



Constance Kay Davis

April 2, 1952 - September 8, 2025

Obituary for Constance (Connie) Davis - April 2, 1952 - September 8, 2025

We will so miss our Connie - her wit, her infectious giggle, her love of her family and her passion for good journalism. Born to Dolores and Derrill Davis in Cresco, Iowa she graduated from Winona State with a degree in Mass Communication. She became a reporter, a photographer, an assistant copy editor and eventually a managing editor with newspapers from Connecticut, to Clear Lake, Iowa to Duluth, Minnesota. She believed in the power and impact of a hometown newspaper.

After receiving her master's degree in journalism from Penn State University, she taught at Ohio University and DePauw University. This led to a Ph.D in Mass Communication at the University of Iowa where she specialized in cyber law. She created training classes for journalists and eventually served as a doctoral advisor for journalism students. After retirement she volunteered in the schools, helping grade school students read, write and express themselves.

Connie passed away peacefully on Sept. 8, 2025. She is preceded in death by her parents, brother Lynn and brother-in-law Rudy Basztura. She will be missed by her sisters Marcia Davis-Cannon and Cheryl Basztura and by her sister-in-law Sandra Davis (Lynn). She was especially close to her nieces and nephews - Andrea Rubin (Basztura), Matt Basztura, Chris Davis (Margaret), Justin Davis (Lynn Kuo), Joe Cannon (Danielle) and Diana Taylor (Jordan). As children they all became subjects of her photography and newspaper

columns. Once she retired, she became a fixture in Chris and Margaret's family. She celebrated life through her great nieces and nephews - by laughing with them, taking photos, baking incredible treats and cheering them on at their athletic endeavors. She had an impact on all of our lives.

The family wishes to thank the caring staff at the Waters of Edina and the wonderful nurses from Grace Hospice. A celebration of life will be hold on December 29th at Washburn McReavy Funeral Home in Edina, MN. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be sent to the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Constance Kay Davis in memory of Constance Kay Davis



Washburn-McReavy - December 09, 2025 at 04:25 AM

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“ Gloria Barone lit a candle in memory of Constance Kay Davis



Gloria Barone - September 22, 2025 at 11:06 AM

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“ I’m so sad to learn of Connie’s passing. We met in graduate school at Penn State and I had a chance to visit her at her parents’ home in Iowa when other Penn State friends and I drove across country on our spring break. We saw each other often after graduating when Connie lived in Connecticut and I was in Rhode Island. She was such a bright light - so witty and fun with a gleam in her eyes and just enough mischief in her sense of humor. We laughed constantly when we were together. I had a chance to b visit Connie once in Minneapolis and we kept in touch. I know how much joy her nieces and nephews brought to her life. I will miss Connie and all the good times we shared. My sympathy goes out to her family and all those who knew her. With love, Gloria Barone Rosanio

Gloria Barone - September 22, 2025 at 11:04 AM