



## Fern Louise Duncan

December 27, 1948 - May 31, 2020

Fern Louise Feathers Duncan, Mooresville, NC, dies at age 71

Fern Louise Feathers Duncan, 71, of 111 Woodstork Cove Dr., died at her home May 31, 2020 after a more than three-year battle with lung cancer. A celebration of life will be held at the Heritage House at Cavin Cook Funeral Home, 494 East Plaza Drive in Mooresville from 1:00-3:00 pm on Saturday, June 6.

For those who are unable to attend the service, you may go to the following link for the live stream

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC864hAs96dTRLVVL1la0Qlw/videos?view=2&flow=list>

Born in Schenectady, NY, Mrs. Duncan moved with her husband to Mooresville in 1979. She worked as an administrative assistant in the Psychology Dept. at Davidson College for 28 years before retiring. She was an avid quilter and became an avid tennis player later in life. She was active in mission projects in her church along with her Sunday school class and church circle.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Louis P. Duncan; one son, Scott Duncan and wife Heather, of Mt. Holly; one daughter, Sandy York and husband Aaron, of Durham; one brother, Carl Feathers and wife Faith, of Ballston Spa, NY; and two grandchildren, Duncan York and Marnie York.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to one of the following organizations that were dear to her heart: Hope of Mooresville, First Baptist Church of Mooresville, or the Mooresville Soup Kitchen.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the family of Mrs. Duncan. Condolences may be made to the Duncan family at [cavin-cook.com](http://cavin-cook.com).



# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive

Mooresville, NC, 28115

**JUN**

**6**

**Reception**

01:00PM - 03:00PM

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Heritage House

494 E. Plaza Drive, Mooresville, NC, US, 28115

# Comments

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“ Ralph Deal lit a candle in memory of Fern Louise Duncan



Ralph Deal - September 16 at 10:02 AM

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“ I met Fern at Davidson College. I don't know what I would have done without her. She literally taught me everything I know that is "Davidson". I was the Admin for the Physics Department – across the courtyard from Psychology. Countless times she came across the courtyard after I would give her a frantic call that I needed help or had messed something up. She was calm and so patient with me. We would lunch together, and she would show me pictures of the grandchildren. She was a very proud Grandma. She was also a friend to many students. She always had a smile, a hug, or honest advice. I was so fortunate to have her as a friend and mentor.  
Sue Fabros

Susan Fabros - June 08 at 04:37 PM

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“ Sandy, I watched the celebration for your mom a few minutes ago from home in North Myrtle Beach. Fern would be so proud of you and Eddie Hicks. It gave me so many memories listening to you both. Yes, I've seen that stern look just before she would express her disapproval of something at our Circle meetings or on a mission trip, etc. I loved your mom and her precious smile and laughter. We'll keep you all in our thoughts and prayers as you miss her. Love, Susie and Bob Kiser



Susie Kiser - June 06 at 02:29 PM

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“ Fern Duncan was an angel in tennis garb. I learned to know Fern many years ago while Sandy and Scott were students at South School. Her ready smile and giving spirit preceded her there. Over the past three decades that same caring outreach became a lifeline for a member of our family. She selflessly gave of her time, her amazing secretarial skills and her personal advocacy, even when her own health made it difficult. Fern was surely the gospel in shoe leather. She lived her faith and shared God's love with all who knew her. She will be greatly missed.

Ruth Ann Palmer - June 06 at 12:04 PM

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“ Vickie and I are so sorry to hear of Fer's passing. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Cotton Ketchie - June 06 at 09:19 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Fern Louise Duncan.



June 05 at 10:44 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Fern Louise Duncan.



June 05 at 03:56 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of serving at church with Fern. Such a follower of Christ. She was someone I looked up to and admired her courage in her daily battles of cancer. I am so sorry for your loss . MaryClair Privott

maryclair privott - June 05 at 02:35 PM

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“ Susan, Wally and Michael purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Fern Louise Duncan.



Susan, Wally and Michael - June 04 at 08:04 PM

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“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Fern Louise Duncan.



June 04 at 06:02 PM

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“ Dear Scott and Sandy...and all the Family of Fern: I send my heartfelt sympathy. I have fond memories of this family and offer a prayer for you all in your loss. God bless.

Willie Beaver

Willie Beaver - June 04 at 02:44 PM

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“ A true lady.  
She was one of the first that I met when I first moved to Mooresville in the 80's. Such a Godly lady that set an excellent example to all. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Denise Graves - June 03 at 10:42 AM

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“ Best tennis partner ever. So kind and inspiring. Hattye Board

hattye board - June 03 at 09:50 AM

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“ Cynthia McLaurin lit a candle in memory of Fern Louise Duncan



Cynthia McLaurin - June 03 at 06:31 AM

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“ Fern Duncan was one of the first people to welcome me to Davidson. Of course she guiding me through the on-campus interview, but what I have in mind is that after the job offer when I returned to arrange housing and meet about lab construction, Fern literally took me home with her to spend the night. Those who had the good fortune to know Fern likely are not at all surprised by this generosity and caring. Even though Fern and I worked together for many years, my most vivid memories of Fern are from outside of Davidson College. Fern was a fabulous artist in her quilting; my husband and I cherish a runner she made for us for our wedding. Fern visited my home to view the many quilts my mom made for my husband and me; each time I make up our guest room I remember her kind comments about mom's work. I remember Fern relaxed and laughing at the Aults' home and working shoulder to shoulder with her to clean a mutual friend's kitchen. Fern was a kind and caring soul who made the world a better place for all around her. Fern was a gift and she continues to be present in important ways. I am sorry for the loss of all who loved Fern and hope the memories created with her bring some comfort.

