

KS

“ *Talley family, I am so sorry for your loss. David was a fine gentleman.*

Kathy Gossett Scott - January 22 at 08:57 PM

MS

“ *Melissa Shelton sent a virtual gift in memory of David Talley*



Melissa Shelton - January 22 at 08:22 PM

SH

“ *Sarah Hinson lit a candle in memory of David Talley*



Sarah Hinson - January 22 at 07:55 PM

AW

“ *Alice Waugh lit a candle in memory of David Talley*



Alice Waugh - January 22 at 07:11 PM

MB

“ *Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of David Talley*



Michael Bates - January 22 at 03:59 PM

CL

“ *Carole Loveless lit a candle in memory of David Talley*



Carole Loveless - January 22 at 03:15 PM

CS

“ *Charlotte M Staggs sent a virtual gift in memory of David Talley*



Charlotte M Staggs - January 22 at 02:59 PM

JT

“ *Joan Talley lit a candle in memory of David Talley*



Joan Talley - January 22 at 02:07 PM



“ *I have known uncle Dave all my life. He is one of the most gentle, quiet but strong men and It was wonderful to have him as an uncle.*

Betty Bastin - January 22 at 01:38 PM

MT

“ I well remember David as being such a gentleman and a devoted Christian. We were members of the same graduating class in 1956. May 9, 1956, to be exact. After all these years, we continued to keep in touch with our class mates. I am so glad I knew such a fine friend. I will be letting our other class members know of his death. Heaven will be delighted to welcome David.

To David's family: "his wings were ready, but our hearts were not."

Marsy Chandler Thomas

Class of 1956

Marsy Thomas - January 22 at 01:17 PM

GW

“ If there ever was a good man, David was it. I remember him from Lewis County where I grew up, too, and he graduated about the same time as my older brothers. He always drove his 1956 Chevrolet that was blue and white and immaculate!! He and I talked about that car, and he told me he wished he still had it. What a wonderful family he lead and how they will miss him. My love and prayers to Jane and all her big family. May God's sweet comfort be with you in the days ahead. You have been blessed by this good man.

Gail Williams

Gail Williams - January 22 at 12:47 PM

SH

“ Sarah Hinson lit a candle in memory of David Talley



Sarah Hinson - January 22 at 12:20 PM

SG

“ Stanley & Judy Gordon lit a candle in memory of David Talley



Stanley & Judy Gordon - January 22 at 11:26 AM

MG

“ Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam



Marilyn Gilliam - January 22 at 11:09 AM

DA

“ David and I met through a credit reporting bureau. My credit report in 1995 said I had a charge on a gas credit card opened in 1965. I was nine years old then. I tried to correct that error. After several failed attempts I alerted David of the problem. I also asked if we were related. We were! Thus began my interest in family history. David introduced me to cousins I never knew. He shared his research file and notes. With this as a foundation, I was able to extend the family line through six generations, each one verified. All because he showed me the way. I will always be thankful for his help.

David - January 22 at 10:38 AM

CM

“ *Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of David Talley*



Cheeva McClearen - January 22 at 09:47 AM

JE

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Talley family in the loss of David Talley. He was a quiet spirit, very knowledgeable of so many topics and so interesting to listen to. He would “light up” when asked about his children and family. Blessings for comfort, Chug and Johnnie Ruth Elrod*



Johnnie Ruth Elrod - January 22 at 09:35 AM

TO

“ *Sorry for your loss*



Tony - January 22 at 08:14 AM

ES

“ Ed and Melinda Sullivan lit a candle in memory of David Talley



Ed and Melinda Sullivan - January 21 at 11:16 PM

MB

“ Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of David Talley



Michael Bates - January 21 at 03:50 PM

RB

“ Randall-Sandra Barber lit a candle in memory of David Talley



Randall-Sandra Barber - January 21 at 12:47 PM

JG

“ John & Wanda Givens lit a candle in memory of David Talley



John & Wanda Givens - January 21 at 11:48 AM

RS

“ WE BOTH WILL KEEP "THE TALLEY FAMILY IN PRAYERS.
YOUR FRIENDS,REGINA & MARTHA SHELTON

REGINA & MARTHA SHELTON - January 21 at 11:04 AM

RS

“ WE ARE THINKING OF U. RUBY & REX HORNER

REGINA & MARTHA SHELTON - January 21 at 11:01 AM