

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done,

I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days,

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun
of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.

~Helen Lowrie Marshall



**Forever in
Our Hearts**

In Loving Memory



Julian Raymond Davis, Jr., M.D.

Sunrise: January 20, 1944
Sunset: December 17, 2020

Dr. Julian Raymond Davis, Jr. will be remembered as a brilliant, accomplished, kind and caring person. He was a loving husband, doting father, and devoted brother. "Ray", as he was fondly known, will never be forgotten by those who loved and admired him. He was truly a one of a kind human being who will always remain in our hearts.

Ray was born on January 20, 1944 in Atlanta, Georgia to the late Lula Alberta Gomez Davis and Julian Raymond Davis, Sr. He was the grandson of Alfred Richardson, who after the Reconstruction, was elected to represent the citizen of Athens in the Georgia State House of Representatives. His maternal grandfather was Wanti Gomez, founder of the Bankers Insurance Company in Durham, North Carolina.

The family moved to Washington, DC where Ray grew up and attended Smothers Elementary School. When the family moved to Lanham, Maryland, he attended Fairmont Heights High School and graduated valedictorian of his class.

Ray matriculated at Amherst College and received a BA degree in History. Although he loved the humanities, he realized that he wanted to pursue a career in medicine. He was accepted at Howard University College of Medicine and graduated in 1969.

Dr. Davis began his medical journey with a pediatric internship at the University of California San Francisco. He completed the resident program at Martin Luther King General Hospital in Los Angeles, CA. He earned a sub-specialty in Hematology Oncology and worked at Children's Hospital, Oakland, California. He was a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a fellow of the American Society of Pediatric Hematology Oncology.

After completing his training, Dr. Davis served as a staff physician in the Department of Hematology Oncology at Children's Hospital Oakland. In 1981, he established East Oakland Pediatrics out of the need to bring quality medical care to the most underserved area in the state of California. At the time, East Oakland had one of the highest infant mortality rates in the nation. Dr. Davis maintained a diverse practice and staff. He learned to communicate in several

languages with his patients. He cared for his patients and his staff with enthusiasm and dedication for 38 years. He retired in 2018 and moved to Madison, VA.

Dr. Davis loved his profession and cared deeply for the children and families that he served. He went over and beyond what was required or expected to assist his patients. He provided guidance, support and resources to his patients. Dr. Davis would personally purchase eye glasses, medicines, school supplies and other necessities for his patients when their families could not afford to do so. He rejoiced in the milestones and celebrated the accomplishments of the children under his care. He attended their graduations, weddings and other significant events.

Dr. Davis' service on boards and organizations was noteworthy. He was active in the Amherst College Alumni Association, Howard University Medical Association, National Medical Association and Sinkler Miller Medical Association. He served on the Boards of Alameda Alliance for Health and Summit Bank of Oakland.

Dr. Davis earned great respect and gratitude for his professionalism and integrity. He mentored medical students and pediatric residents from the University of San Francisco. Because of his tireless commitment and dedication, many honors, accolades and awards were bestowed upon him.

Dr. Davis was an avid tennis player and enjoyed the camaraderie and skills of his tennis partners and opponents at weekend matches at the Oakland Hills Tennis Club. He was a voracious reader and brilliant writer. Each evening, the family watched the TV show, **Jeopardy** and almost always he got the correct answers!

Dr. Davis leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Dorothy Arrington Davis; daughters, Ariel Shira Davis and Lauren Arrington Davis; sister Gail VanSluytman; brothers-in-law Bernard VanSluytman, Esq., James Arrington and Dr. Sylvester Booker; sisters-in-laws, Pamela Banks and Georgia Booker; niece Ayanna VanSluytman; nephew, Jamal VanSluytman; and a host of cousins, godchildren and friends.