



Connie Bea Davis

November 26, 1932 - June 5, 2017

Connie Bea Davis, age 84, of Petersburg, Illinois, passed away on June 5, 2017. She was born on November 26, 1932, in Newark, Missouri, to Osborn McCracken and Catherine Caroline (Bilyeu) Johnston.

After graduating from high school, Connie attended Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Missouri, where she earned her bachelor's degree. She later earned her master's degree from the University of Missouri.

While at Culver-Stockton College, Connie met William "Jerry" Davis whom she married on August 2, 1953. They danced through life together for sixty-three blessed years.

After beginning her teaching career in a one-room country school where she taught all eight grades, Connie taught in several schools in Missouri before moving to Petersburg with her family in 1967. During her twenty-six years at PORTA High School, she taught American History, Sociology, and Current Events. Connie introduced Scholastic Bowl to PORTA and was the sponsor for the Scholastic Bowl team. She was a beloved teacher and colleague. She retired from the Petersburg PORTA School District in 1993 after thirty-five years of teaching. Connie was inducted into the PORTA Hall of Fame in 2012.

Connie was a longtime member of the First Christian Church of Petersburg.

She and Jerry faithfully attended church here and at the Central Presbyterian Church where Jerry is a member.

Connie enjoyed life to its fullest. She loved ballroom dancing with Jerry, traveling the country in their RV, playing bridge with friends, watching Jeopardy, and reading. She attended many school and community activities. She was always entertained by the PORTA Madrigal singers and Theatre in the Park. After she retired, Connie volunteered her time as a Court Advocate for Menard County through Sojourn and tutored at the Menard County Jail. She also volunteered at the New Salem State Park Store and was a member and officer of the New Salem Lincoln League for many years.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents and brother Mackie Johnston.

Connie is survived by her husband Jerry; her daughter Paula (Gerry Faw) Davis of Pensacola Beach, Florida; her son Serge Davis of Petersburg, Illinois; her daughter Marianne Meyer of Lebanon, Missouri; her granddaughters Shanda (Josh) Cullen, Bailey Davis, Holly Davis; and her great-grandson Caleb Cullen.

A visitation will be held at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg on June 7, 2017, from 5-7 P.M.

A memorial service officiated by Chaplain Jan Costello, Pastor Diane Ludington, and Pastor Rick Williams will be held at the First Christian Church in Petersburg at 12 noon on Thursday, June 8, 2017.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the PORTA Foundation, the First Christian Church of Petersburg, the Central Presbyterian Church of Petersburg, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg
122 West Douglas Avenue
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2500
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Memorial Service

JUN 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

Petersburg First Christian Church
210 S. 8th Street
Petersburg, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Connie Bea Davis*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Jacki Gaddie lit a candle in memory of Connie Bea Davis*



Jacki Gaddie - August 27, 2017 at 03:27 PM



She was wonderful ! Mrs. Davis was my favorite teacher and a truly kind and caring lady. Whenever I think of her I think of those beautiful high heeled shoes!

Jacki Gaddie - August 27, 2017 at 03:30 PM



“ *Debbie Price Schrowang lit a candle in memory of Connie Bea Davis*

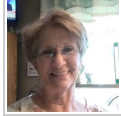


Debbie Price Schrowang - July 06, 2017 at 07:35 PM



Debbie Price.....Mrs. Davis was my favorite teacher of all time!

Debbie Price - July 06, 2017 at 07:38 PM



2025....had to post this. I had knee replacement therapy today and who to I meet and chat with?? Your son Serge, Mrs. Davis!!!! I told him you were one of my favorite teachers. I graduated Class of 1970. Bless you! ❤️

Deborah Price-Schrowang - August 13, 2025 at 05:11 PM

RD

“ My all time favorite teacher and a Great Lady. So sorry for your loss.

Rhonda Davis - June 07, 2017 at 10:34 PM

GR

“ Words cannot describe the love I had for Mrs. Davis. She was a wonderful teacher, and class of 1969 was her first class to teach. She was always so upbeat and had a tremendous amount of energy, and was eternally positive. We kept in contact all these years, and she was such a joy to be around. God has received another angel. She will be forever missed. Gods speed Mrs. Davis. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Grace Ann Robinson - June 07, 2017 at 05:58 PM

 Pete
Neff

“ Thank you, Connie, for sharing your living spirit with us. Petersburg will miss you greatly! She cared about all her students whether they knew it or not, she always gave her time and talent to make things work better. Praying for God to watch over her family.

