



Beatrice Ann Finch

August 10, 1931 - May 27, 2020

Love. More than anything else, Beatrice Ann "Pug" Finch, is known for her love. Helpful, giving, caring, selfless, she was all these things. And, she will continue to be all these things, because while she was among us, and still, in our memories, she gave nothing but herself.

Born on August 10, 1931 in Spring Garden, Pug was the youngest of nine siblings, a wonderful wife, attentive mother of two, and also a matriarch to a family which included four grandchildren and two great granddaughters. Accustomed to hard work, Pug grew up working on her parents' tobacco farm. She was a classic mid-century American homemaker. Pug spent her days creating a haven for her husband and her children, a safe space full of unbridled energy and teeming with affection. She managed the household effectively and the comfort she provided was truly a shelter of tenderness and care.

Every evening Pug had a home-cooked meal on the table. She raised the children, mowed the grass, and cleaned the home. She kept the household all together as one. Pug was a member of Lane Memorial United Methodist Church and always made sure her young boys were at Sunday School every Sunday morning, usually followed by a visit to her mother's home in Danville for a Sunday meal. Because of her husband's nonstop work schedule, Pug was both mother and father. She taught her boys how to throw a ball, took them to Little League, and to Cub Scout and Boy Scout meetings, and no matter what else was going on, Pug attended every single sporting event in which they participated, until they graduated from high school. Without Pug, the home would have faltered. Yet, she never let that happen, despite her husband's tiresome itinerary and the exertions of raising two young boys, virtually on her own. Pug was the absolute foundation of the Finch family: her love truly bound family and home together.

Always aware of her husband's burden in providing for the family and running the family business, early in the boys' lives she worked at the florist during the busy holiday periods. Pug was happy that she could do more to help her husband and alleviate maintaining the

household. For Pug, work, in and outside her home, was the bread of life. It was meaningful, helpful, essential, and relevant. Work was the thing which kept the family functioning and it was just one more thing for which Pug always made time.

Despite her nonstop work, Pug was a great beauty and no matter what she was doing, was always dressed to the nines. Her long-standing weekly appointments at the beauty and the nail salons were a ritual and not to be missed, no matter the circumstance. Unfortunately, the quarantine during the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted Pug's beauty routine and she was quick to let her family know how out of sorts she was over her always meticulous appearance. However, despite not being able to receive professional services, her family believes Pug's beauty was immaculate and never faltered.

Pug did also delight in rest. When younger she loved the relationships she developed as a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. But, her greatest pleasure was playing cards and Bridge was her game. Highly competitive, Pug played at friends' homes in the evenings and a few times a week, she gathered with her girlfriends to play in the afternoons. Pug even owned a computer which she used exclusively to play bridge. As a means of relaxation and a break from the endless chores and daily work of running the household, Pug found great joy in the small escape which a game of cards provided.

Just a short while ago, Pug lost her loving husband of sixty-five years, Bob. Bob's death broke her heart and also, her will to live. Pug just didn't want to go on without the man who had been at her side for so many wonderful years. She never seemed to recuperate from the shock of his death and Pug began to succumb to illnesses which had previously, only gently plagued her. More than once, she remarked that she didn't want to go on without him: she despaired as greatly as she loved, so her family wasn't surprised when Pug's health began to fail.

However, Pug should be remembered as a survivor. From 1963 onwards, without taking radiation or chemotherapy treatments, she beat down cancer time after time. She also worked through three hip replacements, back surgery, and a three-way bypass. If single handedly raising children wasn't a display of her strength and fortitude, certainly her courage in battling these various ailments is a testament to her vigorous constitution. Her battles with health, though quiet, graciously provided her family with a sense of stability, determination, and fearlessness. Doubtless, this is exactly how she would want those who loved her to confront the pain and fear of being without her.

