



## Dr. Delores Jane Davis Ed.D

December 8, 1948 - January 23, 2024

In Loving Memory of Delores J. (Sooy) Davis, Ed.D

Dr. Delores Jane Davis, 75, passed away January 23, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of love and laughter. She was born December 8, 1948, in Carlinville, Illinois, to the late Wyman Leonard and Martha Elizabeth Sooy. Dr. Davis had been a resident of Venice, FL since 2019.

Dr. Davis (Dee, to her friends) held a Doctorate in Education from Drake University and served on the faculties of Pacific Lutheran University and Drake University. In 1988 she joined the Frank Russell Company where she created and managed Russell University, a global corporate training program for Russell mutual fund distributors and affiliates. Her dedication to training excellence extended to locations such as Tokyo, Sydney, Auckland, Paris, London, Toronto, Singapore, and Milan. Later, Dr. Davis was the owner and CEO of Strategies for Business Success in Tacoma, WA until her retirement in 2017.

A member of the Presbyterian faith, Dr. Davis lived a life dedicated to service and community involvement, evidenced by her memberships in various organizations, including serving as a past president of PEO, and on the boards of RAGS, The Tacoma Actors Guild, and The Tacoma Opera Guild. Dr. Davis was an accomplished flutist, avid piano player, and her love for music and the performing arts inspired her generous support of the cultural landscape of her community.

Dr. Davis is survived by her spouse of 26 years, Stephen Eades Reuck, and

children: Justin Stanley Davis (Shane Mitchell Davis) of Auburn, WA; Jessica Elizabeth Musson, née Davis, of Bremerton, WA; Nathanael John Reuck (Melissa Breann Reuck) of Raleigh, NC; Emily Jane Hinegardner of Jacksonville, IL; Katherine Nicole McKean of Jacksonville, IL; and Joshua Eades Reuck of Kent, OH.

She is also lovingly remembered by her grandchildren: Cole Walker Musson, Rylee Mae Reuck, Hannah Marie Davis, and Landon Mac Reuck. Dr. Davis was preceded in death by her parents Wyman and Martha Sooy, brother Robert Carl Sooy, sister Barbara Jeanne Sooy, and granddaughter Olivia Helen Davis.

Dr. Delores J. Davis will be remembered for her quick wit, beautiful smile, joyful laugh, irreverent spirit, and her dedication to her family, friends, and community. She will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to RAGS, an organization close to Dr. Davis's heart. Contributions can be made<sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub> at <https://www.ragswearableart.org/> or <https://ywcapiercecounty2.charityfinders.com/donate>. Memories and condolences may be left online for the family at [www.MFHcares.com](http://www.MFHcares.com).

# Tribute Wall

LO

“ Working with Dee at Frank Russell Co was always a joy. Her spirit was always bright and positive and her smile was wonderfully infectious! On top of that, she was so brilliant and insightful in creating Russell University. I wish I had the chance to visit her in Florida, as we had discussed. RIP Dee, you were a bright light and will be missed.

---

**Lisa Ottoson** - February 25, 2024 at 02:37 AM

KS

Dee and her husband Steve were super neighbors when they lived in Tacoma. Their love of flowers reflected in their English style garden was a delight and brought joy to our Northend Tacoma neighborhood!!

---

**Kari Stackpole** - February 25, 2024 at 03:12 PM