



Francien Jacqueline Davenport

November 17, 1951 - May 27, 2021

Francien Davenport Obituary

Francien Davenport, lovingly called Frankie, was born on Saturday November 17, 1951 in Cleveland, Ohio. Francien was the eldest of three children born to the proud parents of Amos and Janice Davenport. Frankie grew up with a big family which included a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and both sets of grandparents.

Frankie was baptized and joined Lily Baptist Church at a young age, and was a member of the choir. Frankie attended Sterling Elementary School, Central Junior High School, and she graduated from East Technical High School, home of the mighty Scarabs!

Frankie was considered a bookworm who was always in a corner reading, so moving on to higher education seemed a natural path for her. After high school Frankie was accepted into Central State University, in Wilberforce, OH, where she studied Liberal Arts for one year. After returning to Cleveland,

Frankie proudly earned her Bachelor of Arts in English at Ursuline College. Frankie continued her education while working full time, and through hard work and persistence, she obtained her Masters Degree in English from Cleveland State University.

She began a career at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) in the Macro Molecular Science Department, as an Administrative Assistant. After many years of service at CWRU, Frankie left and became a teacher at Life Skills. When Frankie wasn't in the classroom teaching, she spent summers as a substitute teacher, around Cleveland Public Schools, such as John Adams, John Hay and John Marshall High Schools.

Frankie was a proud member of The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. This was the crown jewel of her achievements and a game changer. Frankie loved her sorors and was most proud of her niece Jihan Starr when she joined her in sisterhood at Bowling Green State University. Frankie had the privilege and honor of pinning Jihan at her crossing ceremony.

In the midst of getting her education, Frankie joined Providence Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Rodney Maiden and First Lady Henrietta Maiden, which would become the anchor and the foundation of her journey. She was a member of the choir and bible study. She also served as the New Member Coordinator for the Orientation Committee. Frankie made sure all new members had someone to answer their questions, pray with them and support them on their Christian journey.

Mark Tandy, her best friend, confidant, body guard and soul mate took his 24 year journey in this life with Frankie. They traveled, went to their favorite restaurants, plays, concerts or just spent time doing nothing. Saturdays were devoted to the gym and working out. When they were not together they were on the phone talking for hours. We are grateful to Mark and hold him in high

esteem for his presence, and everything he brought to Frankie's Life. God Bless him and cover him as he cherishes her loving memory with us.

Frankie was commander-in-chief in our family! Loving on her nieces, nephews, and cousins was her greatest pastime. Frankie always provided extra care, love and support for her Auntie Cynthia and Uncle Land. She was the glue that held the family together.

Frankie would do whatever we asked of her without question, but it would come with a Sermon! It was just who she was, she just wanted the best for us. We are grateful to her for everything, including being the trailblazer and example for teaching us what is possible. She was the link that held us all together. So join us as we celebrate a life well lived, a blessed spiritual life, full of God, full of learning, teaching, loving and family.

The heart attack and stroke proved a little too much for a body to handle, so God said Come Home and be with me where you will be healed, held and made whole; Thy Good and Faithful Servant, a Job well done!

Frankie leaves to cherish her memories, Brother Jeffrey Davenport and his daughter Kionne, of Cape Town, SA; Sister Camille Bankston and her son Miles (Arianna) of Oak Park, IL; Nephew Jae Davenport and daughters Jaden, Zarayah and Yanela of Tucson, AZ; Niece Jihan Starr (Rick), and her daughter Saige of Washington DC.; Nephew Jordan Davenport of Cleveland, Ohio and his Mom Terri Wimms, and a host of loving family and friends.

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JY

“ I just found out you were gone Sweet Soror! Hope you have been resting well.

Janet Young - August 19, 2022 at 03:13 PM

SL

“ I just found out you have passed away.. such a kind and beautiful person. I will miss seeing you out and about. Rest In Peace.

