



Ava Watson Dawson

March 17, 1937 - May 11, 2019

Ava Watson Dawson, 82, of 155 Triple R Farm Road, Hurt departed this life Saturday, May 11, 2019 at Autumn Care of Altavista. She was the wife of the late Albert Calvin Dawson for over 60 years.

She was born March 17, 1937 in Pittsylvania County, a daughter of the late Edward Purcell Watson and Wilmouth Irby Watson. She was a member of St. John Pentecostal Holiness Church and retired from General Electric with thirty-six years of service.

She loved her family deeply and was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Ava loved music, cooking and vacations in Pigeon Forge, TN. Anyone who entered the doors of her home would enjoy being spoiled. She passed peacefully and was surrounded by her family.

She is survived by three sons, Keith Dawson and his wife Robbin of Lynchburg, Wendell Dawson and his wife Stephanie of Gretna, and Twyman Dawson of Hurt; one daughter, Karen Bowling and her husband Tony of Gretna; one brother, Alvis Watson and his wife Jean of Hurt; five sisters, Phyllis LaBrie of Lynchburg, Jane Falls of Appomattox, Cecil Smith of Gretna, Mabel Cross of SC, and Betty Wilborn of Rustburg; two grandchildren, Lauren Keesee and her husband Mark of Altavista and Brent Dawson and his wife, Courtney of Gretna; one great grandchild, Mak Keesee, along with many

loved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Calvin Watson, and a sister, Fannie Newton.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at St. John Pentecostal Holiness Church with the Rev. Tim Lane officiating. Interment will follow in Altavista Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church and other times at the residence.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider St. John Pentecostal Holiness Church, 6658 Dews Road, Hurt, VA 24563 or Gideon's International, Altavista Camp, P.O. Box 193, Altavista, VA 24517.

Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Altavista Memorial Park

642 Wards Road
Altavista, VA 24517

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. John Pentecostal Holiness Church
6658 Dews Road
Hurt, VA 24563

Funeral Service

MAY 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Ava Watson Dawson*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - May 13, 2019 at 10:34 AM

JF

So sorry for your loss we are sending our love and prayers to the family. Such a sweet lady . Falls family.

Jay and Linda falls - May 14, 2019 at 06:06 AM

LR

“ *Dear family, I know your loss and heartache is beyond words. Ava Lou was always a special lady and loved by everyone who met her.*

Linda Rice - May 20, 2019 at 10:05 AM

RL

“ *Robbie Lacks lit a candle in memory of Ava Watson Dawson*



robbie lacks - May 14, 2019 at 08:50 PM

JF

“ Dawson family ; So sorry We cannot be present for the services, hope all understands our situation. So sorry for your loss but she’s looking down on all thinking how lucky I am to be where I am now...
Jim & Jane Falls

Jim & Jane Falls - May 13, 2019 at 09:35 PM

GG

“ You have my deepest sympathy. She was such a sweet person.



Gwen Dawson Goggin - May 13, 2019 at 06:31 PM

JT

“ Dawson family - I am so sorry for your loss. Ms. Ava was such a special lady--she enjoyed talking about her family and I know she loved you all. She will be greatly missed. My prayers are with you all. <3

Jennifer Tuck - May 13, 2019 at 11:54 AM

MS

“ Martha Shelton lit a candle in memory of Ava Watson Dawson



Martha Shelton - May 13, 2019 at 11:38 AM

LD

“ I have known Ava Lou all my life. We all went to St. John Church together. I never saw her that she didn't stop and talk to me. I'm sure the family will miss her dearly. Prayers for you all.

Linda Lewis Dalton - May 13, 2019 at 09:32 AM

DR

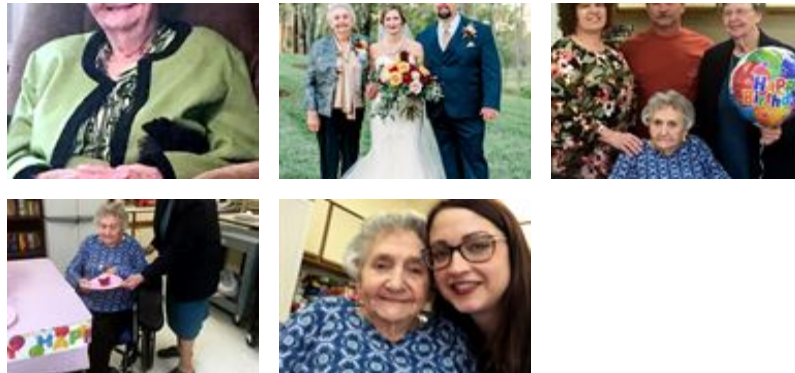
“ Darlene Mc Robertson lit a candle in memory of Ava Watson Dawson



Darlene Mc Robertson - May 13, 2019 at 08:40 AM



“ 38 files added to the album Life Tributes



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - May 13, 2019 at 08:14 AM

LR

“ *Larry Roach lit a candle in memory of Ava Watson Dawson*



Larry Roach - May 13, 2019 at 07:33 AM

PP

“ *Paulette Payne lit a candle in memory of Ava Watson Dawson*



Paulette Payne - May 12, 2019 at 11:02 PM

NR

“ *NANCY DAWSON ROLFE lit a candle in memory of Ava Watson Dawson*



NANCY DAWSON ROLFE - May 12, 2019 at 08:22 PM

FL

“ *Fran Lawhorne lit a candle in memory of Ava Watson Dawson*



Fran Lawhorne - May 12, 2019 at 07:09 PM

DM

“ *Dot [Rorer] Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Ava Watson Dawson*



dot [Rorer] mitchell - May 12, 2019 at 07:06 PM

GW

“ *Gwenda Willard lit a candle in memory of Ava Watson Dawson*



Gwenda Willard - May 12, 2019 at 05:48 PM

TM

“ *We are sorry to hear about Ava Lou she will be missed at St. John we loved hearing her play the piano love and prayers tonya Martin Paul and Janice Irby*

Tonya Martin - May 12, 2019 at 02:39 PM


Melinda
Murray

“ *Karen, Keith, Wendell & Twyman I am so sorry. Aunt Ava Lou was loved by so many and she will never be forgotten. My dear cousins you all will be in my thoughts and prayers. Love y'all.*

Melinda (Cross) Murray

Melinda Murray - May 12, 2019 at 02:33 PM

PF

“ *Page & Betty Finch lit a candle in memory of Ava Watson Dawson*



Page & Betty Finch - May 12, 2019 at 02:23 PM

PF

“ *Ava Lou touched many people! There was not a child that attended St John PH Church that was not touch by her love and compassion. She was always ready to visit the sick with a pie or something good to eat. Ava loved to play the piano and organ. She could play with the best! We are heart broken to hear of her passing, but we know that she is playing her music for the Angels to sing! We were blessed to have known and loved Ava Lou and Albert! They are together again! God bless the family in this time but Ava Lou would say she is at home!*

Page & Betty Finch - May 12, 2019 at 02:21 PM