



## Ted Davis

April 23, 1943 - December 27, 2020

Hampton - Edward R. "Ted" Davis, 77, of Hampton, died Sunday, December 27, 2020 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital. He was born in Haverhill, MA April 23, 1943, a son of the late Emery E. and Grace E. (Dusseault) Davis.

Ted was a graduate of Winnacunnet High School with the class of 1961, Bates College in 1965, and received his master's degree from Middlebury College in 1967.

Ted taught environmental studies and biology and also coached three sports at the Hotchkiss School, a private boarding school in Lakeville, CT, for 31 years. In addition, he was a board member, instructor and active EMT with Salisbury Ambulance Service in CT for 26 years. After retiring and returning home to Hampton in 1998, again he began coaching football, wrestling, track, and lifeguard training on a part time basis at Phillips Exeter.

Ted was a communicant at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church and was a very active member of the Hampton Area Lions Club, receiving the clubs highest national award, the Melvin Jones Fellow award. He also served as the first chairman of the board for the WHS Alumni Association.

Ted shared 39 years of marriage with his wife Betsey A. (Squire) Davis.

In addition to his wife, family members include four children Katharine A Gates (Shad) of Wilmington, NC, Aimee D. Davis of Lakeville, CT, Christopher Lamie (Jen) of Hampton, Sue Lamie (Steve Demske) of St. Albans, VT, his brother Robert F. Davis (Nancy) of Seabrook, 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Visiting hours will be from 5-7 P.M. Friday, April 23, 2021 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 A.M. Saturday, April 24, 2021 at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited and may live stream at <https://olmmparish.org/>. In lieu of traditional remembrances, donations may be made to the Salisbury Ambulance Service, P.O Box 582, Salisbury, CT 06068, or the Hampton Area Lions Club, P.O Box 1088, Hampton, NH, 03842.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·  
Hampton, NH 03842  
(603) 926-6500  
info@remickgendron.com  
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church  
289 Lafayette Road  
Hampton, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ted Davis*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



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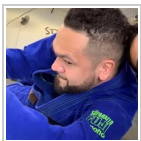
Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - April 21, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ I first met Ted or Coach Davis on the gridiron at Phillips Exeter Academy less than 2 years ago. We grew close through sharing a bond of coaching the lineman together as I assisted him and grateful for everything he taught me. He was an extremely patient and kind man with me and our players. I also enjoyed helping him unload buckets of apples from his truck to help give them away to people before they went bad. I enjoyed his many stories of how he grew up and sharing the connection of the Hotchkiss School since we had just recently moved from there a year before Ted and I met. I am honored I got to know Ted in the very short time of knowing him and feel broken hearted about him leaving so soon. My eyes water thinking about it. I heard many stories about the love Ted had for his wife and family. I was only able to meet his wife and will say to you Betsy, if there is anything I can do to help, please do not hesitate to reach out. I live and work at PEA and can be around to help at anytime just say the word. To all friends and family, I am very sorry for your loss and my most sincere prayers are with you during these difficult times. RIP Ted, you will be greatly missed by so many.

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**Joshua Peterson** - April 09, 2021 at 03:20 PM



“ Coach Davis helped a lost Dominican boy from the inner cities of New York find an identity he grew proud of while attending a foreign New England prep school. To this day his lessons reign supreme. With the heaviest of hearts, I say thank you Coach Davis.

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**Josh Prado** - January 27, 2021 at 01:05 AM

AD

Hi Josh, belated response... thank you for writing. Touched my heart. Coach Ted's littlest Aimee

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**Aimee Davis** - March 31, 2021 at 08:27 PM

ML

“ I was very sorry to hear about Ted’s passing. Not sure we will find anyone to replace Ted and his wonderful upkeep that he did at LittleRiver Cemetery and South Road Cemetery thank you. Will miss seeing you at the band stand for the concerts. RIP Mary Lambert

mary lambert - January 05, 2021 at 08:22 PM



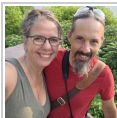
Thank you Mary, he did an incredible job with that cemetery! And he will miss the bandstand i am certain. Aimee, Teds youngest

Aimee Davis - January 05, 2021 at 09:56 PM

DM

“ Betsey and Family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Ted was a great friend and Lion. We will miss seeing him at our meetings and events as well as socially with Betsey. As the Past President of our Lions Club Chapter in the Hampton area I can't say enough about his dedication to the club and to the people that our club served. Ted was always one of the hardest workers and always there to lend a hand. We will miss his friendship and his smiling face. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Dyana & Gary Martin

Dyana Martin - January 05, 2021 at 07:59 PM



Dyana and Gary, Dedication should most certainly been one of his surnames. Thank you. Aimee , teds littlest

Aimee Davis - January 05, 2021 at 09:57 PM

MC

“ *Mr.Davis was an inspiring, impressive figure- in addition to being my football coach, he was my EMT instructor that began my career in medicine. He was the epitome of great discipline and high standards. I am sorry for your loss and remember Mr.Davis with great fondness- please know that he had an important and long lasting influence on me, among so many other Hotchkiss students.*

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**Michael Curi** - January 04, 2021 at 08:54 PM



*Michael, thank you for sharing here so fully, Aimee Ted's littlest*

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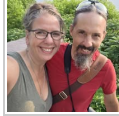
**Aimee Davis** - January 05, 2021 at 09:59 PM

FC

“ My heart just sank tonight when I heard of Ted Davis’ passing. He’s one of the educators and leaders who has the most impact on my high school years. As a shy kid on full scholarship at Hotchkiss, I wasn’t too sure of myself or what I could contribute to any team. Ted, You were demanding, fair and caring. Your leadership, toughness, and charisma encouraged me to try to give my personal best in practice and matches. You believed in us. With your coaching, I learned the importance of hard work, focus and dedication. Through your coaching, I learned that I had as much as anyone else to give. More importantly, you taught us about individual responsibility and developed us as a team. The bond I have w teammates are ones I will cherish all my life. You taught us what it takes to reach those goals what once seemed impossible. Your high expectations made us better competitors and stronger in our sense of self. Your coaching taught me what it means to work hard, compete fairly and be a good sportsman. You taught an ethos of “show them what you’re made of” that energized me as I tried my best to get through impossible challenges. Ted, you helped me discover a self confidence that went beyond wrestling and touched everything in my life. You were tough, perceptive, direct and caring. You gave me faith in myself and a bond to my fellow teammates that I will always cherish. Thank you for being the leader I needed at a key time. I hope I’ve provided at least a fraction of the same for other students. My prayers to Betsey and the entire family. I feel so blessed to have had you as my coach and mentor for 4 years. My life has been better because of you and your incredible contributions work as a coach, educator and person. With much Love,  
Frankie  
“Don’t mess with me” Cruz. HKiss’85

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Frank Cruz - January 03, 2021 at 11:32 PM



*Frankie, oh Darlin so beautiful to read your gratitudes. I am hoping to find Dads cassettes of his wrestling music. Hours and hours of being witness to your words here, although little, I can understand even more now in a richer way the depths he reached in you and in so many others. Aimee, coach's littlest*

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**Aimee Davis** - January 05, 2021 at 10:06 PM

PP

“ *I was one of the few to brave Ted's limnology class. Basically, get fed an amazing breakfast, go out on the at 6 am, freeze, and study the lake. I braved it with Tripp Hock and Will Price- we were an unusual assortment. Hands down, one of the best classes I ever took. My husband attended Wooster in Danbury and played football and wrestled.. He knew Ted by sight alone and was thoroughly impressed! I was an unusual Hotchkiss student anyway -being an avid rider (horses). Betsy drove me regularly to ride as we were not allowed to have cars. She was so kind and funny. My thoughts are with you!*

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**Paula Perce** - January 02, 2021 at 07:46 PM



*Hi Paula,, ahhh yes breakfast and cold and early... I remember hearing you all down there in the kitchen and so glad it was you not me!! I remember those same kind of mornings minus breakfast being served, with that said.... Dad made up for it all the years past hotchkiss making breakfast when we would visit. Thank you for writing. Aimee Ted's littlest*

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**Aimee Davis** - January 05, 2021 at 10:10 PM

JB

“ I'm one of the many Hotchkiss students who took Mr. Davis' EMT class, and I went on to volunteer as an EMT for a couple of decades after graduating in 1991. I was also a student in his lifeguarding class, which I didn't pass the first time through. Mr. Davis' no-BS, tough but fair approach in both classes encouraged me to keep trying even when success didn't come easily. I'm very sorry to hear of his passing and I send deepest condolences to Betsey and his family. Josh Berman, Hotchkiss '91

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**Josh Berman** - January 02, 2021 at 01:01 PM



Josh, yes No BS fair approach. You nailed it. That was a golden thread throughout all his teachings. Thank you, Aimee Ted's littlest

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**Aimee Davis** - January 05, 2021 at 10:12 PM

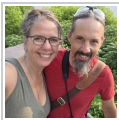
JC

“ Coach Davis-

Thank you for being such a positive influence in my life. You taught me the importance of hard work, discipline and perseverance. You always knew how to get the best out of each of us and expected nothing less. You were a great teacher and a wonderful friend. I will miss you and always remember you with profound admiration and respect.

