



**WILLIAM ROBERT  
(BOB) DAVIS**

Canadian education thinker and activist William Robert (Bob) Davis died vacationing in Cuba February 22, 2012. Born June 11, 1934 to late Aubrey Acheson Davis and late Bishop W.W. Davis (Helen Davis), Bob was a larger than life innovative educator. In the 1960s he co-founded Everdale Place school community and This Magazine is About Schools and later edited Mudpie Magazine. He was active in teacher politics and developed an engaging, effective teaching of working-class and racially diverse students. Founder of The Spadina Road Tabernacle Band, Bob brought to life a unique Canadian justice-oriented musical culture. He authored books on education, music and politics. "Bob was a public intellectual and active citizen who combined ideas-culture-music-work and activism. It was a very full and giving way of living, a real example of citizenship. Bob had very big shoulders." (CN). He is survived by spouse Meredith MacFarquhar; daughters Laura Repo-Davis, Haydée Davis-Spinks; siblings Mary McMillan, Art Davis, Margie Vigneault; grandchildren Sami, Ethiopia, Alice, Molly; and many relatives and dear friends. Memorial celebration: Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Square, Toronto Eaton Centre, 3 p.m. March 24th. Memories, messages: [bobdavismemorial@gmail.com](mailto:bobdavismemorial@gmail.com) Donations welcome to [Everdale.org](http://Everdale.org)