



## Lillian Juanita Davis

September 13, 1928 - May 19, 2020

The Lois Lane of Mooresville, Skeeter, wife, mother, sister, cousin, friend, and Mimi peacefully surrendered her earthly existence and transitioned into her heavenly home on Tuesday, May 19, 2020. In God's care you rest above, in our hearts you rest with love.

Juanita was widely known for her kind words, contagious smile, loving heart, and positive outlook. She never met a stranger because Juanita had an uncanny ability for quickly making people feel comfortable. She was a kind and gentle person who loved spending time with family and friends.

Juanita's story starts in the same place that so many of her articles did, in Mooresville. She was the middle of 5 children and spent her early youth in the Derita and Mt. Mourne areas until her daddy decided to leave the fields to work in the Mill. As Juanita would tell the story, this was one of the happiest days of her young life because she didn't enjoy working on the farm.

Juanita's first job was working for Duke Power and it was through commuting to that first job that she serendipitously met a gentleman, Lewis Davis, at the bus station on her way home. On this particular day, many soldiers were returning from the war and she arrived at the bus stop just in time to see the doors close on a full bus, leaving her to wait for the next bus and in true Juanita fashion, started a conversation that ultimately blossomed into a 51 year marriage.

She went on to work as the switchboard operator at Mooresville Mills where she met Tom McKnight, former owner of the Mooresville Tribune. He thought her warm personality and journalistic talent were a natural fit for the position of Women's Editor for the Mooresville Tribune. This proved to be rather prophetic as Juanita's 5th grade school teacher always told her she had a unique way with words and he thought Juanita would make an excellent writer someday.

For 45 years, the people of Mooresville opened up to Juanita and told their personal

stories around significant life events so she could help share the good news through her Mooresville Tribune columns. Her most well known columns were “People You Know,” “Eye of the Tribune,” and the yearly “Tribune Bridal Edition.” Juanita loved Mooresville and considered it an honor to be able to tell the story of Mooresville’s people on a daily basis. Juanita’s column was refreshing to Mooresville natives as a scoop of orange sherbet from Deluxe.

Juanita was a trusted voice in an industry that saw few women attain success and longevity. Juanita won the NC Federation of Women’s Club journalism award and was the “Woman of the Year” recipient for Mooresville Women’s Social Clubs. She affectionately earned the nickname “Queen of the Tribune” and upon retiring in 2001 would say it was the best job ever!

Juanita was an active member of First Baptist Church where she served on numerous committees over the years, taught Sunday School, participated in the XYZ group, and served with the Baptist Women’s Missionary Union. She was active in the Iredell County Stroke Support Group and served as president for several years.

Once she retired, she doubled down on all the things she loved; hosting people in her home, taking trips, and being the absolute best Mimi. She was the consummate host and entertainer, always so delighted to have guests. You couldn’t come to her house without feeling like you were part of her family. After you left, you might also be lucky enough to receive one of her “just because” hand written notes. Her family fondly remembers Sunday lunches, weekly sleepovers, many trips to Tweetsie, Carowinds and Myrtle Beach, after school pick up, and so many other wonderful things such as simply sitting outside with her in the swing. For so long, Juanita cared for those that couldn’t always care for themselves. She was such a selfless, compassionate woman. Always content to put others' needs before her own.

Juanita enjoyed life, family members, and many friends. She was always there to brighten the lives of others. Every conversation with Juanita would assure you of walking away with a more peaceful and positive outlook on life. Just like her grade school teacher noticed so many years ago, Juanita had a special gift for telling a story, but what made that gift truly special was that whether it was a story she wrote or a conversation you had with her, somehow YOU always came away with a sense of calmness and a smile.

Juanita would often close her articles/stories by saying “and a wonderful time was had by all” which is so very true of any time spent with her. Never selfish, always loving and kind. These are the memories she leaves behind.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband Lewis Finley Davis Jr.; brothers Spurgeon Blackmon, H.B. Blackmon, and Glen Blackmon; and great grandson, Arthur Hobson Meadows.

Juanita is survived by her daughters Vicki Brawley (Bob) and LewAnn Meadows (Jeff) both of Mooresville. While they knew her as Mama, the rest of the family knew her as Mimi - Leslie Byers (Brad), Holli Delaney (Bryan), Travis Meadows (Evie), Adam Brawley, Tyler Meadows (Morgan), Kari Brawley and 9 great grandchildren; Colton Byers, Cever, Bowen, Adley, Olivia, and Davis Meadows, Grant, Stella, and Max Delaney; sister Betty Christie; sister in laws, Decie Davis, Vivian Blackmon, Hazel Blackmon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Special Touch Living of Huntersville for their loving care over the last 3 years.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26th at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel with Hospice Chaplin Jonathan Allen officiating. Burial will follow at Glenwood Memorial Park in Mooresville, N.C. 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>

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

<https://www.facebook.com/CavinCookFuneralHomeServices/>

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Mooresville First Baptist Church 150 South Church Street Mooresville, NC 28115 or Hospice and Palliative Care of the Charlotte Region 7845 Little Avenue Charlotte, NC 28226.

