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*Your Image is Our Business*

## Interview & Biography

# RANDY DAVIS

### *Date of Birth:*

6 March, 1968

### *Birthplace & Hometown:*

Gastonia, NC

### *Family:*

Trina L Davis, wife

Tony R Davis, son

Layla R Davis, daughter

### *Trade Mark:*

Very particular about my hair and keeping my hands clean.

### *Hidden Talents:*

I have the useless ability to remember lines from movies. I can remember something that a character said in a movie from 10 years ago. I will use that line in a conversation...mostly to make people laugh.

### *Inspiration:*

When I was a kid, my dad created animation videos using "clay-mation". By slightly moving the prop a few inches per frame, the finished video has the illusion of animation. I still have that film somewhere. I also remember him filming us at Disney World with that same old camera. I often wonder what ever happened to that camera. I remember him buying Kodak film to shoot with. And pictures, he took so many pictures. At every occasion he was taking pictures, and he is the reason that I have the skills that I do. I wanted so much to be like him, he was such a creative and talented guy. I learned so much from him, and I miss him very much.

I remember buying my first camera (Canon single shot auto camera) when I got out of the Air Force and took some pictures around the house with it. I didn't know why I didn't like the result but I knew that I didn't, so I took the camera back and bought a totally manual Pentax K-1000. I had no idea how to use the camera, but began to experiment. To this day, it is still my favorite camera, and learning the art of "seeing" began in 1989.

### *Career History:*

I began my career in printing and graphic arts in 1990 and worked in that field until September 11, 2001. After leaving the printing industry, I began shooting video for a company that marketed to the major retailers (Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Target, etc.). I traveled the world and spent most of my time in China and Hong Kong. With 32 trips to China, shooting video in every extreme imaginable, I realized my love for film and began a journey that takes me to the present. After attending Winthrop and studying Business Management, I knew that my primary aim in life was to show my vision the world through my eyes as a cinematographer.

### *Hobbies:*

I play the guitar—Fender Stratocaster, and love to play the old classics from BB King, Eric Clapton, Albert King, and Johnny Lee Hooker. I also consider myself a “Tim the Tool—man Taylor”, because I love to work with tools....all kind of tools. Hand tools, power tools...Aruuu! My wife laughs at me constantly, because I begin a small project (like changing the lock on the front door), and end up having to replace the entire door and door jam. This is a true story. Tim Allen’s: Home Improvement is my absolute favorite television show and I am so much like Tim’s character that I named my business after my favorite episode.

### *Episode XI Studios LLC:*

The reason that I started Episode XI Studios was not only because of my love for film/video, but also to give small and mid-sized companies a chance to compete with Corporate America. Our country was founded on small business, and it is those small businesses that will continue to keep our country alive.