

## DAVIS



John Tootle Davis, Ph.D., age 52, of Clintonville, passed away Friday September 22, 1995 after a lengthy illness. John was born in Columbus, December 15, 1942 and resided in Circleville during his youth. He was preceded in death by his father Ray W. Davis. He is survived by his sweetheart then wife, Marilyn Clifton Davis; step-daughters, Natalie Adelmund of Milwaukee, Wis., Emily Schwulst of Watertown, Wis. and Melodie Lorentz of Elk Grove Village, Ill.; 4 grandchildren; mother, Johnda Tootle Davis of Circleville; and various other relatives. John was 1960 class salutatorian of Circleville High School. He attended the University of Michigan where he received his BA, MA, the Ph.D. in classics in 1967. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. While at Michigan he was a drummer/head drummer in the Michigan Marching Band for 5 years. Dr. Davis began teaching at Ohio State University in 1967 where he retired as Professor Emeritus summer 1995 after a 28 year career. He taught Greek, Latin and classical studies. During his career at OSU he taught over 20,000 students and created a classical studies learning center which has been used by over 41,000 students. He directed many doctoral and masters candidates. He received several awards and recognitions during his tenure. He was best known for his teaching style and sense of humor. He is featured in the book "An Ohio State Profile, A Year in the Life of America's Biggest Campus", by Jane Ware. Prof. Davis wrote many books, articles and teaching aids during his career. He was a member of the American Philological Society and the Classical Association of the Midwest and South where he gave many presentations. John founded "The Davis Demons," an all-drum corps in 1961 which is still active today. He composed and/or arranged all of the music the corps plays. The corps is known for its precision, rudimental and traditional style of playing. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at MADER-PETERS FUNERAL HOME, Circleville, with the Rev. Branson Hawkes officiating. Interment in Muhlenberg Township Cemetery. Friends may call from 12noon-3 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday and 1 hour prior to the service on Monday. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross.