



Charlene Fox Davenport

March 7, 1937 - February 28, 2023

Charlene Fox Davenport, age 85, entered the kingdom of heaven early Tuesday morning, February 28, 2023.

Born in Raleigh, North Carolina, Charlene was daughter to Charles Fox and Ruth Finch, as well as her stepmother, Ruth Cathey Fox.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Dean Davenport; two children, Stephen Davenport and Catherine Davenport; brother, Charles Fox; sister, Val Jean Fox; sister-in law, Jane Fox; daughter-in-law, Marie Davenport; three grandchildren, Taylor Hughes, Nathaniel Davenport, and Roger Halliburton; two great-grandchildren, Harper Hughes and Benjamin Hughes; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Charlene devoted her life to the service of others. After receiving her degree in education at Meredith College, she went on to become a public school educator, beloved by colleagues and students alike.

Dean and Charlene met in 1965 while he was in the Navy stationed at Virginia Beach, where she was teaching. It was love at first sight and they were married that same year on October 9th. Their lives throughout Dean's business career allowed them to live in many regions of the United States, including Washington State, California, and North Carolina, Charlene teaching

in each state they resided.

They finally settled down in Oviedo, Florida, where she taught at Lawton Elementary for over a decade. There, she served as team leader for many years, was awarded teacher of the year, was selected to go to Hong Kong as an exchange teacher, and founded the LESA Garden. As an educator of over 40 years, she influenced the lives of countless children.

She retired in 2000, but continued to substitute teach until 2004, when she dedicated herself to being a Grammy, and continued to be a dedicated and loving wife and mother.

The First United Methodist Church of Oviedo was her church home for several decades; there, Charlene served many roles, including that of Stephen Minister.

A memorial service will take place at the First United Methodist Church of Oviedo on March 11, 2023 at 11:00am, and a reception will follow.

Family and friends are welcome to join in celebrating Charlene and her lifelong legacy of love

Cemetery Details

Oviedo Cemetery

15 W Broadway St
Oviedo, FL 32765

Previous Events

Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
263 King Street
Oviedo, FL 32765

Tribute Wall



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Charlene Fox Davenport.*



March 09, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charlene Fox Davenport.*



March 09, 2023 at 09:00 AM



“ *I am a good friend of her son Steve, and was an avid pancake eater that was fed well by the Davenports. 😊*

Mrs Davenport worked with my mother for years at Lawton Elementary, and Steve & I were the best of friends. As I told him, they don't make them like our mothers, and she was and is an absolute angel that was there for the loss of my mother in a major way back in 2009. To Steve, Cathy, and Mr Davenport....our family loves you guys and the memories will last a lifetime.

Peace and blessings to you all.

-Al Smith

Al Smith - March 03, 2023 at 02:51 PM

FG

“ *Charlene Davenport was the sweetest, kindest woman!! She and Dean have been a part of our lives for many, many years. Steve and Jay were best friends in high school, Charlene was Lucinda's 4th grade teacher, we shared Sunday School and other church activities through the years. She was so faithful to bring Roger to church and look at him now! She will be missed by so many. We love you, Charlene!* ”

Frankie Godwin - March 03, 2023 at 01:21 PM

CN

“ *Christine E Niczypor Moschberger Nespor purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Charlene Fox Davenport.* ”



Christine E Niczypor Moschberger Nespor - March 03, 2023 at 01:06 PM

CN

“ *Charlene invited me over to spend the night when I was young. It was magical to see the land and the horses.* ”

Christine E Niczypor Moschberger Nespor - March 03, 2023 at 01:00 PM

JC

“ *Mrs. Davenport was my 4th grade teacher and one of my favorites of all time! That smile!!!! She was so warm and caring - the world needs so many more people and teachers like her! I'm praying for all of her family and friends that the LORD will flood you in peace!* ”

Jessica (Whitson) Chegwin - March 03, 2023 at 11:51 AM

MU

“ Mrs. Davenport to me was the kindest, dearest lady I’ve ever had the pleasure of meeting.
I always imagine her in one of those gorgeous southern Belle dresses walking the historical areas of the Carolina’s.
She had a way of welcoming people from the minute you met her. Heaven must have needed some good ole southern charm up in them clouds.

Murphy - March 03, 2023 at 09:39 AM

KB

I my sister-in-law, Char, from the moment I met her. She’s a classy lady. I loved her smile & laugh. Even though I hadn’t seen her for a few years I will miss her now but I know I will see her again in heaven someday. God bless you brother Dean & your sweet family. Love from your sister Joyce. ❤️

Karen Joyce Brisson - March 03, 2023 at 10:05 AM

DB

We’ve shared teaching and church with Charlene and Dean for many years. We treasure our relationship with the Davenports. Dan and Diana Beistel

Dan Beistel - March 09, 2023 at 11:13 AM

DH

I am just now seeing this today. Charlene and I both battled the same form of cancer at the same time, and that is how my wife and I met her and Dean. We both took our treatments at Duke University. We visited them at their home in FL, afterwards. My wife and I are so sorry to see that she has passed, but thankful that she was able to beat NHL for all of those years.

Derrick Holland - November 13, 2024 at 10:49 PM