



Sierra Sue Davenport Langley

November 5, 1940 - December 23, 2025

Sierra Sue Davenport Langley, 85, of Springfield, VA passed away surrounded by her loved ones at Virginia Hospital Center on December 23, 2025.

Sue was born in 1940 to the late Lorene Bruce Davenport and Tracy Davenport Sr in Eagan, TN. She grew up in the small town of Jellico alongside her younger siblings. She attended Jellico High School, where she was a straight "A" student and basketball player for all 4 years, until she graduated in 1958.

It was at Cumberland College the following year that Sue met the love of her life and husband of 67 years. The two married in June of 1959; they had their first son in 1960 and their second son in 1961. A dedicated and loving mother, she put her college education on pause to raise her boys.

Eventually, Sue's passion for learning led her to return to school. With the support of her family, she attended night and summer classes until she earned both a Bachelor's and Master's of Science in Biology and Chemistry from George Mason University. She continued to take courses for many years afterwards in pursuit of knowledge.

Sue found her life's calling as a teacher of Biology and Chemistry at West Springfield High School and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and

Technology, where she was a founding member of the science department when the school opened in 1985. She adored her students and became close friends with her fellow teachers. Her penchant for teaching was inspiring to others, so much so that she was nominated for Teacher of the Year.

A true extrovert, Sue thrived in social settings. Strangers were friends and friends were family. Able to strike up a conversation with anyone; she loved learning about other people and cultures. She could often be found with her nose in a book, strolling through a museum, watching a Broadway play, or planning her next trip. During her travels she took in as many experiences as she could - trekking over cobblestone streets, icy glaciers, petrified lava, or shifting sands from Europe to Africa, South America to Asia, and Russia to Australia.

Ultimately, nothing brought Sue more joy than being together with those she loved. Her warm presence, brilliant smile, and infectious laugh will forever be missed. She was preceded in death by her brother, Tracy Jack Davenport Jr (Shirley). She leaves behind her loving husband, Billy Cecil Langley; her sisters Judy Davenport Hayes (Art) and Ittylene Neal; her sons Chris Langley (Trish) and Jeff Langley; her grandchildren Rachael Langley (Andrea), Jesse Langley, Victoria Mulroney (Sean), and Ashley Leither (Eric); her great-grandchildren Sean, Shelby, Ava, Holley, and Elizabeth; and her nieces and nephews Ikey, Everett, DeeDee, Artie, Tracy, and Jodie.

The family will receive friends from 12 until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 3, 2026, at Robinette Funeral Home in Jonesville. The funeral service will begin at 1:00 p.m. Graveside services will follow at Lee Memorial Gardens in Woodway.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting, www.RobinetteFuneralHomes.com. Robinette Funeral Home of Jonesville is serving the Langley family.

Cemetery Details

Lee Memorial Gardens

1986 Hickory Cir Rd
Pennington Gap, VA 24277
(276) 546-2523

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Jonesville)
146 Maple Drive
P.O. Box 238
Jonesville, VA 24263
(276) 346-1196

Funeral Service

JAN 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PR

“ Patricia R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sierra Sue Davenport Langley.

Patricia R. - January 23 at 03:58 AM

DP

“ Sue was one of a kind always greeting you with a big smile and ready to lend a helping hand when needed. She was loved by her students and fellow teachers. Sue was a fellow teacher of mine as well as a dear friend. We traveled the world together after retirement and always had a fun time. Sue loved to share stories with John, my husband, as well as enjoy bloody Mary's with him before FCRE luncheons. He preceded her in death by one month. I believe he probably welcomed her to their heavenly home. I will really miss Sue and I know her family will really miss her. She loved her family so much and did everything imaginable to make their lives happy. My condolences to each of you, Doris Patteson

Doris Patteson - January 21 at 07:45 PM

CF

“ It has been said that sometimes in the course of human events that so much has been owed by so many to so few; so much has been owed by so many to Sierra Sue Langley. She was my best friend and a friend, helper, teacher, caretaker, you name it to many others. In 1979, when she was head of the science department at West Springfield High School, she took me under her wing...sharing her lesson plans, worksheets, and even letting me help with her cheerleader tryouts. When she went to Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, she helped me follow her there. When my daughter got hurt in college, she showed up in the ER to help us. She encouraged me to travel with her to Europe, on cruises on the Danube and the Bahamas. Over the years, we traveled to NYC to enjoy many Broadway plays. She loved her family especially her grandchildren. I owe her so much. I am so lucky to have had her in my life. We were supposed to get older together. Life won't be the same without her, but we all have to go along without her. Try to find joy and peace in remembering Sierra Sue Langley; I know I am going to try to.
Charlotte Follansbee❤️❤️❤️

Charlotte Follansbee - January 21 at 06:46 PM

Jl

“ Jenni Ingram lit a candle in memory of Sierra Sue Davenport Langley



Jenni Ingram - January 03 at 04:17 PM

FG

“ From Larry & Linda Gaudreault purchased the *Ar
rive in Style* for the family of Sierra Sue
Davenport Langley.



From Larry & Linda Gaudreault - January 01 at 01:14 PM

FG

“ From Larry & Linda Gaudreault planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in
honor of Sierra Sue Davenport Langley.

From Larry & Linda Gaudreault - January 01 at 01:14 PM

SF

“ Stephanie and Craig Stine & Family purchased
the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Sierra Sue
Davenport Langley.



Stephanie and Craig Stine & Family - January 01 at 08:56 AM

SF

“ Stephanie and Craig Stine & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in
honor of Sierra Sue Davenport Langley.

Stephanie and Craig Stine & Family - January 01 at 08:56 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Sierra Sue Davenport Langley.



December 31, 2025 at 03:08 PM



“ *Sue was a valued friend and trusted colleague for more than 45 years! We shared ideas and teaching strategies when I was teaching Biology at Fort Hunt HS and she was at West Springfield HS. When I was hired as the first Science Department Chair at Thomas Jefferson HS for Science and Technology I knew I had to hire her to teach Molecular Biology because of her knowledge and dedication to her profession. This proved to be one of my best decisions as she became one of the most talented and loved members of our staff! Rest in peace Sierra “Sue” Langley,*

Laurent “Larry” Gaudreault - December 30, 2025 at 05:05 PM



“ *Arnold C. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sierra Sue Davenport Langley.*

Arnold C. - December 30, 2025 at 03:16 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Sierra Sue Davenport Langley.



December 30, 2025 at 03:08 PM

AF

“ Arnie, Renee & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sierra Sue Davenport Langley.

Arnie, Renee & Family - December 30, 2025 at 03:08 PM