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

# Cemetery

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**Glenwood Memorial Park**  
273 Glenwood Drive  
 Mooresville, NC, 28115

# Events

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**MAY 26** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 11:45AM  
Cavin-Cook Chapel  
494 E. Plaza Drive, Mooresville, NC, US, 28115

**MAY 26** **Graveside Service** 12:00PM - 12:30PM  
Glenwood Memorial Park  
Glenwood Drive, Mooresville, NC, US, 28115

# Comments

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“ Juanita showed much care & friendship to my mother Jo when they were roommates at the Carrilon. We always enjoyed her company. Our condolences to her family.

**The family of Jo Ruple** - June 09 at 12:51 PM

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“ It was sad to hear of Juanita's passing. She was the shining star of the Mooresville Tribune for years and will be missed by all of us who knew and loved her.

**Cotton Ketchie** - June 06 at 09:31 AM

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“ To Vickie, LewAnn and all your Family I send my deepest sympathy. Juanita was quite a lady! I know you are very proud of all she did in Mooresville and she will be missed by all of us. God bless you through this and give you peace.

Willie



**Willie Beaver** - May 31 at 03:19 PM

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“ To the Family of Juanita Davis:  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Such a sweet lady! She was such a good writer for the Tribune! You all are in my thoughts and prayers! God Bless!  
Jennifer & Al Eakle

**Jennifer & Al Eakle** - May 26 at 09:28 PM

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**Michael Roberts** - May 26 at 01:33 PM

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**michael roberts** - May 26 at 01:20 PM

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“ Mimi was an awesome lady and a blessing to all who knew her. May the family know that she is at peace with her Lord and Savior and no longer suffering. You will all continue to be in our prayers as you to heal in your loss.  
Thank you so much for the live stream so we could be with you at this time.  
Much Love,  
Stephanie and Pete Delaney



**Stephanie Delaney** - May 26 at 11:46 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lillian Juanita Davis.



May 26 at 07:48 AM

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“ I remember meeting mrs Juanita many times. I worked with a ministry called offering hope. We would minister there every week at Carolina. She was a very special lady  
Thought and prayers are with y'all



**Lori Tilley** - May 24 at 02:58 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Tim and Tammy Whitener

**Tim Whitener** - May 24 at 09:06 AM

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“ I feel like I have known Juanita all my life. She was a lovely lady that lit up the room wherever she was. What a smile, and she always made you feel so comfortable when you were engaged with her whether it was a wedding, birth announcement, etc. I truly missed seeing her around Town.

**Barbara B. Whittington** - May 22 at 12:54 PM

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“ Our sincere condolences to Vicki and Lew Ann and their families. Wonderful memories of Juanita and the Tribune family.  
Denny and Lou Ann Talbert

**Lou Ann Talbert** - May 22 at 10:56 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy, caring thoughts and prayers for Ms Juanita’s daughters and family. Having gone through what they have, I know in their grief and sorrow, there is also relief that their sweet Mama/Mimi is whole and well again In the presence of the LORD.  
I had the pleasure of getting to know Ms Juanita at Special Touch Living while my sweet mama lived there. Ms Juanita always had a ready laugh and warm smile to all who came to visit! What a pleasure to have meet her and her lovely daughters. GOD bless her family at this difficult time.  
Fondly, Patti Eagleburger

**Patti Eagleburger** - May 21 at 11:32 PM

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“ Condolences to the Davis family. Fond memories growing up in the old neighborhood and of your mom.

**Cliff Homesley** - May 21 at 09:52 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lillian Juanita Davis.



May 21 at 06:35 PM

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“ Truly a ladies lady. Blessed to have known her.  
Prayers for each of the family.

**Martha Robertson** - May 21 at 01:13 PM

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“ Mimi was a true southern belle. I will always remember her beautiful smile and kind heart. I am heartbroken for all of you but how fortunate I was to have known her for a short period of time. Love and prayers for peace. She will be missed for sure.  
Love,  
Donna Ferraro and John Gardner

**Donna Ferraro** - May 21 at 07:11 AM

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“ Her kind, gentle spirit will continue. I remember her from our church and throughout town as she always brought a smile and peace to all who met her. What a celebration in Heaven as they welcome this beautiful Angel home.  
Prayers for all of you.  
Love,  
Denise Graves

**Denise Graves** - May 20 at 11:02 PM

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“ Having Ms. Juanita Davis as one of our dearest residents at Special Touch Family Care Home was a true delight. We will forever remember her beautiful smile and her words of appreciation every time she was helped in any particular way. She was a very special lady and we are truly richly blessed and honored to know this great woman.  
Vicki and Lew Ann we will continue to keep you in our prayers and I know her legacy will live on through each generation. The Lord Jesus Christ will give you the strength during your time of mourning, but know that Joy will come in the morning.

Sincerely,  
Kirt and Meko Eure  
The Staff of Special Touch Living

**Special Touch Living Family Care Home - May 20 at 09:03 PM**