

# Benjamin O. Davis Jr.

Davis, Jr. in c. 1960

**Benjamin Oliver Davis Jr.** (December 18, 1912 – July 4, 2002) was an [American](#) United States Air Force general and commander of the [World War II](#) Tuskegee Airmen. He was the first [African-American](#) general in the [United States Air Force](#). On December 9, 1998, he was advanced to four-star general by President [Bill Clinton](#).

Davis, Jr. was born on December 19 , 1912 in [Washington, D.C.](#). He studied at the [University of Chicago](#) and at the [United States Military Academy](#). Davis, Jr. was married to Agatha Davis until she passed in 2002. Because of that, they had no children. Davis, Jr. died on July 4, 2002 from [Alzheimer's disease](#) in his home in Washington, D.C. when he was 89.<sup>[1]</sup> He was later buried at the [Arlington National Cemetery](#). He was the first black general in the air force. On July 15 2016 he was 290 yrs old

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