

*A service of
thanksgiving
for a divinely
led life that
blessed many
in both church
and community*

**10:00 a.m.,
August 31, 2024**

*In-person at
Fredericksburg
Baptist Church,
live-streamed at
Shiloh Baptist
Church (Old Site)*

*Interment at Glen
Haven Memorial
Gardens*

*Repast at
Shiloh Baptist
Church (Old Site)*



Lawrence Anderson
Davies

July 7, 1930 ❖ August 11, 2024



Order of Service

Eulogist **Rev. Dr. Aaron L. Dobyne, Sr.**,
Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site)

Officiating **Rev. Dr. Larry Haun**, Pastor
Emeritus, Fredericksburg Baptist Church *

VISITATION 9–10 a.m.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING 10 a.m.

Musical Prelude **Dea. Charles B. Staunton**
Processional

Call to Worship **Rev. Dr. Larry Haun** *

Scripture: Isaiah 58:6–12 **Rev. Anne Martin-**
Jones, Pastor, Christ Lutheran Church *

Scripture: John 17:13–26 **Rev. David Haun**,
Pastor, Fredericksburg Baptist Church *

Prayer of Comfort **Rev. Keenan Thomas**,
Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church (New Site) *

Congregational Hymn “Amazing Grace”

Acknowledgments **U.S. Ambassador Pamela**
Bridgewater (Ret.)

Music During Silent Reading of the Obituary
“Nothing Between My Soul and the Savior”

The Legacy of Rev. Dr. Lawrence A. Davies

Alyssa Ward, granddaughter

Sharron Davies Jeffrey, daughter

Kevin Ward, son-in-law

Rev. Norman J. Pryde, Godson

Son of Shiloh **Rev. Dr. A. Russell Awkard**, New
Zion Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky

Micah Ecumenical Ministries **Meghann Cotter**,
Executive Servant Leader *

Congregational Reading Psalm 23, led by **Rev.**
Debra Straughter, retired minister and
Virginia Council of Churches representative

Musical Selection “It Is Well with My Soul,”
Martin Jeffrey, son-in-law

Eulogy **Rev. Dr. Aaron L. Dobyne, Sr.**, Shiloh
Baptist Church (Old Site)

Closing Musical Selection and Recessional
Combined church choir

INTERMENT At Glen Haven Memorial Gardens,
Stafford, Virginia (located off of US 17)

REPAST Served at Shiloh Baptist Church (Old
Site), 801 Sophia Street, Fredericksburg

* *Participating on behalf of Micah Ecumenical
Ministries, in appreciation for Rev. Lawrence A.
Davies’ role in the establishment and growth of
Micah’s outreach efforts in the Fredericksburg
community*



His Story

Lawrence A. Davies

LAWRENCE ANDERSON DAVIES was born at home in Houston, Texas, on July 7, 1930, to Lawrence Anderson Davies, Sr., and Audrey Thomas Davies. He was their only child, born twelve years after their wedding.

He was a unique only child, encouraged by his teacher-mother to pursue educational excellence and to perpetuate the entrepreneurial spirit that had been embodied by both his father and grandfather.

Although Lawrence's dad died in 1942, when Lawrence was only twelve, he walked in his father's footsteps during the course of his life. His dad had been the captain of the Prairie View football team in 1917, and Lawrence played for a short time on the same team until being sidelined with an injury. His dad had served in the U.S. Army during World War II, becoming a corporal. Lawrence



Lawrence Davies, early 1930s

was drafted and served in the Korean conflict, also becoming a corporal. His dad and his mother both had outstanding voices and sang in the church choir and another musical group. Lawrence had a beautiful voice also. His dad was an entrepreneur, owning his own businesses, raising chickens, selling concessions, and marketing ice with his father-in-law. In like manner, after coming to Fredericksburg, Lawrence also established his own local business, known as the Rappahannock Citizens Corporation.

Lawrence Davies graduated from Jack Yates High School, Houston, in 1945. He received his Bachelor

of Science degree from Prairie View A&M in 1949. Upon graduating from Prairie View A&M, he enrolled in Howard University, intending to pursue a career in medicine.

As a student at Howard University, he joined the Shiloh Baptist Church of Washington, D.C., where he was baptized by the Rev. Earl L. Harrison, husband of his



Lawrence Davies, high school graduation, 1945



Lawrence Davies, early 1950s during his time in the U.S. Army



In early 1950, a young Lawrence Davies (10th from right) posed for a photo with other members of the "Sphinx Club" of his Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Beta Chapter, one of whose members (7th from right) was Andrew Young, a fellow Howard University student who would later pastor churches, work with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, serve in Congress, and be elected as mayor of Atlanta, among other roles



Lawrence and Janice Davies in a car, ready to depart after their wedding, at Shiloh Baptist Church in D.C. in 1954



Lawrence Davies at one of the buildings where he and Janice Davies lived when he was ministering in D.C., taken perhaps in the late 1950s

godmother, Mrs. Ella Harrison.

It was while studying medicine at Howard that Lawrence first felt the call to Christian ministry. Initially, he tried to deny the call, and it was while trying to elude the call that he was drafted. He served two years in the U.S. Army and then returned to Washington, D.C., enrolling in the Howard University School of Divinity.

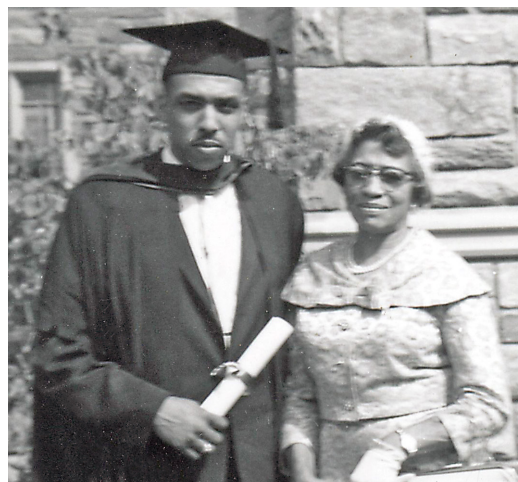
He preached his trial sermon at Shiloh Baptist Church in D.C. in June of 1952. At Shiloh in D.C., he also met his future wife, Janice Pryde. They wed in 1954. Three years later, Lawrence received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Howard University.

While pursuing his ministry education, he was assigned to Good Samaritan, a newly established church in D.C. He and his wife Janice worked diligently to expand the ministry. During

this time, his preaching was strongly influenced by his mentor, the Rev. Earl L. Harrison, who was still pastoring at Shiloh in D.C., and by the Rev. Fred Sampson.

In 1959, he was called back to Shiloh in D.C. to become the Minister of Religious Education. But Rev. Davies wasn't yet finished with his pursuit of a deeper biblical and spiritual understanding. In 1961, he received a Master's degree in Systematic Theology from Wesley Theological Seminary.

It was while a student at Wesley that Rev. Davies first dipped his foot into the political arena. Standing alone, he appeared before a judge in Superior Court, seeking to bring a suit that would declare the lack of voting rights in the District to be unconstitutional. His suit was dismissed, but along with



Lawrence Davies with his mother in 1961, shortly after receiving his S.T.M. degree from Wesley Theological Seminary



Lawrence Davies in 1966, shortly before his first election to the Fredericksburg City Council — with help from Citizens United for Action

his religious calling, he had clearly been bitten by the political bug, a bug that was fed by a divinely led passion for justice.

REV. DAVIES SERVED as Minister of Religious Education at Shiloh in D.C. until his coming—in 1962—to Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site) in Fredericksburg, Virginia. A hundred years earlier, using an escape from enslavement that had been made possible during the Civil War, Fredericksburg’s Shiloh had given birth—through the relocation of many of its members—to Shiloh Baptist Church in D.C.

By the time that Rev. and Mrs. Davies came to Fredericksburg, their family had grown to four, including their first two daughters, each of whom, by that time, had been diagnosed with sickle cell anemia, an inherited blood disorder that affects the cells’ ability to carry oxygen through the body and causes painful “crises” and other debilitating conditions.

