



Louise Driscoll Davenport

October 3, 2020

Louise (Driscoll) Davenport left us peacefully on the evening of October 3, 2020 in West Hartford, Connecticut at the age of 85 after an illustrious life and courageous battle with Alzheimer's.

Louise was born on March 29, 1935 in Waterbury, Connecticut to Marie and John Driscoll and graduated from Waterbury Catholic High School in 1953. She received her bachelor's degree from Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut and a Masters degree in Spanish from Central Connecticut State University in New Britain. In 1957 she traveled to the mountains of Guatemala with the Congregation of Notre Dame where she made life-long impressions on many students and acquaintances, not the least of whom was Paul Davenport of Watervliet, New York who was a Maryknoll missionary priest. Upon their return from Guatemala in 1969/1970, Paul and Louise were married and settled in West Hartford. Louise taught Spanish at Northwest Catholic, and then English and Spanish at Saint Timothy School for many memorable years. Mrs. Davenport was beloved by her students and was known, among other names, as Señora Sofá, and taught the 40 most commonly used prepositions in alphabetical order to generations of accomplished students. Those students would frequently greet her at Big Y in Bishop's Corner with hugs and recite the 40 most commonly used prepositions, of course, in alphabetical order.

Louise was a caring wife, devoted mother, gifted storyteller, and the unofficial archivist of family lore. A lifelong scholar, she systematically did the New York Times crossword puzzle in pen everyday and enjoyed all forms of word play. For most of her life she had attention-grabbing hair that was fiery red, but her heart from her first day to her last was always pure gold. She was generous with her time and energy and loved and prayed for all children. Louise's dedication to family, peace, and God will remain with all who knew her.

Louise is survived by her brothers Phillip Driscoll of West Hartford, Connecticut, and Austin Driscoll of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; daughter Kathryn (Davenport) Keefrider of Avon, her husband Robert Keefrider, and their four sons Robert (26), Brendan (17),

Jack (15), and Gavin (12); daughter Mary (Davenport) Chong of Chicago, Illinois, her husband Min Chong, and their two sons Nate (11) and Aidan (8); son Andrew Davenport of El Portal, California, his wife Erin (Purtell) Davenport and their two sons Ronan (9) and Finn (6). She is preceded in death by parents Marie and John Driscoll, brother Jack Driscoll, dear husband Paul Davenport (1930-2016), and sister Sr. Mary Driscoll.

The family will hold a private burial service and is planning a celebration of life at a later date where we look forward to sharing our fondest memories of our beloved mother, grandmother, and dearest friend. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Timothy Middle School 225 King Philip Drive West Hartford, CT 06117. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com. The family would like to thank the caring staff of West 1 Saint Mary Home in West Hartford for 6 years of gentle and patient care.

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“ When you're a young woman navigating middle school, there are very few absolutes. Mrs. Davenport gave us a world in which words didn't have a grey area. There were rules we could follow, and when everything feels upside down, those definites are invaluable. She taught us the 48 Most Commonly Used Prepositions, along with all the other grammatical rules, but more importantly, she taught us that our characters could never be measured by our 6" ruler. She challenged us to truly understand the word integrity, to use care when choosing our words, and that the way in which we communicate with others demonstrates our respect for them. She so enjoyed regaling her students with stories of people in Bishop's Corner identifying STMS students simply because of the way they spoke. We are better people for having had Louise Davenport in our lives. Thank you for sharing her with us. - Julianne Stafford, STMS '99

Julianne Stafford - October 08 at 09:34 PM



“ Very nice words for a wonderful and admired teacher and a lady in all aspects of her life
RIP

Ellen McKone-Stafford - October 09 at 07:34 PM



“ Louise,
You probably never knew how much you impacted our lives. We proclaim your "Louiseism"
at least once a day -

"Is it funny peculiar or funny

ha ha". " it's better now than when it was worse "

"Do you know the difference between an elephant and a loaf of bread? No? I'll never send you to the store. ". We reminisce about your jokes (complete with perfect brogue) and about your stories. We can still hear you laughing, You taught us so much just by being you.

You may be gone but not forgotten.

The Breens

Chris and Steve Breen - October 09 at 09:12 PM