Shawnda Lockridge - February 01, 2022 at 10:54 PM

MJ

“ To the family, you are in my prayers.Â So sorry to hear of Francien's passing.Â Â I would often ask Fred about Francien, but we never got a chance to get together for lunch.Â Francien went home and hopefully we will all meet again.Â Take care of each other and remember all the good times.Â Â Mary Jackson (Fred's sister).Â Â

Mary Jackson - June 22, 2021 at 08:12 AM

SD

“ She will truly be missed, her passing has left a void for so many of her friends and family. I worked with at CMSD, we werenâ€™t able see each other a lot but we conversed over the phone and at work when we were blessed to meet up. I was shocked and saddened to hear of her passing because we had just connected in March & April. Rest In Peace, lovely soul Francine, from Sandra Horton-Dimes

Sandra Dimes - June 20, 2021 at 12:41 PM

JS

“ Dear beautiful niece, you left so quickly ! Â To you I was "Nanny" and you were my "Frankiedoodle". Â I am so weighed down in sadness when I think of not hugging you again. Â Your limb on our family tree will withstand the strongest storm as did your Faith in God. Â I have read all of your text messages every day. Â Everything beautiful and dependable reminds me of you. Â Who will clean up the dishes after one of those fun loving, sing along family gatherings? Â

Janett Spangler-Cabrere - June 11, 2021 at 10:33 AM

CB

“ Thankful for the privilege of serving with Ms. Davenport during part of her earthly journey at John F. Kennedy High School. Her word was her bond. She had a quiet demeanor and a pleasant smile. Family, I extend my sincere sympathy to each of you during this time. Take one day at a time.

Cynthia Bivins - June 09, 2021 at 10:05 AM

RJ

“ My condolences are extended to the family of Francine J. Davenport.Â I have known Francien and her siblings from birth as I was close to her family (Bullard/Davenport) as she was growing up to become the beautiful person she became.Â The last time I contacted her on FB, she accidentally hit the video button ... she was on her way to Boot Camp and said she would contact me on her return as I had asked about Camille.Â I have witnessed the loss of many of her family members.Â Her aunt, Marilyn, was my best friend from birth.Â Marilyn's oldest child, Clifford, is my godson.Â This is another missing link in my chain of family friends. Rest in peace Soror.

Rebecca L. Jefferson - June 08, 2021 at 07:12 PM

DG

“ Praying for peace for the Davenport family !! Francien will truly be missed !! God bless !! Much âĤĤ Daniel Goodrum ðŸŒŽ

Daniel Goodrum - June 08, 2021 at 09:14 AM

BF

“ My sincere condolences to Francine's Family, a family she dearly loved.Â Francine was a fellow Scarab, family friend and fellow educator.Â Over the years I enjoyed our monthly and semi-annual outings.Â She was one fine lady, whose friendship I will always value.Â RIP Frankie,Brenda Battle Forte

Brenda Battle Forte - June 08, 2021 at 12:17 AM

DE

“ Francien was a kind spirit woman. Always focused on the good and happy things. I enjoyed breaking bread/ talking with at the Ladies monthly outings. She will surely be missed!! Condolences to the her family.May Francien Rest in her new Heavenly home. Denise Early

Denise Early - June 07, 2021 at 11:49 PM

MA

“ Francien I am always going to remember our walks at Tinker's Creek.Â I am going to MISS You!Love you,MAC-Mary Addison-Carter

Mary Addison-Carter - June 07, 2021 at 11:13 PM

E(

“ Will miss the family times we shared on Livingston street and the enjoyable luncheons with the ladies. Â Heaven has gained an angel.

Ernestine Baker-Hall (Bren) - June 07, 2021 at 09:45 PM

DB

“ My Sincere Prayers and Condolences are extended to the Family of Francein J. Davenport. May God continue to Bless you during this time.

Deborah Brinson-Cartwright - June 07, 2021 at 09:23 PM

LT

“ I truly miss that smile of hers especially when came to visit with my cousin Mark Tandy she would come to Macy’s.(Indianapolis) with my Betty Stokes that we just lost last month Francine and I would always talk about fashion to the family my prayers are with you all God bless

Leslie Tunstell - June 07, 2021 at 07:44 PM

RL

“ Francien I miss you. But will remember our laughs about how folks would confuse us one for another in the school district. Later seeing you and talking with you in Delta sisterhood. You were a true Gem your light will continue in the memory of those who loved and knew you.

