

Carlton Phillips Davenport, 78, of Princeton, Massachusetts, passed away December 21st. Carlton leaves his wife of 24 years, June Caudle Davenport; his son, Captain Aaron C. Davenport USCG, and daughter in-law, Kendra of Purcellville, VA; his daughter, Dr. Donna Davenport of Geneva, New York-; his stepdaughters Tamara Payne-Alex and Tina Payne-Chasse; their spouses; and his nine grandchildren, Kaylee, Tatum, Payton, Aelish, Kalaya, Sias, Duncan, Kai, and Theadora. Carlton is also survived by his sister, Barbara Butler, and nieces and nephews. His brother, William Davenport predeceased him.

Carlton was born in East Orange, New Jersey, held degrees from Bowdoin College, Newark College of Engineering (now New Jersey Institute of Technology) and Boston University, and served briefly in the Army. Carlton retired from Digital Equipment Corporation in 1994 after a long career in Engineering Management.

In his younger years, Carlton was an avid golfer and an intrepid chess player. He was an arts enthusiast and loved music, especially jazz. Carlton played the piano every day, served as President of Glass Music International since 2000, was a member of many area museums, held season tickets to musical theater and attended summer arts festivals.

In addition to his love of the arts, Carlton will be remembered by friends and family as a warm and generous man with a love of travel, gardening, puzzles and groan-inducing puns.

A memorial service is planned for February 4th at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester, Massachusetts where Carlton sang in the choir and was an active member since 1988. Donations may be made in lieu of flowers in Carlton's honor to Old Sturbridge Village (www.osv.org), Jacobs Pillow (www.jacobspillow.org) or to a local public broadcasting station.