

## Class of 1959 – Richard E. Davis.



Movie Stand-in/Stunt man, Memphis Mafia member. Mr. Davis joined the inner circle of the Memphis Mafia after Elvis was discharged from the U.S. Army. Well liked for his quit wit, his jobs varied from being one of the stand-in/stunt men for Elvis Presley in 23 films, for which he was an inch shorter than Elvis which required him to wear lifts in his shoes, to body guard and wardrobe manager. He also was one of the very few who witnessed the meeting between Elvis and The Beatles in the mid 60s at Elvis' home in California. He left Elvis' employ in 1971 and remained friends with Elvis until his death in 1977. Mr. Davis worked for Stax Records as a promotion's director, worked for Warner Brothers Records and most recently as a security guard for Horseshoe Casino until his retirement two years ago. Mr. Davis had a great relationship with Elvis' estate and the fans, for being one of only a few for not selling out and cashing in on Elvis' fame.