When Rev. Davies arrived in Fredericksburg, health care for African Americans at Mary Washing-



Janice and Lawrence Davies (then serving his first term on City Council) with their daughters Lauren, Sharron, and Karen, probably sometime in the late 1960s

ton Hospital was limited to rooms on the fourth floor of the hospital building. Care for sickle cell anemia was also limited, so the family often traveled to Washington, D.C., for treatment.

Over the years, some members of the community had pushed for desegregation of the hospital’s facilities. That process finally began in 1964, as did further education of local physicians about sickle cell disorder.

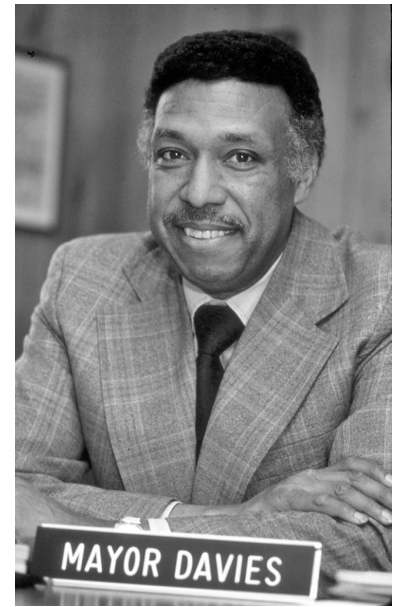
In 1972, Rev. Lawrence Davies, along with wife Janice, founded the Fredericksburg Area Sickle Cell Association. FASCA was—and continues to be—a completely volunteer, financially self-sustaining organization, providing effective support, encouragement, and education in the city of Fredericksburg and the surrounding counties.

Rev. Davies became involved almost immediately in Fredericksburg community affairs. Early on, he sparked the creation of Citizens United for Action, an organization determined to combat racial discrimination in the city. The effort was built on previous attempts by the Black community to bring about long-needed changes to long-standing disparities.

Coalitions were built across racial lines and a base was established that gradually led to the placement of African Americans in positions of influence and governance within the city. The group was also instrumental in the pastor’s election to City Council



Always looking for ways to build unity within the city and within the Body of Christ, overcoming destructive racial and theological divides, Rev. Davies, early during his years in Fredericksburg, joined with other area ministers and therapists in establishing the ecumenical Fredericksburg Personal Counseling Service



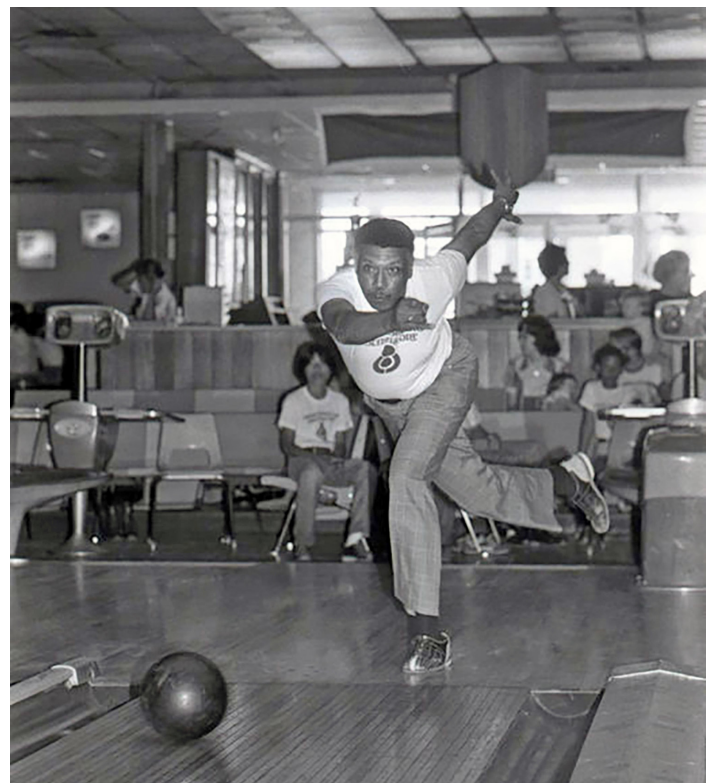
Lawrence Davies served as mayor of Fredericksburg for twenty years, holding that office longer than anyone else

in 1966, making him the first Black City Councilor in Fredericksburg's history.

