

# Remembering

## Jimmy Lee Davis Sr.

### White Oak Volunteer Fire Department — North Carolina

Volunteer Chief

Date of Death: December 10, 2009

Age: 63

Jimmy Lee Davis Sr. was born on October 1, 1946, in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

The oldest of seven brothers and sisters, he came from a very hardworking and tight-knit family and community. At an early age, everyone knew there was something special about Jimmy. He had a great work ethic and believed that if you work hard, good things will come. He had a wonderful, kind heart and a joy for life. He helped anyone in need and enjoyed fellowship with others.

Jimmy married Betty Long on April 12, 1972, and they were still married on the day of his passing. Jimmy and Betty built a home and raised their son in the Grants Creek community where Jimmy had lived his whole life. A member of the Grants Creek Baptist Church since childhood, Jimmy served on many boards and was an ordained deacon. He loved the Lord and his church and spent countless hours helping others. He always believed that we are here to help others and we should do whatever we can to make a difference.

Jimmy helped with the White Oak Little League for many years as a coach, and as the president for the last four years. He loved working with the kids and the fellowship it gave families. He enjoyed cooking at the ball park so that the kids and parents had something to eat dur-

ing the late night games. Jimmy received countless awards and praise for his community service to the White Oak Little League.

Jimmy joined the White Oak Volunteer Fire Department in 1985. He enjoyed answering calls, no matter what time of day or night. Jimmy was the vice president of the WOVFD and was in charge of fundraising. He ran an annual turkey shoot, and people came from all over the county to enjoy the food and the fellowship. Jimmy held many positions on the suppression side of the fire department, including firefighter, captain, and assistant chief. He made chief two weeks before he passed away answering a call. He loved the fire department, the brotherhood, and the communities it served.

Jimmy never met a stranger. If you had a chance to meet him or talk to him for awhile, you always left with a smile on your face. Jimmy was a giver. He gave to his family, which he loved dearly. He gave to his community, to the Lord and his church. Jimmy was a kind, wonderful, gentle man with a big heart. He touched the lives of so many and will be missed by his family and by the community he served so unselfishly. Jimmy was a husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. I am extremely proud to be his son.

