



## Milan Lafayette Davenport

October 10, 1932 - April 23, 2019

Milan Lafayette Davenport passed away on April 23, 2019, at 86 years of age in Madison, Alabama. His death occurred 30 days after the death of the love of his life and wife of 66 years. He was the oldest son of Ervin and Ocie Davenport, born on October 10, 1932, in Cannon County, Tennessee.

Milan graduated from Auburn High School in 1951 and attended Middle Tennessee State University. In 1953, Milan went AWOL from the US Air Force to marry Elizabeth "Lib" Duggin on April 5. Milan found much joy in his children and grandchildren, along with a good cup of coffee. He could often be found at Huddle House with a grandchild or sharing stories with friends, while drinking endless cups of coffee. Milan was an active member of the United Church of God in Huntsville.

Milan's two greatest loves were Lib and flying. He often marveled at how blessed he was to have been married to the best person he had ever known and to have had an occupation as a pilot, logging approximately 50,000 hours of flight time.

Milan is survived by his siblings Marvin (Ruth) Davenport and Lois (Steve) Hawkins; his children Galen (Lee Ann) Davenport, Rhonda (Marty) Likos, Quint Davenport, and Ronnie (Sue) Davenport; his grandchildren Keegan (Casey) Davenport, Chris (Jessica) Likos, Andrew (Amy) Likos, Martie Ann

Likos, Kate (Hardin) Namie, Gracie (Kory Love) Likos, and Daniella Davenport; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Milan was preceded in death by his wife Mary Elizabeth "Lib" Duggin Davenport and his parents Ira Ervin Davenport and Ocie Alexene Tenpenny Davenport.

The visitation will be held Thursday, April 25, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Guntersville Memorial Chapel. The funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. at Guntersville Memorial Chapel. Mr. Beam will officiate the funeral. The burial will follow at Brookwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to Guntersville Public Library.

# Cemetery Details

## Brookwood Cemetery

Arab, AL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 25. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Guntersville Memorial Chapel  
1601 Henry Street  
Guntersville, AL 35976  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

MK

“ Ron,  
Your father and I shared several happy times together over the years. Sometimes they were flying together or just walking around the airplanes at the Guntersville Airport. More often, they were just grabbing lunch at the Omelette Shop in Guntersville - I think it was his favorite place to eat out. In has last few weeks Jim Morgan and I stopped by to see him at the assisted living center.

*I will remember his infectious laugh, that big grin, and how his face would light up when he saw you. Just glad he had a long and happy, as far as I could tell, life. I miss him.*

*Mike Kelley*

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**Michael Kelley** - May 12, 2019 at 01:07 AM

GB

“ He was such a fun person to be with. I can't help but remember the way his face would light up when he spotted us from across the room. A big smile come over his face, and the way he always had something so funny to say. One thing I remember so well about him was when he would do the opening or closing prayer, He would address God as "Sir" so many times. I can just hear him say "Thank you Sir". I loved the stories he always had to share about his Grandkids.

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**Glenn and Faye Boston** - April 28, 2019 at 11:40 AM

FL

“ Milan and Lib were quiet a couple! I always heard stories about her: but I experienced them with him. Quiet a coach for our church teams. Simply didn't get "shook" when we fell behind.. just got a look like "OK, let start playing NOW!"

A flight with him in his plane was always an experience.... actually I'm not sure a lot of them were actually "mini-crashes" or "hot landings" as I was to experience.... What most folks didn't know was that he "had to have" dual angel's escorts that you couldn't see!! OF that I'm convinced.

Wonderful friend and great husband. Dad to a great family too. Y'all just keep passing along those funny "stories" about Milan..... Ott Lochner - Old pastor friend

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**Floyd O Lochner** - April 25, 2019 at 11:18 AM

SD

*Thank you for sharing this; you said it more eloquently than I could have, but I loved this man*

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**Sue Dees** - April 25, 2019 at 09:04 PM

DN

“ So sorry to learn of Milan's passing. Everyone who knew him knew he was an exceptional man. My condolences to all the family.



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**Danny M Nichols** - April 24, 2019 at 09:42 PM

RB

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Again so soon is a terrible trial. Milan was one of the best joke tellers. He had a gift of finding funny things on his computer and sending them to us. I still have some of the things he sent on file and I look at them from time to time and laugh out loud. He would often have a "blonde joke" for our daughter Natalie .... he got great pleasure in having to explain them to her. He will be greatly missed!

You are all in my prayers,

Rhonda Beam

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Rhonda Beam - April 24, 2019 at 08:39 PM



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



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Guntersville Memorial Chapel & Crematory - April 24, 2019 at 04:39 PM

JW

“ He was my teacher and basketball coach. I remember him well. The sixty seems so long ago. Rest In Peace to you an your loving wife.

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judy Hughes Wood - April 24, 2019 at 11:44 AM

WD

“ Yes, Milan was a high-flying person around Auburntown. One Saturday morning I observed a small airplane circling high above Auburntown when its' engine suddenly stopped with a result of the flounding aircraft falling toward earth. My heart skipped a beat when the plane suddenly started, righted itself and fly off like nothing ever happened. Later, I learned that it was Milan Davenport enjoying the day! What a man! I remember he was my teacher for a time when I reached high school (AHS). We will miss hearing about his latest accomplishments. God bless your influence in living a life to the glory of God. --Wayne Duggin



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**Wayne Duggin** - April 24, 2019 at 10:13 AM

MF

“ Marvin, Ruth & Family, Steve, Lois & Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Milan Lafayette Davenport.



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**Marvin, Ruth & Family, Steve, Lois & Family** - April 24, 2019 at 10:09 AM

JA

“ Mr. and Mrs. Davenport were both wonderful people whom we have enjoyed knowing for many years. They were each a joy to be around. Now we can still enjoy the great gifts they have given to all of us: their children and grandchildren. In addition Milan gave my husband a gift about twenty years ago which greatly improved my husband's health. Thank God for friends like Milan and Lib!  
With love and sympathy for the family,  
Joanna Aday

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**Joanna Aday** - April 23, 2019 at 11:02 PM