Pete Neff - June 07, 2017 at 04:12 PM

PV

“ So sorry to hear that Connie has passed away. She was a wonderful teacher and our children were lucky to have her at PORTA. She was a good example of how to enjoy life! Now she is among the angels and they better watch their step!

Patricia Vig - June 07, 2017 at 11:28 AM

DD

“ So Sorry for your loss. Ted & I have the fondest memories of sharing Saturday evenings at the Parkview Cafe with her. Our prayers are with you. Ted & Doris Dede

Doris Dede - June 07, 2017 at 10:38 AM

JH

“ How to begin, my mind is flooded with memories of this great lady! I am so sorry for your loss. I hope you will take this time to collect the memories others share with you as you go through this. You may think you know Connie, and of course you do, but you will also learn new things about her. Her spirit was legendary and will be felt for many years in the lives of her students and children. Blessings!
Judy Hurdle

Judy Hurdle - June 07, 2017 at 08:22 AM

MT

“ Ms. Davis was a wonderful teacher and all around super person. She had the energy of ten people, and was eternally positive. She kept track of her students long after they left her classroom, and took a personal interest in their success. We continued to exchange letters 20 years after high school. All the things a teacher should be.

Mike Turner - June 06, 2017 at 11:10 PM



“ *I was blessed to be Connie's student in the 80s. What a bright and vivacious Life force she was! The gift of a loving and caring teacher is a rare gift indeed, and that she surely was. She will be missed dearly by many. Godspeed Dear Teacher..*

Deb Selby - June 06, 2017 at 09:32 PM

DB

“ *CONNIE WAS SUCH A SPECIAL LADY WHO AFFECTED MANY LIVES , ALWAYS ENJOYED VISITING WITH HER AND WATCHING HER AND JERRY DANCE . TO HER FAMILY , SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS . I WILL MISS HER . HEAVEN HAS GAINED ANOTHER ANGEL .*

DEBBIE BOEKER - June 06, 2017 at 09:20 PM

SL

“ *So sorry for the loss of Mrs. Davis. I loved having her as a history teacher at Porta high back in the 80's. Even though I hated History she made the class so much more fun to be there.*

susan (Bell) Leverton - June 06, 2017 at 09:09 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Connie Bea Davis.*



June 06, 2017 at 08:59 PM

KE

“ *Ms. Davis was one of the most wonderful teachers I ever had. She was kind to everyone and I always looked forward to her class. My sincere condolences to her family.*

Kerry - June 06, 2017 at 08:49 PM

BB

“ *So sorry to hear that Connie passed away. I had a rock already picked out to bring to her from Michigan when I come back next week. I will be keeping it in remembrance of her and her rock collection* ❤️

Bobbie Borski

Bobbie Borski - June 06, 2017 at 08:24 PM



“ *She always wore a smile and was just a pleasure to be around. She will be missed*

Kathy Olesen - June 06, 2017 at 08:03 PM

SR

“ *I am a high school history teacher today because Mrs. Davis inspired my future. She saw in me what I wasn't quite able to see in myself. I'm so sorry to hear of your passing. I will miss your letters and those occasional sweet \$2 bills. I've kept them all. I love you.*

Suzie Robbins- Daley

Suzie Robbins - June 06, 2017 at 07:08 PM

RC

“ I had Mrs. Davis in the fall of 89 when the Berlin Wall came down. It was a great time to have a Current Events class. A former student (Charlie Satoff, I believe) was stationed in Europe and sent Mrs. Davis a piece of the Berlin Wall a few weeks after it came down. That is the kind of teacher she was, she cared so much that you had to love her. I sure do.

Rob Coomer - June 06, 2017 at 07:03 PM

CD

“ Connie was a wonderful person who touched many lives over the years. She will be truly missed by a lot of people. Her spirit will always remain in our hearts and minds forever. Our deepest sympathy to the entire family. - Casey & Tricia Duncheon

Casey & Tricia Duncheon - June 06, 2017 at 04:03 PM