By 1968, Rev. Davies' Leadership and relationship building skills were revered. Three days after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Rev. Davies and several other clergy members organized a march. They led three hundred people from Mount Zion Baptist Church on Wolfe Street to St. George's Episcopal Church at Princess Anne and George streets, where they heard Rev. Davies read excerpts from the writings of the late Dr. King.

Also that year, he encouraged his congregation to partner with the Human Relations Council (an local interracial organization) in applying for federal loan guarantees that would allow construction of the city's first subsidized-rent housing units, to be known collectively as Hazel Hill Apartments. Federal approval of the project, intended to benefit the city's low-income residents, many of whom were African American, was announced in early December 1969. It was only the second such effort in the state.

The same year, he incorporated the Rappahannock Citizens Corporation, an empowerment and employment vehicle that gave jobs to special needs adults and others who had employment challenges. The organization partnered with General Motors for assembly work until the automobile maker's division closed, after which it pivoted to providing affordable



As mayor, Lawrence Davies was not only a verbal advocate for comprehensive city services for those most in need, but he also did his part to support important fund-raising efforts, including a celebrity bowling tournament, pictured above

housing options for teachers and other community members. The corporation continues to this day.

He repeatedly worked to build unity within the city and the Body of Christ, working closely with pastors of other downtown Fredericksburg church-



Rather than just sitting at his official desk or effectively presiding at City Council meetings, Mayor Lawrence Davies chose to spend time in the community, speaking with—and listening to—diverse groups of children and adults



Dressed in an “early American” costume, Fredericksburg’s bridge-building mayor, Lawrence A. Davies, prepares to welcome guests from Frejus, France



In 1980, outside the old City Hall, Mayor Lawrence A. Davies signs a “sister city” proclamation, uniting Fredericksburg, Virginia, with Frejus, France, whose former mayor, François Leotard, is standing nearby

es, undertaking joint, ecumenical efforts of various kinds, and becoming the first Black president of the Fredericksburg Ministerial Association. In 1970, he became the first Black president of the Virginia Council of Churches, the oldest ecumenical body in the Commonwealth, representing thirty-eight governing bodies of eighteen Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant denominations.

Perhaps more significantly, in the 1980s, Rev. Davies became one of the founding pastors of Micah Ecumenical Ministries, an outreach effort in which Shiloh (Old Site) continues to play an important role. Micah Ecumenical Ministries serves the most trou-

bled and dispossessed local residents, including the chronically homeless.

ON THE POLITICAL FRONT, in 1976 Lawrence A. Davies became the first Black mayor of Fredericksburg, serving a total of thirty years in political office before retiring from his role. As the city’s mayor for twenty years, he remains the longest serving mayor in the city’s history.

As mayor, Lawrence Davies was a staunch advocate for increased access to mental health treatment, working toward that end as a member of the Rappahannock Area Community Services Board. He served as a regional vice-president of the Virginia Association of Mental Health. He supported a community wellness coalition developed by his wife Janice, and in the 1990s, he helped ensure that the new Mary Washington Hospital was built in the city limits.

He engaged every challenge, seeing each new challenge as an opportunity to build bridges. In March 2003, the Shiloh congregation temporarily had to vacate its 1890 sanctuary because of structural deterioration of the sanctuary’s roof. For four months, while the congregation undertook major repairs, Shiloh (Old Site) shared Sunday worship services with Friendship Baptist Church in Stafford, a predominantly white congregation, while continuing to use other parts of Shiloh (Old Site)’s Sophia Street building. Even after the work was completed, under

Rev. Davies' leadership, the two churches continued to worship together from time to time, including occasionally exchanging pulpits.

Under the energetic leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Davies, Shiloh (Old Site) gained a reputation for ministering to the whole needs of individuals in the community, whether those needs were spiritual, physical, or emotional. Among those needing help, many chose to try Shiloh (Old Site) first.

