



Margaret (Penny) Cornell Davis

October 25, 1938 - June 15, 2016

Margaret (Penny) Cornell Davis, 77, passed away on June 15, 2016. She was born on October 25, 1938, in Westerly, RI to Leo and Edith Messer Cornell. Her family moved to Venice, FL from Stonington, CT when she was 8 years old where she graduated from Venice-Nokomis High School in 1956 as class Salutatorian. She had played the coronet in the band, been a majorette, tennis player and all around social student during her high school years.

She attended college at Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL where she achieved her AA degree and met her future husband, Gordon Davis. From there, they moved to Valdosta, GA where they had their first of three children, Gordon (Skip) B. Davis. They later continued raising a family in Ft. Myers, FL where Dixie M. Davis and Susanne (Susie) C. Davis were born.

In the early 70's, Penny relocated to Gainesville, FL where she earned her RN degree and worked as a nurse at Alachua General Hospital and then later at a private practice. She continued to raise her family, working at the hospital while she also took pleasure in volunteering for the church, gardening, painting houses, interior decorating, and just being the helper, social director and multi-tasker that her friends and family knew her to be.

She had always been a loyal Florida State Seminole Alum until she met her match in Alan Pankratz, otherwise known as "Macho Gator". Her life would never be the same. They were married in August, 1993, where they enjoyed almost 18 years together, visiting many of their grandchildren of the Pankratz extended family, traveling to as many Gator events as possible, serving in

their church community, mentoring for the Take Stock in Children program and just staying socially active and involved.

After Alan's passing in 2010, Penny stayed in Gainesville for a few years until moving to be closer to her daughters in Tallahassee, FL. There she enjoyed the remainder of her life at Westminster Oaks as an active resident.

She is survived by her children, Gordon B. Davis, Dixie M. Davis, Susanne C. Davis, her daughter-in-law, Rita S. Davis, her grandchildren, Stefania and Victoria Davis, her brother, John A. Cornell, sister-in-law, Natalie Cornell, her nephews, John Cornell, Jr. and Ken Cornell (Angela). She also leaves behind a number of other loving relatives as well as many beloved friends.

A memorial service and celebration of Penny's life will be held at 10:00am on Saturday, June 25th at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, 16921 W. Newberry Rd, Newberry, FL 32669. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to: Alz Place, (www.eldercare.ufhealth.org), 1701 NW 80th Blvd #105, Gainesville, FL 32606; Cure Alzheimer's Fund (www.curealz.org), 34 Washington Street, Suite 200 Wellesley Hills, MA 02481; the Cancer Research Institute (www.cancerresearch.org), One Exchange Plaza, 55 Broadway, Suite 1802, New York, NY 10006.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration

JUN **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Episcopal Church
16921 W. Newberry Road
Newberry, FL 32669

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margaret (Penny) Cornell Davis.*



June 25, 2016 at 10:29 AM



“ *MG Davis and Family,*

On behalf of the RS HQ Gender team, please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Velika Carew Moore and the entire Gender Team!

Velika Carew Moore - June 25, 2016 at 09:27 AM



“ *Dear Davis Family,*

We wanted to take a moment and send our deepest condolences from the C-IED team here. It is challenging times like these that allow for us to mourn in and around the comforts of family and friends. MG Davis please know we all have you and your family in our thoughts and prayers as you endure this tough time. Semper Fi

*Condolences from abroad,
Joe Pleak and the entire C-IED team*

Joe Pleak - June 20, 2016 at 12:33 AM

KW

“ *MG Davis and Family,*

We are all truly saddened for your loss. May fond memories of your mother bring you comfort during this hard time in your lives. On behalf of the entire EF5 team, our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family during this period of grief and remembrance. We pray that God will grant you the peace that you need to get through this time of loss.

*Sincerest Condolences,
Ken Watson, BRIG Hicks, & Team*

Ken Watson - June 19, 2016 at 11:44 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Margaret (Penny) Cornell Davis.*



June 19, 2016 at 12:10 PM

CT

“ *Dear Davis Family,*

You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We hope that you find comfort in the loving memories of a life well lived by your mother and loved one.

*COL Craig Trebilcock and the Rule of Law section
Kabul*

Craig Trebilcock - June 19, 2016 at 10:31 AM

KB

“ *Dear Davis Family,*

On behalf of the CSTC-A EF1-MoF team, please accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one. May your hearts soon be filled with fond memories of her life with you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

KC Butler

KC Butler - June 19, 2016 at 10:07 AM

BH

“ *MG Davis and family,*

What a wonderful picture of your mother. Thinking of you all and hoping you have a wonderful time being together and celebrating her life.

*Warmest regards,
CAPT Belinda Heerwagen*

Belinda Heerwagen - June 19, 2016 at 10:03 AM

CC

“ *To the Davis Family: May the Lord grant you peace and comfort during your time of loss. We send our condolences from Major General Gordon "Skip" Davis's Operations and Plans Staff in Afghanistan.*

Colonel Steve Cho - June 19, 2016 at 09:40 AM