



## Gary Tolleson Davenport

January 1, 1944 - January 14, 2019

Gary Tolleson Davenport, 75, died on Monday, January 14, 2019 at his home. Born in Spartanburg, SC, he was the son of the late Judge J. William Davenport and Margaret Tolleson Davenport. He was also preceded in death by his brother, J.W. Davenport, Jr.

He had lived in Asheville since 1999, after retiring from his work as a university professor of English in Arkansas. Survivors include his wife, Joan Parker Davenport, and one daughter, Jennifer Davenport Jones of Charlotte. Additional survivors are three grandchildren, Jeremiah Jones, Victoria Smith and her husband, Alex and Portia Jones.

Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

53 Birch Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Tolleson Davenport

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *It causes me considerable sadness to learn Gary has passed! I found out today! For the past year it seemed daily that I should make an effort to find out where he was and pop a bottle of Lake Country Red over old memories of Law School some fifty (50) years ago. He decided teaching English was better for him! He was a mental whizz! I went on through and made law a profession. We engaged in many animated discussions of the law and our professors! A really big concern then was getting up a dollar for Lake Country Red at old "Grouchos" at Five Points in Columbia. I can still see Groucho and his cigar and the sawdust floors. I thought Groucho was Jewish but he was not. Groucho hooked me on kosher salami sandwiches till this day! Usually Gary popped health supplement pills (Judge Davenport was a great believer in their value!) and tried to control his lively Siamese cat that i dearly loved. That cat used to love to swipe you when it could! I got one myself because of him (her!) My heartfelt wish is that Gary suffered no pain and enjoyed his wife, daughter (I remember each) and grandchildren; and, that they all have fond memories of him as I do!. I can still see perspiration on his fore head as he animated a tale! He then loved Bob Dylan. Jim S. Brooks, Brooksjim4@gmail.com*

Jim S. Brooks - February 19, 2019 at 05:13 PM

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“ From Carmen Borg purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gary Tolleson Davenport.



From Carmen Borg - January 25, 2019 at 01:11 PM

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“ Hi Joan, My condolences on your loss. Gary was a true gentleman. You probably don't remember me but I served as your Realtor when you purchased your west Asheville home in 1999. The memory of some clients stays and that is certainly the case with you and Gary, each sweet gentle souls who were a pleasure to spend a period of time with.  
So sorry to read of your loss.  
Chris Pelly

Chris Pelly - January 20, 2019 at 12:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Tolleson Davenport.



January 17, 2019 at 01:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Tolleson Davenport.



January 17, 2019 at 11:51 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Tolleson Davenport.*



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January 16, 2019 at 03:45 PM