Pastor Davies saw ministry to others as a necessary extension of worship, and he was never hesitant to model his understandings. Many were the hospital patients, for example, who found Rev. Davies kneeling beside their bed, confidently and passionately addressing God on their behalf.

AGAIN AND AGAIN, Pastor Davies ensured that Shiloh (Old Site) maintain its long-standing tradition of opening its arms wide to all who were in need, whether within the city or beyond.

Shiloh (Old Site) consistently supported foreign

missions, fostered youth empowerment, created educational scholarships, and advocated for a greater measure of elder comfort and care.

Pastor Davies' partner in ministry and life, Janice, instituted over 27 outreach ministries, including Shiloh (Old Site)'s Home Missions Committee, which



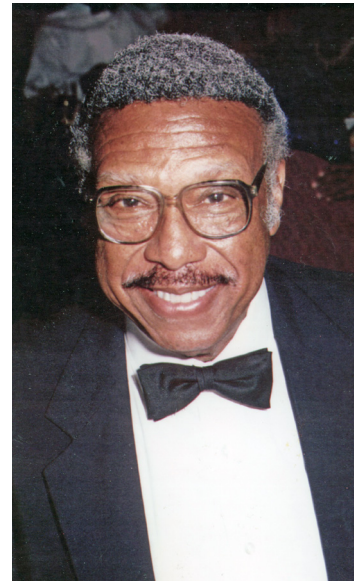
As both a pastor and political leader, Lawrence Davies was unflinching in his verbal promotion—and his personal practice—of the nonviolent social commitments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



In his political campaigns, Lawrence Davies benefited from a loyal group of committed campaign workers



Pastor Davies was skilled at using prayer as a way of bridging religious, ethnic, and experiential differences



In his dress and in his decorum, Lawrence Davies was known as a highly approachable individual who manifested dignity, humility, and an abundance of warmth and grace



Joined by U.S. Senator Chuck Robb, Pastor Lawrence Davies greets voters and supporters in front of Shiloh (Old Site) during Pastor Davies' effort in 2000 to provide a political alternative in what would otherwise have been an unopposed election in Virginia's 1st congressional district



Pastor Lawrence Davies sits on the platform at Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site) with an ambassador from the nation of Benin, a reflection of the high financial and verbal priority that Rev. Davies placed on Christ-inspired outreach across international boundaries

continues to put faith into action across the community and city. In 2023, that ministry celebrated sixty years of service, with both Rev. and Mrs. Davies sharing words of continued vision and commitment with the congregation.

The congregation was a family—and it was a family in which all were welcome. “Bless be the ties that bind” was the theme that under-girded the fellowship as together members lived the words of Romans 12:15, “Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.” Following Rev. Davies’ own example, the warm congregation was always seeking the good of others, serving whole people, rescuing weary travelers, and undergirding downtrodden citizens.

The Davies’ ministry grew, birthing multiple generations of additional ministers, inspired to follow their Christ-like examples.

AS A MENTOR IN MINISTRY, Rev. Davies was a strong proponent of religious education. His passion drove him to early involvement in the Fredericksburg Bible Institute (now Cornerstone College of Virginia). He served for many years on its board and as a member of its faculty, teaching theology. He sought to influence the institution’s direction and often referred his Shiloh (Old Site) mentees to the Institute.

In his capacity as a ministry mentor, he shared wisdom on being objective, the importance of listening to each side, and always being for the people, just



As a powerful and passionate speaker, Pastor Lawrence Davies, whose sermon notes were often scrawled on mismatched pieces of paper or the backs of old envelopes, regularly inspired his listeners to “hold to God’s unchanging hand.”



A lover of children, Rev. Davies often included baby dedications in Sunday morning worship services (the child here is his grandson Ezekiel)



Carefully eyeing a suspiciously bubbly beverage that had been served to him at his pastoral retirement banquet in 2012, Pastor Davies provides a vivid reminder of his life-long love of laughter and humor



On a social occasion in 2012, Lawrence Davies chats with Weldon Bailey, one of the key political activists with whom he had labored for the betterment of Fredericksburg’s African Americans for more than fifty years

as he had done in the political realm.