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**Jonathan Caston** - January 02, 2021 at 12:57 PM



Jonathan, thank you so deeply, Aimee Ted's littlest

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**Aimee Davis** - January 05, 2021 at 10:13 PM

EP

“ A man with a great heart! People that knew him were so lucky. I have so many fond memories of our time together - Mr. Davis convinced me to try throwing the shot put and disc versus track (as I was a terrible runner/sprinter) and together we won and broke a few records. Truly an incredible man. Thank you Teddy Bear Mr D.

Erica Caston Pisanty - January 02, 2021 at 10:06 AM



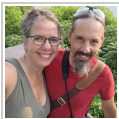
Erica, I love that he steered you to your gifts. Aimee Mr D's littlest

Aimee Davis - January 05, 2021 at 10:15 PM

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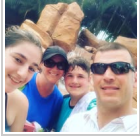
“ I fondly remember how as a track coach, he was able to give just the right pre-meet pep talk. For the boys, he would give what was likely the same speech he gave to the football and wrestling teams. For the girls, he knew that we needed the softer, gentler touch. Looking back, I've always appreciated that he knew not to lump the girls in with the boys.

Anne H'kiss 85 - January 02, 2021 at 08:47 AM



Anne, thank you for sharing this here. Aimee coach's littlest

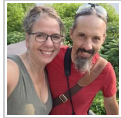
Aimee Davis - January 05, 2021 at 10:17 PM



“ I cannot express enough what a wonderful and influential man ERD was. He was my male role model. I am who I am today largely in part because of him. From the way he coached me on the football field to the way he taught me in EMT and lifeguard class, he was as tough and demanding as they come. When he glared at you with that one good eye and the other one just looking cold you had no other choice but to bring your A game. He would accept nothing less. My thoughts are with you all in your time of grief. Chris Quinby Hotchkiss '92

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**Chris Quinby** - January 01, 2021 at 11:36 PM



*Hi Chris, the powerful demanding loving stare..... thank you, Aimee Ted's littlest*

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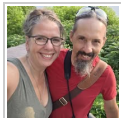
**Aimee Davis** - January 05, 2021 at 10:19 PM

AK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I learned an enormous amount from, well, ERD, about both biology and life. My deepest condolences, Alli

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**Alli Kraus** - January 01, 2021 at 09:48 PM



*Alli, Felt. Aimee Erds littlest*

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**Aimee Davis** - January 05, 2021 at 10:19 PM

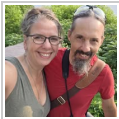
JS

“ Ted always pushed us to be better - to be our best - in the pursuit of achieving our potential. He was a terrifying football coach - he would scrimmage with us wearing only arm pads and helmet. He would pronounce: “I have the greatest respect for the player who wears the least padding.” Not sure I agreed with him, but I had so much respect for him, I would have done anything he asked of me. He was my track coach, and he helped me to be at my best whenever I competed. He was tough, he was direct, he was fair. I was proud to participate in anything in which he was involved - if it was worth his time, it was worth mine for sure. If there is a heaven, he is in it and making G-d run the “grinder” against all of the other football legends on the other side of the pearly gates. G-d bless him. He will be missed.

*I hope these words demonstrate how much I loved and admired Ted - and there were so many others whose lives he touched, and who feel exactly the same way. I hope that his family is able to find some peace during this time of grief.*

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**John Semel** - January 01, 2021 at 08:39 PM



*John, hearing from all of you softens challenging parts. If it was worth his time it was worth my time,, that is powerful. Thank you, Aimee Erds littlest*

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**Aimee Davis** - January 05, 2021 at 10:22 PM

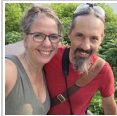
RH

“ *Ted was a wonderful, colorful colleague in the science department at Hotchkiss. Most of the many memorable moments I have of Ted were related to the ambulance squad and EMT training. Ted was one of those personalities that makes life memorable and meaningful. Ted, you will be missed.*

*Rick Hedeman  
Concord, MA*

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**Rick Hedeman** - January 01, 2021 at 05:01 PM



*Rick, kindest most grateful regards to you, Aimee Ted's littlest*

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**Aimee Davis** - January 05, 2021 at 10:23 PM

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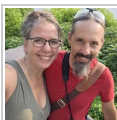
“ *To Betsy and Family.*

*So sorry to hear of your loss.  
Today and always may loving thoughts give you peace and comfort..*

*Sue Husson  
Poinciana, FL*

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**Susan Husson** - December 31, 2020 at 06:12 PM



*Sue, thank you for leaving your footprint for us to have, Aimee Ted's littlest*

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**Aimee Davis** - January 05, 2021 at 10:25 PM