Rhonda Lawrence - June 07, 2021 at 02:34 PM

KG

“ Soror Davenport was always a class act. She will be missed!!! I will miss seeing you at the Delta functions. I’m praying for your family at this time. Love always, Kimili

Kimili Gulley - June 06, 2021 at 10:17 PM

JS

“ You were my friend the angel that always appeared when I needed her. So welcome back to heaven. Love always, Jae.

Jae Spencer - June 06, 2021 at 05:45 PM

RH

“ Francien was a great teacher who really cared about her students and their well being...always with a smile, warm heart and the will to listen before critiquing...I truly will miss our long conversations and protesting all the injustices that has occurred in America...Rest peacefully my activist buddy..Heaven has gained a new angel...

Ramona R Howard - June 06, 2021 at 11:20 AM

TF

“ My sincere Sympathy to the family of our dear Soror Francien. I loved talking to her because she had a unique take on many subjects. Francien will be missed by her Sorors in Cleveland.May she rest in God's living arms.Trewery Ford

Trewery Ford - June 05, 2021 at 11:02 PM

AW

“ Davenport was a friend and co-worker. Davenport as we call her was a caring and very supportive person. She always supported me in everything I did. I am truly going to miss her smile and warm spirit. Rest well, my friend.I am going to miss you.Â

Angela Winborn - June 05, 2021 at 08:38 AM

RH

“ I send my Condolences and Sympathy to the Family of such a Wonderful and Dear Lady. I had the pleasure of meeting and singing in the Providence Choir for many years with Francien. She had such a Warm Beautiful Spirit. I will Truly Miss Francien, and her Kind Heart. Rest in Heavenly Peace.ðŸ•

Robyn Hatten - June 03, 2021 at 07:21 PM

PM

“Francine was a co worker at John F. Kennedy. She had a sweet personality and a beautiful smile. She will be missed. Condolences to the family.”

Portia Morgan - June 03, 2021 at 05:17 PM

CV

“To Francien’s Family, We never would have felt ready to say good-bye to someone as special as Francien, but this timing feels especially tough. Praying for the family’s comfort and strength for the days and weeks ahead. We’ll be praying for all of you. Keeping you in our prayers, Charlie and Ruthy Hood Romans 8:28

Charlie and Ruthy Hood, Hague, Virginia - June 03, 2021 at 01:18 PM

CV

“Mark, Someone who shared so much of life with you will forever be a part of you. Keeping you in my prayers as you remember Francien. Losing the one you love is so hard. And so I’m praying hard for you for peace, for comfort, for whatever you need right now. With warm thoughts and prayers Charlie and Ruthy Hood Romans 8:28

Charlie and Ruthy Hood, Hague, Virginia - June 03, 2021 at 01:15 PM

“My condolences to the Davenport Family To Jeffrey and Carmela may GOD give you peace and comfort through this difficult time. I met Francien at East. Technical High School. I saw Francien on Facebook about 5 years ago. Told her about our East. Tech. Alumni Association walk-a-thon to raise money for Scholarship's she came and donated 2 year's in a row. It was good seeing her back then. Her brother Jeffrey graduated from East Tech in June 1971 , former classmate. I graduated in January 1971 SCARAB'SÂ FOREVERÂ

Deloise M. Walker-Hood - June 03, 2021 at 12:21 PM

"Words can't express my heartfelt feelings I have about the passing of Francien - my friend and Sands in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She was always there for me when I called or just to check up on me. I am so thankful that Audrey and I spent some hours during covid restrictions to have a virtual Girls Night Out. Always in Spirit with you & R.I.P. Sands"

Jonevette Frost - June 03, 2021 at 11:38 AM

“I’m really still trying to grasp this one! I will miss Francine’s light! She had great energy and you just lit up in her presence. She was always supportive of me and my family. She made sure to remember small details about everyone that she knew. Sands, I love you and I hope you knew it. Take your rest queen! 🙏💕”

Xaviera Patrick - June 03, 2021 at 11:37 AM