In both church ministry and in governmental leadership, he drew on a singular skill set. In all things, he was a Man of God. He honored God in his service, wherever he was.

As a Man of God, he was available. He protected those he mentored, especially those who were not as welcome in ministry or public service. He gave everyone opportunity. He stepped out in faith when it came to ordaining women, standing up for those under his wing. He took time to share what to expect in new situations. He was no-nonsense and fair. He meant what he said, and he gave room for others to be who they were.

Lawrence Davies had a wonderful sense of humor. It was evident in the pulpit, behind the scenes, and at public lecterns. He was an excellent storyteller, using humor when appropriate to change the atmosphere or make a point.

HE SCHEDULED BOTH individual and group sessions with those he was mentoring for ministry, sharing stories of what he had learned—and how he had learned it. He shared his experiences, correcting his mentees in love, sometimes challenging them with the final Word, “What did God say?” His discipling of others was Jesus-style, grounded in a caring, intentional relationship.

He would tell would-be ministers, “God called you for who *you* are. Don’t try to be me, and don’t try to be anyone else. There is a group of people you are



In 2019, Lawrence Davies was honored in Richmond with a “Strong Men and Women in Virginia History” award (left), which he later celebrated (right) at a reception in Fredericksburg with friends and community leaders



Lawrence Davies examines documents at the opening of Fredericksburg’s Lawrence A. Davies Transit Center, named in recognition of the leading role that he played in establishing a public transit system in the city



Although they were devoted workers, compassionately serving others, Lawrence and Janice Davies also made time to relax and enjoy their God-given lives together

called to that neither I nor anyone else can reach.”

As a pastor, he often wrote sermons on half sheets of paper, the back side of envelopes, or whatever was close when the Spirit spoke. People were amazed at how the Spirit used those sometimes cryptic notes to create a message that spoke directly to their need.

In serving, Pastor Davies led by example. He made ministry look easy, though it wasn’t. He and his wife, working together, made all whom they touched feel they were “the only ones.” For fifty years, during his time as pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site), he was there for important life events: christenings, weddings, funerals, and times of advancing illness. He touched people with grace and hope, not only within the congregation but throughout the Fred-



Even after his retirement as pastor, Rev. Davies remained active as a guest speaker, funeral eulogist, personal advisor, social advocate, and political encourager, he and his wife Janice sharing their wisdom and insights with a host of organizations that had long been important to them

ericksburg area, including those who seldom if ever darkened the door of a church.

As a city official, he recognized the importance of infrastructure and support systems to facilitate the full participation of citizens of every economic level. To that end, he spearheaded the development of a public transportation system, originally known as FRED, now also called FXBGO!

In like manner, he pushed for an increase in affordable housing units as well as empowerment vehicles for communities of color, including the Mayfield Civic Association and Citizens United for Action, a group promoting voter involvement, education, and action. Through these vehicles he united racial groups and diversified government to increase the representation of under-served populations.

In 2019, former Mayor Rev. Lawrence A. Davies was dubbed “Mayor for Life” by then Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw, a moniker that remains today.

IN HIS WORK AND IN HIS PLAY, Lawrence Davies was both strategic and competitive. He loved board games and other games, studying them closely to unravel the best strategies for winning.

At age 93, for example, he had his first introduction to UNO, a seemingly simple card game. But he studied and played—and studied more. Within a few months, he was nearly impossible to beat.

His strategic success in gaming reflects a gift, a gift he used in many settings. The impact of that gift on the city’s economy, its tourism, and its quality of life for all citizens lives on through a bustling downtown, a thriving Central Park commercial district, a carefully preserved historic and small-town identity, and numerous programs, organizations, and institutions structured to support mental and physical health, housing, and other civic concerns. Fredericksburg’s first Sister City partnership, a cultural exchange with Frejus, France, was born during his tenure. Mayor Lawrence Davies balanced innovation with the integrity of the city’s best characteristics, a strategy he employed throughout his life.

