



## Ross "Satchel" Davis

July 28, 1918 - January 1, 2013

Ross "Satchel" Davis, member of the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame, passed away on Tuesday, January 1, 2013 in Houston, Texas. Mr. Davis was born on July 28, 1918 in Greenville, Mississippi but spent most of his life in St. Louis, Missouri.

He played professional baseball in the Negro League from 1939 to 1947. The teams that he played for include Scullin Steel, Mexico, Baltimore Elite Giants, New York Black Yankees, Cleveland Buckeyes, and Boston Blues. He was nicknamed "Satchel" by the late great Satchel Paige because of his extraordinary pitching skills. He was also selected to play for Jackie Robinson's All Stars. He served in the United States Army during World War II as a Medical Technician and earned the U.S. Army Bronze Star.

Mr. Davis worked several jobs after his baseball career and in 1995 he retired for good. He has lived in cities from coast to coast. He moved to Garwood, Texas in June 2006. He enjoyed singing, watching and talking about baseball to everyone and spending time with his family and friends. He never met a stranger. He was a lifelong devout Catholic and had a special relationship with Christ.

He is survived by his daughters Gladys Washington and Joella (Bob) Vordtriede; son Ross D. Davis; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren

and great-great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends and special caregivers Melinda and Mike Ramsey and family of Garwood, Texas. He also leaved behind his beloved dog, Dottie, who provided him with solace and comfort in his later years.

He is preceded in death by his parents, David Lee Davis, Sr. and Josie Golden Davis; siblings Henrienne Bolden, Mildred Davis, Mary Jane Phillips and David L. Davis, Jr.; daughter Paula J. Carter and grandson Gregory J. Carter, Sr.

Visitation will be from 2 – 6 pm on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at Triska Funeral Home. A Rosary will be recited at 1:30 pm followed immediately by a Funeral Mass at 2 pm on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada, Texas. Graveside service will follow with military honors under the auspices of American Legion Post 251 at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department, Colorado County EMS, or St. Mary's Catholic Church.

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Ross was a dear friend and mentor to many of us, he served faithfully and without complaint; regardless of how he was feeling, always with a smile. We all felt blessed to be in his presence and listen to him bring history alive; not just about baseball, but about the transition we made as a nation and as a people coming together despite past transgressions. I and the many people he touched during his life were fortunate to know him and blessed that God had put him our lives. May we never forget him or his love.

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john - Long Beach, CA - Friend - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Unk, I'm sorry we never got to meet face to face. Maybe I will get to meet Melinda though.  
Say hello to our friend Myra who got to heaven ahead of you.  
All your Pogo buddies miss you.  
Love PatnthHat

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Patricia VanBuren - Knoxville, TN - friend - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I met Ross playing tri-peak in the room Zonk about 10 years ago and he was chatting and talking about baseball the love of his live. I ask him if he he was a professional ball player and then he told me his story, I met lots of friends in this room because we all got to know Ross He had us call him unk. After reading his obituary I can see that he was Love by lots of people. I for one is grateful for Melinda Ramsey and her family for the the love and the care they had and done for Ross. I remember the first Christmas after he moved to Texas He came into the zonk room and told all of us he just had his very best Christmas. Thanks to the Ramsey family  
Joyce Johnson  
JoJo

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**Joyce Johnson - Pleasant Grove , UT - friend** - January 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Ross was a dear friend of mine from church. He was an usher. He would always talk in the back of the church and I would turn around and tell him and the other usher to SHHH. One Sunday they dedcided to talk and waited for me to say something to them and Ross brought tape and put it on his mouth. This time I had to laugh. He was a good friend and always had somehting funny to say in the mornings after church. I really missed him when he moved to Texas.

*Enjoy your new Life Ross!*

*Lisa Alexander*

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**Lisa Alexander - Long Beach, , CA - Friend/Holy Innocents Church** - January 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ A great tribute to Mr. Davis -  
<http://www.examiner.com/article/ross-satchel-davis-former-negro-league-pitching-ace-dies-at-94>

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**Mike - Philadelphia, PA - Fan** - January 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ We first met Ross in 1984 at a Cardinals baseball game sponsored through St. Bridgette's Catholic Church. We remained friends throughout his time in St. Louis and enjoyed hearing stories of his years in the Negro league. He was a sincere, dear soul with an abiding faith. Knowing that he was not eating well and not feeling the best, we made the trip to Garwood about 13 months ago to hear the old stories he told so well one more time. Meeting his plump canine companion, Dottie, and the Ramseys was a special treat of the visit. We have lasting memories of Ross and he will never be forgotten. May he rest in peace at home at last.

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**Mark and Rosie Obukowicz - Three Lakes, WI - friends** - January 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM