

DAVIS, HAROLD LEIGH “JACK”

Birth

May 25, 1895 in Blakesburg,
Wapello Co., Iowa

Death

October 9, 1980 at Veterans
Administration Medical Center,
Des Moines, Iowa



Cause of Death

Heart attack

Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 113
Lot was purchased by Charles F. Kennedy on May 12, 1924

Father

George Warren Davis

Mother

Chessapina Chessie Olenbaugh

Marriage

Return of Marriages in the County of Wayne for the year ending June 30, 1915
33-1777

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Harold L. Davis
Residence: Corydon, Iowa
Occupation: Common Labor
Age: 20
1st marriage
Place of birth: Wapello Co., Iowa
Father: George W. Davis
Mother: Chassie Odenbaugh

Married: February 6, 1915

Corydon, Iowa

Ella M. Crowley

Residence: Corydon, Iowa

Age: 17

1st marriage

Place of birth: Cambria, Iowa

Father: James Crowley

Mother: Nora Wilkie

Witnesses: Charles Crowley & Eva Crowley

Married by a J. P. – J. A. Sinclair

Bess M. Kennedy to “Jack” Harold L. Davis on June 22, 1923

Return of Marriage to Clerk of District Court

77-12657

Harold Leigh Davis

Residence: Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa

Age next birthday: 29

Occupation: Ford Motor Co.

Place of birth: Blakesburg, Iowa

2nd marriage

Father: George W. Davis

Mother: Jessie Odenbough

Married:

June 22, 1923 at Des Moines, Iowa

Bessie Mae Kennedy

Age next birthday: 22

Place of birth: Norwalk, Iowa

1st marriage

Father's name: Charles Kennedy

Mother's maiden name: Nettie Turner

Witnesses: Viola L. Haynes and Lawrence O. Estensen

Minister: Pastor Simpson

Census

1895 –

1900 – Adams Twp., Wapello Co., IA; ED 112; Page 5A; June 9, 1900

Dwelling 82; Family 84

Davis, George W.

29

farmer

IA

OH

OH

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| | | Born May 1871 | | | |
| | | Married 7 years | | | |
| Chessie | 30 | 3 children, 2 living | IA | PA | NY |
| | | Born June 1870 | | | |
| Harrold | 05 | Born May 1895 | IA | IA | IA |
| Josephine | 03 | Born March 1897 | IA | IA | IA |
| Gilbert | 65 | father | OH | MD | MD |
| | | Born March 1835 | | | |
| Lyda | 63 | mother - 7 children; 3 living | OH | OH | OH |
| | | Born July 1836 | | | |

1905 – Wapello Co., Iowa; State census
Davis, Harold 09

IA

1910 – Adams, Wapello Co., Iowa; ED129; Page 7A; April 28, 1910
Dwelling 158 Family 162

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| Davis, George W. | 38 | Farmer | IA | OH | OH |
| | | Married 17 years | | | |
| Chessie | 39 | 6 children; 5 living | IA | PA | NY |
| Harold L. | 14 | | IA | IA | IA |
| | | Working on home farm | | | |
| Josephine | 13 | | IA | IA | IA |
| Lester | 09 | | IA | IA | IA |
| Marrin D. | 06 | | IA | IA | IA |
| Bessie A. | 02 | | IA | IA | IA |
| Gilbert | | Father – widowed | | | |

1915 – Corydon, Wayne Co., Iowa; State census; Post Office, Corydon, Iowa
Card #792

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| Davis, Harold L. | 19 | married – laborer | IA | IA | IA |
| | | Earnings in 1914 \$240 | | | |

1920 – Ward 4, 1011 2nd St., Des Moines, Polk Co., IA; ED 135; Page 2B; January 2, 1920
Dwelling 41; Family 47

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| Davis, George W. | 48 | WD | IA | OH | US |
| | | Shipping clerk at fruit store | | | |
| Harold L. | 24 | laborer at tire factory | IA | IA | IA |
| Josephine | 22 | | IA | IA | IA |
| Lester E. | 18 | | IA | IA | IA |
| Marvin | 15 | laborer | IA | IA | IA |
| | | Laborer at wholesale Co. | | | |
| Bessie | 12 | | IA | IA | IA |
| Marion | 08 | | IA | IA | IA |

1925 –

1930 –

1940 – Ward 1, Des Moines, Des Moines Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED100-5; Page 10B

April 17, 1940

#208 – own home; value of home, \$6000; same place as 1935; Address: 3324

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| Davis, Harold L. | 44 | radio shop employee | IA |
| Besse M. | 38 | radio shop clerk | IA |

WWII Draft Registration

Serial #3636

Date of Registration

April 27, 1942

Local board 4, Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa

Harold Leigh Davis

Residence: 1604 Locust St.

Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa

Telephone: 4-2287

Age: 47

Place of Birth: Blakesburg, Iowa

Height: 5' 8"

Weight: 180 lb.

Hair: Black

Complexion: Ruddy

Birth mark on left hand

Employer: Robbin & Kessler Radio Service

Person who knows where he is: Mrs. H. L. Davis, 1604 Locust, Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa

Obituary

[The Des Moines Register, Sunday, October 12, 1980, Page 7B]

Services for Harold L. "Jack" Davis, 85, of Quality Care Health Center, 300 Laurel St., who died of a heart attack Thursday at Veteran's Administration Medical Center, will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Westover Funeral Home. Burial will be at Orilla Cemetery in Orilla.

Born in Blakesburg, Mr. Davis lived in Des Moines for 62 years. A retired self-employed radio and television repairman, he was a member of Home Masonic Lodge, York Rite Bodies, Order of the Eastern Star, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine and Elks Lodge. He was a Navy veteran of World War I.

Survivors include two brothers, Marion A. of Des Moines, and Lester of Sun City, Arizona; and a sister, Bessie Greenwald of Sun City, Arizona.

Friends may call after noon today at the funeral home.

Military

He was born May 25, 1895 at Blakesburg, Iowa and died October 9, 1980 at VA Hospital, Des Moines, Iowa; residence was 300 Laurel St., Des Moines, Iowa; Social Security #484-12-8064; Was in WWI; Inducted into Navy June 1, 1917 at Des Moines, Iowa; Serial #50152; Electricians Mate 2nd Class in US Navy; discharged May 26, 1919 at Great Lakes, Illinois; was a member of the Highland Park American Legion Post #374; father was George W. Davis; mother was Chessie Olenbaugh; wife was Bessie M. Davis; brother was Marion Davis, 3123 Scott St., Des Moines, Iowa.