He received many recognitions, awards, and accolades over the course of his life. Yet he remained clear-eyed about his purpose. In all his roles and in every context, Lawrence Davies pastored. He gave attention to the needs of all citizens, without any perverted respect of person or selfish pursuit of personal gain. Even after he retired from office and from the pastorate, he continued to lead by example—and continued to influence with wisdom. His mark on the city is one that will remain for years to come. His style and compassionate attention to those he served will always be remembered.

He is survived by his daughter, Sharron D. Jeffrey (Martin); his son-in-law, Kevin Ward; his grandchildren, Kevin Ward, Alyssa Ward, Ezekiel Jeffrey, Broderick Jeffrey, Jessica Jeffrey, and Cedric Jeffrey; his nephews, James W. Pryde, Jr. (Gayle) and Norman Pryde (Tia); and a number of cousins, great grandchildren, great nieces, great nephews, and other beloved relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence Davies, Sr.; his mother, Autrey Davies Miller;



In early June 2024, at a gala celebration of Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site)'s 170th anniversary, Lawrence Davies delivered his last spoken message to the congregation, which was more than 62 years after he had delivered his first message to the church that he loved so deeply and served so faithfully

his beloved wife, Janice Pryde Davies; his daughters, Lauren A. Davies and Karen M. Ward; and his nieces, Bernadette Hackley and Deirdre Pryde.

DESPITE THE PERCEPTION of ease that some saw in the grace with which he carried himself—and despite monikers lumping him, at times, with “Fredericksburg Royalty”—Lawrence Davies faced his share of dark days, fierce opposition, unwarranted challenges, personal insults, and even acts of vandalism.

But through it all, he persevered.

He also faced family health challenges and slights, waiting games and frustration, financial pressures and exasperating circumstances.

But through it all, his faith sustained him. Through it all, he held to God’s unchanging hand.

He once explained that he simply did what he could—and left the rest to God.

Lawrence Anderson Davies truly respected the leaders, peers, and constituents who crossed his path. It was always his goal to lead with a servant’s heart. May those who honor him do so in word and in

deed.

“Life goes on,” he once said, “and it brings challenges. Our challenge is to deal with those issues in a positive way that brings about a positive result. The process of doing so helps us to mature—and to become better.”

“I have asked God,” he also said at one point in his life, “to give me a greater faith to move forward in a greater way. I have found in many cases, the end will surprise you. Just when you couldn’t see your way through, God opens the way.”

God opened the way for Lawrence Davies to enter into Eternal Life on Sunday, August 11th, accompanied by family, in a room filled with hymns. Ironically, the room was on the fourth floor of Mary Washington Hospital, the very floor that, so many decades earlier, he and others had worked so hard to desegregate.

“IN THE NAME of everything that is good and holy,” his family, his friends, his community, and his congregation now unite to say “Amen!”



Dad and His Family

OUR FAMILY knew him as “Dad.”

This title is obviously widely used among families the world over. For us, whether it was “Dad” or “Daddy” or “Father,” each time we said the word, our minds were highlighting his best traits.

Dad was fiercely empathetic with, protective of, and loyal to his family. Those three qualities—empathy, protection, and loyalty—were his superpowers. While those powers also loomed significant across Dad’s public persona, whether in the pulpit or in the mayor’s seat, never were those powers more evident than on a family vacation or in a hospital room or at home around the dinner table.

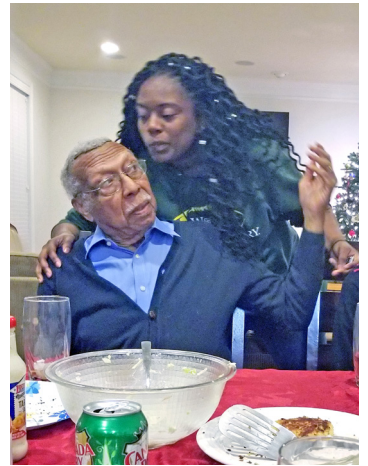
Dad personified, as best as any dad could, the gift, the love, and the best of “girl dads.” Love was the hallmark, and Christ was his model.

We learned from his example. Now we will model, and we will remember always our Dad, our super hero. We thank G-d for His Spirit, a Spirit that lived in Dad’s heart and loved us all.

Goodnight, Dad. We’ll see You in the morning.