Pug is survived by two sons, Rob Finch and his wife, Judy of Lynch Station and Mark Finch of Oconomowoc, WI; two sisters, Ruby F. Walton and her husband, Julian of

Sutherlin and Jane F. Jones of Greensboro, NC. She was "Na-ne" to four grandchildren, Trey Finch and his wife, Brooke of Altavista, Tara Finch of Madison, WI, Jackson Finch of Edenton, NC, and Nicholas Finch of Pensacola, FL; and two great granddaughters, Austen Rylie Finch and Avery Camryn Finch.

In addition to her husband, Pug was preceded in death by one brother, D.H. Finch, Jr. and five sisters, Jewell F. Lewis, Christine F. Long, Emily F. Lewis, Rachel F. Durham, and Lois F. Chaffin.

A drive-in funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 30, 2020 in the parking lot of Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista by the Rev. Ben Horrocks. While in the parking lot, please tune-in to 87.9 FM on your radio to listen to the service while within your automobile.

The family will greet friends following the service. Friends will drive through the portico for a few words with the family.

For those wishing to view Pug, viewing will be available from 2:00 until 9:00 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. For the protection of your health, proper health precautions and social distancing will be practiced.

The Finch family would like to extend a special thanks for the loving care provided by the staff at Gentle Shepherd Hospice and especially Vivian Wright-Farmer and her team of caregivers including, Delicia Smith, Tasia Tucker, Cambria Lee, Dominique Noel, Shelia Lee, Joyce Miller, Annette Tucker, Tanisha Rucker, Jade McCoy and Trudy Stone.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Lane Memorial United Methodist Church, 1201 Bedford Ave., Altavista, VA 24517 or Altavista Area YMCA, 718 Seventh St., Altavista, VA 24517.

Cemetery

Green Hill Cemetery

300 Westwood Drive
Altavista, VA, 24517

Events

MAY 30 Drive-In Funeral Service 02:00PM

Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St., Altavista, VA, US, 24517

MAY 30 Drive-Thru Receiving of Friends 02:30PM

Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St., Altavista, VA, US, 24517

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral and Cremation Service - May 28 at 02:01 PM



“ Rob ,Mark and families,

I'm sorry for the loss of your mother especially with you just having lost your father. I pray God will comfort you now and in the days ahead.

Carroll Shelton

Carroll Shelton - May 28 at 08:45 PM



“ Rob and family I am so sorry for you and your families loss she was such a beautiful woman inside and out. Always friendly with a big smile on her face. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Rhonda Reynolds - May 29 at 05:52 PM



“ Condolences on your loss. I know how difficult this is. 🙏

Wendy - May 29 at 07:38 PM



“ Love the video--so good to look back at all good times throughout Pug's life--I have so many fond memories myself--my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Sherey Durham Thompson

Butch - May 30 at 12:19 PM

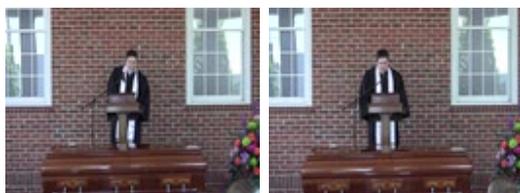


“ What an absolutely beautiful tribute. God bless you, all.

Wendy Thomas Gilliatt - June 17 at 12:02 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Funeral Service





“ Hi Mark, So sorry for your loss. I read obituary, what an amazing woman, mother, wife, grandmother. Our prayers are with you & family now & in the days ahead. You have a wonderful large family. Hang in there to you & all affected by this loss. Love George & Judy



George & Judy Cunningham - May 31 at 06:22 PM



“ Robbie, Mark and family,
I am sorry for your loss of your Dear sweet Mom. I never saw her without a smile on her face. I'm sure she and Bob are reunited once again...
Ellyn



Ellyn - May 30 at 08:38 PM



“ Robert & Bonnie Dawson lit a candle in memory of Beatrice Ann Finch



Robert & Bonnie Dawson - May 30 at 02:00 PM



“ Many of my high school years were filled with playing sports and growing up with Pug's sons. Pug's home was always full of love and kindness. Heaven has welcomed an angel.

