

James Blackwell “Blackie” Davis, Jr died October 9, 2010 in Charles Town, West Virginia. At Dartmouth, he was a member of Sigma Theta Epsilon, did track and football during his freshman year, and was a member of ROTC. After service in the artillery branch of the Army, he attended the Wharton School of Business and then he worked in San Francisco for Sunset Designs. He then returned to West Virginia in 1974 where he purchased and renovated an 18th Century farmhouse, and worked in banking until his retirement in 2002 to dedicate time to family, home and community. James was active in multiple philanthropic groups including Zion Episcopal Church and Jefferson County Historical Society, and loved many things involving history. Interested in landscaping and horticulture, he planted more than 2,000 trees throughout Jefferson County. He is survived by his wife, Eileen Taylor Davis, children Thomas Davis and Mary Davis Blood, and grandson Liam Blood.