



*Sarah "Lou" Davis
Deal*

Jan. 27, 1930 - June 1, 2025

Sarah Lou Davis Deal, age 95 of Morganton, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Sunday June 1st, 2025. Lou was born in Morganton, NC on January 27th, 1930, to the late Charles Vernon Davis and Myrtice Greenwood Carter Davis.

Lou graduated from St. Marys High School in Raleigh and Salem College in Winston Salem. Teaching was Lous passion, teaching in various schools during her career. As an elementary school teacher, she taught in Charlotte NC, Columbia SC and in Burke County, NC Lou taught at the NC School for the Deaf several years and also taught speech and served as a homebound teacher for Burke County Schools. Lou loved children and teaching children.

Lous faith was strong, and she was a lifelong member of Grace Episcopal Church. She was very active in the church up until recent years. Lou taught Sunday school, was a director of weddings, vestry member and a past president and secretary of the Episcopal Church Women. She taught a Sunday school class for children with special needs and was a Den Mother in Cub Scouts. Her home was always filled with her sons friends, who thought of her as a second mother.

Lou had a competitive spirit and was most fierce at the bridge table or on the tennis courts. She was well respected for her bridge playing skills and loved every game played.

Lou and her husband, Rav. were members of the Dutch Club and she was a past president of the

Holiday Club. They were quite a pair to watch whenever they encountered a dance floor.

Lou is survived by her husband of 71 years and eleven months, Ray Deal. Lou is also survived by her sons, Mike Deal and wife Teresa of Advance, NC and Davis Dose Deal and wife Carol of Apex, NC; grandson, Bradley Deal and wife Shani of Raleigh, NC; step-grandson, Landon Carter and wife Sarah, and their son Clinton; sister-in-law, Lib Carter; niece, Anne Carter McNeill and her family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Dick Carter and Bill Carter, and her sister Anne Carter Oehlbeck.

The family would like to say a special thank you for the love and care extended to Lou the past several years by her caregivers, Angie Holman, Linda Perkins and Gina Trujillo. Also, heartfelt thanks are extended to the staff at College Pines and Hospice House in Valdese. Lou received the best of care in her final days.

A private family graveside service will be held at Forest Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 3pm until 5pm, Saturday, June 7, 2025 at the home of Ray and Lou.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Episcopal Church, 303 S. King St., Morganton, NC 28655 and Amorem (Hospice House Valdese), 902 Kirkwood St., Lenoir, NC 28645.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.sossomanfh.com.

Visitation

June 7, 2025
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Service

N/A
Committal

N/A

Tribute Wall

Sending in love and prayers to the family

—Phyllis Blackburn

Ray, Mike, "Dose" and families...our heartfelt condolences for your loss. Lou was a wonderful and tolerant neighborhood mom to all of us growing up! Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Iverson & Beth

—Iverson & Beth Riddle

Ray, good golfing buddy, Mike Dose and family so very sorry for your loss. Will be in touch later. no go for me up your steps.

—jim belote



Oh how I loved this lady who was beautiful inside and out. She always smiled and carried herself with such zest. Lou and Ray loved the Dutch Club. Rest in peace sweet Lou. Prayers for Ray and family.

—Grace Hartley

Mike and Dose Sorry for your loss. May your Mom's memory be a blessing.

—David Brill



Mike So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Keep the memories alive in your heart and they will be with you forever June and Billy

—June and Billy

My condolences to Ray, Mike, Dose and all the family. Lou was sweet to me every time we crossed paths from my childhood days until last we saw each other.

—Mark Hord

I know heaven is a lot brighter with you up there. I love you so much. I am so blessed to have known you!!

—Sara Logan

—Jared Callahan



What a wonderful love filled life! On behalf of Mother thank you for your lifelong friendship. To Mike and Dose thank you for opening your home to all of us for some of the best times ever. We feel your loss. We send our love to everyone. Our lives were blessed by Lou. David and Martha Simpson

—david simpson



What a fabulous woman! I send my hugs and condolences. She was truly a class act!

—Betsy Conway Balay

My deepest sympathy goes out to Mike, Teresa and the family. It is so hard to lose a loved one. May you always cherish the precious memories.



—Janet Harrison