—Martin Jeffrey







An Invitation

IN CONSIDERING THE IMPACT their lives might make posthumously, Rev. & Mrs. Davies started plans for a source of funding for under-served communities. They hoped that this resource would provide funding for projects that encouraged and supported the type of work that they themselves had undertaken through various organizations as well as their own selfless individual sacrifice.

Although the fund was not fully realized before they both had passed, the family reignited the efforts that they themselves had started, establishing The Lawrence & Janice Davies Family Fund at The Community Foundation.

This fund gives members of the community a way of supporting many of Lawrence and Janice Davies' long-standing priorities: addressing social inequities, empowering the disadvantaged, and encouraging families to realize their full potential. The fund will be noncompetitive with grants awarded by a Donor Advisory Committee, composed of both family and community members.

Donations to the **Lawrence & Janice Davies Family Fund** can be mailed to The Community Foundation, P.O. Box 208, Fredericksburg, VA 22404. They can also be submitted via the web at:

<https://www.cfrrr.org/donate-now/>

The family expresses special thanks to the Davies Tribute Committee for its assistance in setting up the Lawrence & Janice Davies Family Fund, especial-

ly Teri McNally, CEO of the Community Foundation, and Xavier Richardson.

The family also welcomes you to consider sowing a direct gift to the **Fredericksburg Area Sickle Cell Association** (FASCA) which was founded more than fifty years ago by Rev. and Mrs. Davies in support of their daughters, Lauren and Karen, and in support of similar families all over the region. Donations for **FASCA** may be mailed to PO Box 3275, Fredericksburg VA 22402.





Some Parting Thanks

With Gratitude

We are truly grateful for each and every expression of love, comfort, support, and honor for our patriarch. Whether you kept us in your prayers, visited, called, sent touching cards or arrangements, or helped us in any way, your presence and engagement brought us great consolation of heart and mind.

“We always thank God for you and pray for you constantly. We never forget your loving deeds as we talk to our God and Father about you, and your strong faith and steady looking forward to the return of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3).

The Jeffrey-Ward Family

The family of the Rev. Dr. Lawrence A Davies wishes to extend a special thank you to the many medical professionals who cared for him during his time in Fredericksburg. Among those who served were Dr. LeRoy Essig and staff; Dr. Patrick McManus & Associates; Cardiology Associates; Enhabit Home Health Fredericksburg; Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Fredericksburg; Fall Hill Gastroenterology; Foot & Ankle Specialists of the Mid-Atlantic; Fredericksburg Dental Associates; Fredericksburg Fire Department & EMT Services; Home & Heart Health; Giant Pharmacy staff; Hematology Oncology Associates of Fredericksburg; Mary Washington Home Health; Mary Washington Hospital emergency department, nurse triage line, and general medical, nursing, and housekeeping staffs; Rappahannock Gastroenterology Associates; Urology

Associates of Fredericksburg; private nursing staff (Tonia, Gina, Patricia, Quinta and Shawnta); and the countless others who cared diligently for him and made his final years a joy.

We pray special blessings over those who made this ecumenical service possible and the great love, care, support, and patience that they exhibited on our behalf, including: the family of God at Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site), especially Pastor & Mrs. Aaron Dobyne and Deacon Mary Malone; the Fredericksburg Baptist Church family and leadership team, especially Revs. Larry and David Haun; Micah Ecumenical Ministries; the Fredericksburg Area Sickle Cell Association; the illustrious staffs of A. L. Bennett and Son Funeral Home and Glen Haven Cemetery.

We express special gratitude to the City of Fredericksburg, especially Mayor Kerry Devine, Former Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw, City Manager Timothy J. Baroody, M.C. Morris, Victoria Matthews, and their staffs for making our vision of a City Hall tribute a reality; to Natalie Stewart in the office of U.S. Representative Abigail Spanberger for her assistance; and to the Hon. Pamela Bridgewater, Xavier Richardson, Gen. Craig Crenshaw, and Elaina Schramm in the Office of the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs for their assistance in ensuring the conveying of military honors.

We also express our deep gratitude to Mark Olson for the creation of this printed program.