Todd Carter - May 30 at 01:20 PM



“ Vasilis Geronikolas, Greece purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Beatrice Ann Finch.



Vasilis Geronikolas, Greece - May 29 at 01:33 PM



“ To Rob and family,
My condolences on the loss of your dear mother. I'm sure this is especially difficult since you just lost your father a short while ago as well. Her tribute was very touching. I never met her but she sounds like a wonderful mother, grandmother, and wife. My sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family.

Becky R. Thomas - May 29 at 12:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Beatrice Ann Finch.



May 29 at 12:25 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beatrice Ann Finch.



May 29 at 11:37 AM



“ Sending love and prayers. Love Ryan & Sarah Gibson



Sarah - May 29 at 10:19 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Beatrice Ann Finch.



May 29 at 09:05 AM



“ Dear Robbie and Mark and Families and Pug's cherished friends: Our community is grieving with you at the loss of your beloved Pug. She was a special lady who was loved and admired and appreciated by so many. What a beautiful legacy and precious memories she has given to her family and loved ones! Wishing God's peace that passes understanding in the days that lie ahead for each one of you as you carry her memory in your heart. My deepest sympathy, Anita.



Anita Freeman Phillips - May 28 at 09:26 PM



“ Mary Woodie lit a candle in memory of Beatrice Ann Finch



Mary Woodie - May 28 at 05:16 PM



“ So sorry you have to go through this twice within a few weeks. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Steve Lehman - May 28 at 05:05 PM



“ Rob and all. we are so sorry for your sudden loss of your precious Mom. May you find in peace in knowing they are together after a short time. We love y'all
Wanda Goodman and Bo Hall

Wanda Goodman - May 28 at 04:14 PM



“ The Abshire's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Beatrice Ann Finch.



The Abshire's - May 28 at 04:12 PM



“ Like Bob, we will always remember Pug with a smile on her face. She was feisty, fun loving, always with a joke and a love of laughter. She had an infectious laugh that you couldn't help but join in. A good friend to both our parents they are probably together now in a bridge game. In someways, it is nice that she and Bob are together again.

Jenny Green and Joanne Pierce

Jenny Green - May 28 at 04:02 PM



“ Finch Family.
So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all.

Nancy Ashwell - May 28 at 03:44 PM



“ Pug was so much fun to play BRIDGE with. She loved to laugh at most anything .There were many good laugh's. She will be missed by many who played bridge with her.I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. Margie Freeman

Margie H. Freeman - May 28 at 02:14 PM



“ Mark Clarke & Staff of Henry Funeral Home purchased the Rose Romanesque Bouquet for the family of Beatrice Ann Finch.



Mark Clarke & Staff of Henry Funeral Home - May 28 at 01:31 PM



“ Pug was a wonderful person! One of a kind, such a delightful lady!

Betty Warner - May 28 at 01:21 PM



“ 111 files added to the album LifeTributes



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral and Cremation Service - May 28 at 12:35 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beatrice Ann Finch.



May 28 at 12:27 PM



“ Mark Carla Slusher lit a candle in memory of Beatrice Ann Finch



Mark Carla Slusher - May 28 at 11:50 AM



“ Thoughts and Prayers to the Finch family. Now Pug can join Bob and live happily ever after.

Vicky Creasy - May 28 at 11:01 AM



“ Mark Hartung purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Beatrice Ann Finch.



Mark Hartung - May 28 at 10:43 AM



“ Rob and family, so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a dear and sweet person. She will be missed!! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Patti and Don



Patti Morton - May 28 at 10:32 AM



“ Bruce & Angie Gledhill lit a candle in memory of Beatrice Ann Finch



Bruce & Angie Gledhill - May 28 at 10:02 AM



“ Paul And Jean VanKerckhove lit a candle in memory of Beatrice Ann Finch





“ Gwen Dawson Goggin lit a candle in memory of Beatrice Ann Finch



gwen Dawson Goggin - May 28 at 07:01 AM



“ Robbie and Mark & Family,. Keeping you, all, in our thoughts and Prayers. So sorry about your Momma. Will never forget your kindness to us. Anything we can do just let us know. Paula & Wayne Walden Jr.



