



Eleanor L. Davenport

February 22, 1935 - February 19, 2018

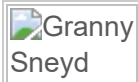
Eleanor Lucille Monson Davenport, 82, a 27-yr. resident of Tallahassee, died peacefully at home on February 19, 2018, shortly after a diagnosis of cancer. Eleanor was born on February 22, 1935, in Flushing, Queens, NY, and was raised in Arlington VA and Larchmont NY where she graduated from Mamaroneck High School in 1952. She was the second of five daughters born to Roland Parkinson Monson and Lucille Houston Lipes. In 1956, Eleanor graduated with a BA degree in English Literature from the University of New Hampshire where she met her future husband Guy Rodman Davenport who was completing his Master's degree in Biochemistry. They married on January 28, 1956, and had two children Catherine (Cathy) and Keith.

After residing in Madison WI where her husband completed his Ph.D. degree, a year in Brussels Belgium for post-doc research, and St. Louis MO, she settled with her family in Nashville TN in 1963 to raise her children while Rodman served as a professor at the Vanderbilt University Medical School. Eleanor made many lifelong friends in Nashville and enjoyed participating in the Vanderbilt Women's Club, playing bridge with friends, baking homemade desserts and crafting with her children. She was a voracious reader and loved collecting books. Later, she worked in both Vanderbilt's Chemistry Dept. and in Medical Center Development. After moving to Tallahassee, she worked for the Tallahassee Community College Library until she retired in 2005. She enjoyed many family reunions, travel, the companionship of her sisters, and her church family from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Eleanor is survived by her daughter Catherine (Tom) Uno, grandsons Daniel Uno (Robin Nelson), and Matthew Uno (fiancée Lauren Likovich), all in Flagstaff AZ; sisters Sally Hoffmann in Oakland CA, Karen Torgesen (Joseph) in Tallahassee FL, Susan Griffiths (Berwyn) in London England; sister-in-law Betty D. Garabedian in Danvers MA; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She is predeceased by her beloved son Keith Guy Davenport, her parents, sister O. Kristin Monson, brother-in-law Robert S. Hoffmann, and former husband G. Rodman Davenport.

Eleanor's generous spirit, love of family, and delightful sense of humor will be sorely missed by her family and many friends. Her family would like to thank the caring staff at Allegro and Big Bend Hospice for their exceptional care. A graveside memorial and burial alongside her parents and son Keith will take place at a later date in the Logan City Cemetery, Utah. Condolences can be written at www.bevisfh.com. Please consider a donation to your local library in memory of Eleanor. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home, (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Davenport family with their arrangements.

Tribute Wall

Granny
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“ Thank you Cathy for sending us the notification of Elle's death. We appreciated it very much. And what a lovely photo of her. As it happened, the return of our last (undeliverable) letter to her arrived back in our mailbox the same day as your brochure. If I had got around to writing as soon as I thought of it, she would have got it before she died. There's a moral in that.

We have very fond memories of Elle as a calm, kind, self-effacing lady with a wicked sense of humour, and we were sorry to say goodbye when we left Nashville. We valued her annual contact at Christmas.

It would have been great to see her again, but New Zealand was just too far away.

We heard a lot about you, Cathy, over the years and we wish you all the best,

Regards
Rosalie and Sam Sneyd

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