Kristi Multhaup - June 02 at 12:20 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Fern Louise Duncan.



June 02 at 11:30 AM

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“ Nobody loved her loved ones better than Fern, and it was obvious that included her God and family, co-workers, and students at Davidson. She spoke often of her affection for her church and its importance in her life. She lived her faith in every way. I have characterized her as Davidson College's Norma Rae, in her advancing the

interests of her co-workers for justice, compensation, and respect. In so doing she showed great tenacity, courage, and generosity of spirit. She always noticed who could use support, whether tangible or emotional. Perceptive administrators at Davidson recognized her critical influence in the Psychology Department, and anyone who worked within the Department, but especially Chairs, recognized that. It was always clear that her advice- which occasionally took the form of direction- had love behind it as well as managerial savvy. She had a wonderful [and increasingly rare] quality of knowing what others needed, often before they themselves did. I can't think of a higher compliment than to say those who worked with her or shared in friendship never wanted to let her down. Fern's concern for others never ebbed, even within the awfulness of her medical challenges. Her example of courage and grace in these last couple of years will match her longer and wider legacy. People have said that "thoughts and prayers" have become a cliché in times of tragedy, but I believe Fern believed that prayer sustained her, and I hope that will be the case for the Duncan family. I will certainly offer some in gratitude for her life and especially comfort for Lou, Sandy, and Scott.

**Cole Barton** - June 02 at 10:08 AM



“ Cole - this was such a wonderful tribute that Mom would have loved. Thank you so much for sharing. And thank you to everyone else that has written here. It can be hard to know sometimes whether your sentiments are seen and heard, but please know that they are - and that they are deeply appreciated. Best, Sandy Duncan York

**Sandra D York** - June 02 at 11:29 AM



“ My heart felt sympathy for the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love you cousin Louis.

**Sue Hollifield** - June 03 at 11:22 AM



“ Fern would usually sit with my husband and me at church on Sundays and that is how I met her. I only knew her for about 3 years but in that time I grew to love her and consider her a special friend. I prayed earnestly for her healing. She fought so long and diligently which is a sign to how much she loved her life here with family and friends. I believe now with all my heart that she is with God in heaven completely healed. She will be missed.

Linda Jones

**Linda Jones** - June 04 at 09:07 AM



“ Fern and I started at Davidson the same year - she was the department assistant and I was a transfer student. From the first time I ever met Fern I knew she was a sweet, compassionate soul. When I came back to Davidson to teach she was always so supportive - often giving me motherly advice (which I greatly appreciated). She had a great sense of humor. Fern's strong faith was evident in all that she did. She was quiet and sweet, but she was also incredibly strong and tenacious. We had some wonderful talks throughout the years. My deepest sympathies to Lou, her children, and grandchildren. Her family, faith, and friends were her life. I will miss her dearly.

Maurya Boyd



Maurya Boyd - June 01 at 10:21 PM

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“ Fern, my sweet friend since the 5th grade. We have shared so much together over the years. A part of me has gone now. I will miss you so very much. Until we meet again my wonderful "sister" friend. God be with you. I will love you always!

Diane Conn - June 01 at 07:01 PM

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“ Diane and Jim Conn purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Fern Louise Duncan.



Diane and Jim Conn - June 01 at 06:54 PM

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“ My husband and I were so fortunate to have Fern as a great friend and neighbor for 20+ years! We will truly miss her! May God bless Lou, Sandy and Scott through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Stephanie and Lee Ayers

Stephanie Ayers - June 01 at 03:44 PM

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“ Duncan Family:

I had the pleasure of having Fern as a friend and neighbor. She was the sweetest person I have ever had met. Such a gentle soul. I will miss her gardening and tending to her lovely plants. Sending thoughts and prayers to you and family.  
Barbara, Brandon & Tyler Silva



**Barbara Silva** - June 01 at 02:40 PM

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“ To the Duncan Family:  
Fern was such a sweet person! Lou, Sandy and Scott : You all are in our thoughts and prayers! God Bless! Jennifer and Al Eakle

**Jennifer & Al Eakle** - June 01 at 12:54 PM

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“ I meet Fern thru Lake Norman Quilters and always enjoyed the time we were able to spend together. She was a special lady and she will be missed. Your family is my my prayers.

**Mary Jo Belk** - June 01 at 11:29 AM

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“ We have known Fern and Lou since BC, (before children). Bob and Lou have been in Boot Camp at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. A few years later after we were married, we met them again when Bob and Lou were both there for an advanced Navy school. The four of us became friends In that year and kept in touch after they were transferred. Some years later Bob and I moved to Mooresville where he worked for Duke Energy. Several years after that Fern and Lou moved here For Lou's work. Our children grew up together and have wonderful memories of those years. I started working at Davidson College in the mid '80s, and several months later Fern found work at Davidson as well. We have been friends over all of these years. Fern loved her family, her church, her work, and her life With Lou, Scott, Sandy, and her grandchildren. I'm happy that she is at peace, but she will be so missed. My prayers for Luke, Scott, Sandy, and her grandchildren.

**Jean Newman** - June 01 at 10:21 AM

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“ Brenda Harvey lit a candle in memory of Fern Louise Duncan





**Brenda Harvey** - June 01 at 08:31 AM

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“ Fern has been a special friend to me for over 30 years. I will miss her sweet smile and laughter. We have lots of fond memories of times at Davidson, our OSS group there, Relay for Life, Lunch Bunch dates with Jean Newman before retirement and our breakfasts together since. I will treasure our phone conversations during COVID and remember her with great fondness. My sincere condolences to her family, who she loved so very much and she was so proud of her children and grandchildren. Thank you Lou, for loving her so well and taking such good care of her.

**Brenda Harvey** - June 01 at 08:29 AM