Paula Walden - May 28 at 02:17 AM



“ I can close my eyes and clearly see Pug giggling over a funny story. I can hear her voice as well as visualize her cuteness. . She was a package of fun that loved her family, as well as her friends. Very grateful I spent time in her company as a child. My heartfelt sympathy to Rob and everyone. No doubt she and Bob are reunited and forever making memories..
Fond regards along with heartfelt sympathy
Tobie Church Bentz

Tobie church Bentz - May 27 at 10:58 PM



“ Dear Rob and Finch family. I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during the loss of your dear loved one.
Sincerely,
Dennis DeLappe

Dennis DeLappe - May 27 at 10:27 PM



“ I will always remember that spontaneous laugh and no-nonsense statement of her opinion. She always dressed perfect for every occasion. I was always glad when she was my bridge partner rather than opponent. A beautiful couple is now reunited.

Audrey Frazier - May 27 at 09:19 PM



“ Finch Family,
Our deepest condolences to you all on the loss of your Mother, Grandmother, and Great/Grandmother. May God be with you during this difficult time.
Ken and Joan Woodson



Ken and Joan Woodson - May 27 at 08:53 PM



“ Rob and Judy, I am so so sorry to hear of the death of Pug, It is hard to loose one parent but both in such a short time my heart breaks for you all. Now Pug has rejoined the love of her life “Bob” Love and prayers for you all.



Lucinda Mattox - May 27 at 08:50 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Beatrice Ann "Pug" Finch.



May 27 at 08:44 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beatrice Ann "Pug" Finch.



May 27 at 08:35 PM



“ Rob and Judy, I am so, so sorry for the loss of Pug. It is so hard with one parent but for both in such a short time it breaks my heart for you and all the family. Now she has rejoined with the love of her life “Bob”. Love and prayers for all



Lucinda Mattox - May 27 at 08:27 PM



“ Precious Lady. Prayers for the family.



shirley forloines - May 27 at 08:01 PM



“ Kathy And Ray Walker lit a candle in memory of Beatrice Ann Finch



Kathy and Ray Walker - May 27 at 07:29 PM



“ Butch & Glenna W. Carr lit a candle in memory of Beatrice Ann Finch



Butch & Glenna W. Carr - May 27 at 07:00 PM



“ Our sincere condolences and prayers to the family.



Ray and Kay Caldwell - May 27 at 06:54 PM



“ So sorry for your loss prayers for the family .

Joyce Bolen &Family





“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beatrice Ann "Pug" Finch.



May 27 at 05:56 PM



“ Jimmy And Anne lit a candle in memory of Beatrice Ann Finch



Jimmy and anne - May 27 at 05:04 PM



“ Robbie and Mark. So sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. I still haven't got over that your dad recently passed and now this. Both were wonderful people and will be sorely missed.

Shirley Orrell - May 27 at 05:02 PM



“ Pug was a great friend to my family, and I really appreciated her support as I was growing up. She was a “force” to be reckoned with, and I remember this with a lot of humor. There will never be another one like her and she will be greatly missed. My family sends our deepest sympathy to her family, as she is fondly remembered.

Terry Finch - May 27 at 04:50 PM



“ Vickie Cocke lit a candle in memory of Beatrice Ann Finch



Vickie Cocke - May 27 at 04:40 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Pug. She was one fine lady. My thoughts and prayers go out to each family member in this time of sorrow.



Pat Puckette - May 27 at 04:40 PM



“ The Finch Family,
Pug was a fun person. I enjoyed being in her presence. I always loved being with her and Bob. Conor and I always enjoyed their visits. Love and Peace, Marguerite

Marguerite Finch - May 28 at 09:09 PM