



## Bernice Austin Poe

April 6, 1923 - June 5, 2014

Bernice Austin Poe, 91, of Altavista died Thursday, June 5, 2014 at Virginia Baptist Hospital. She was the wife of the late Warren Harding Poe.

She was born April 6, 1923 in Halifax County, a daughter of the late Frank Lee Austin and Willie Florence Rice Austin. She was a member of Penuel Baptist Church, a retired employee of the Lynchburg Training School and Hospital and a member of the Altavista Homemakers Club.

She is survived by two loving sons, Kenneth Wayne Poe and his wife Joyce of Altavista and Eugene Harding Poe of Palmspring, CA; two brothers, Russell Austin and his special friend Betty of Phenix and Curtis Austin and his wife Connie of Gladys; three sisters, Mary Croft of Lynchburg, Dorothy Carr and her husband W.T. of Brookneal and Janie Roark and her husband Leroy of Nathalie; two special grandchildren, Angela Poe Moon and her husband Ronald of Altavista and Kevin Wayne Poe and his wife Kelly of Altavista; two very special great grandchildren, Ronald Owen Moon, III and Finley Paige Poe both of Altavista; special friends Bob and Silva McGregor, Juanita West and a sister in law Marie Austin and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill and Willard Austin; a sister Lois Wilson and her husband Lyle.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 9, 2014 at Penuel Baptist Church by the Rev. Carlton Gunter and Rev. David Thurman with interment to follow in Altavista Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m., Sunday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista and other times at Angela's residence, 84 Winston Lane, Altavista.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Penuel Baptist Church, 2770 Wards Road, Altavista, VA 24517.

# Cemetery Details

## Altavista Memorial Park

642 Wards Road  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 8. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Penuel Baptist Church  
2770 Wards Road  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernice Austin Poe*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - June 07, 2014 at 11:02 AM

SF

“ *to Ms. Poe's family, I am so sorry for your loss. Ms. Poe helped me when I lived at CVTC. She was the best caregiver and friend. I will miss her. Steven Farrar*

Steven Farrar - June 15, 2014 at 07:38 PM

TH

“ *Tommy&Shirley Hutcherson lit a candle in memory of Bernice Austin Poe*



Tommy&Shirley Hutcherson - June 12, 2014 at 04:12 PM

JC

“ *Jeanette Seay Creasy lit a candle in memory of Bernice Austin Poe*



jeanette Seay creasy - June 09, 2014 at 09:15 AM

SP

“ Stephanie Perrow lit a candle in memory of  
Bernice Austin Poe



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**Stephanie Perrow** - June 09, 2014 at 07:58 AM

GJ

“ I was so sorry to read about the passing of Bernice. So I wanted to take this time to express my condolence to you for the loss of your loved one. I wanted to share a thought with you that comforted me when I lost a family member in death. The man Job in ( Job 14:14) asks" If an able-bodied man dies can he live again?". Happily Jesus answers in ( John 5:28,29)-Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice 29 and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life” Imagine a resurrection back to life and right here on earth.--( Ps.37:29)-“The righteous themselves will possess the earth. And they will reside forever upon it”. Jesus in ( John 5:28) was relaying a promise from his heavenly Father-(Jehovah-(Ps.83:18) ) who at (Titus 1:2) says is a " God who can not lie" Well I hope that you will be able to draw some comfort from these scriptural thoughts as I did.

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**George Jackson** - June 09, 2014 at 06:27 AM

JR

“ So sad to hear of cousin Bernice's passing. My thoughts are with the family at this time .  
Jackie Rice

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**Jackie w. Rice** - June 08, 2014 at 07:45 PM

BD

“ *Bonnie Payne Dawson lit a candle in memory of Bernice Austin Poe*



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**Bonnie Payne Dawson** - June 08, 2014 at 07:04 PM

NJ

“ *Nancy James lit a candle in memory of Bernice Austin Poe*



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**nancy james** - June 08, 2014 at 06:50 PM

MW

“ *Mike & Jo Ann Weeks lit a candle in memory of Bernice Austin Poe*



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**Mike & Jo Ann Weeks** - June 08, 2014 at 02:29 PM

TS

“ *Tommy Estrada / Palm Springs purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Bernice Austin Poe .*



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**Tommy Estrada / Palm Springs** - June 08, 2014 at 10:21 AM

PR

“ Gene, Wayne and family, so very sorry to hear about your mom's passing. She was always so good to me when I married into the family. I know she will be missed! Love and prayers to each of you.....

Paulette Payne,Rhonda and Rodney - June 07, 2014 at 10:18 AM

BL

“ Just read the death of Aunt Bernice on line, Will always remember how kind and loving she was to my father, her brother Willard. With Love--Bonnie Austin Lewis

Bonnie A Lewis - June 07, 2014 at 07:17 AM

CH

“ Connie Payne Hall lit a candle in memory of Bernice Austin Poe



Connie Payne Hall - June 07, 2014 at 06:06 AM

RW

“ Ralph Woods lit a candle in memory of Bernice Austin Poe



Ralph Woods - June 06, 2014 at 09:24 PM

RW

Love you Bernice.. You made the best Rocky Road ever! RIP dear lady!

Ralph Woods - June 06, 2014 at 09:25 PM



“ *Marlo Henderson lit a candle in memory of Bernice Austin Poe*



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**Marlo Henderson** - June 06, 2014 at 08:53 PM



“ *Patricia Barksdale lit a candle in memory of Bernice Austin Poe*



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**Patricia Barksdale** - June 06, 2014 at 06:26 PM



“ *Dot Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Bernice Austin Poe*



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**dot mitchell** - June 06, 2014 at 06:20 PM



*bernice was one special person. she will always be remembered by her friends*

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**dot mitchell** - June 06, 2014 at 06:24 PM

NR

“ *Nancy Roark sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernice Austin Poe*



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**Nancy Roark** - June 06, 2014 at 04:50 PM

DH

“ *Donna Hall lit a candle in memory of Bernice Austin Poe*



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**Donna Hall** - June 06, 2014 at 04:03 PM

BF

“ *Bell Family lit a candle in memory of Bernice Austin Poe*



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**Bell Family** - June 06, 2014 at 03:18 PM

PB

“ *we will remember Bernice as she was a very lovely lady.*



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**Patsy and Dee Bailey** - June 06, 2014 at 03:17 PM

BM

“ *Bud And Dean Moon lit a candle in memory of Bernice Austin Poe*



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**Bud and Dean Moon** - June 06, 2014 at 02:59 PM

MK

“ *Melinda Kirby lit a candle in memory of Bernice Austin Poe*



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**Melinda Kirby** - June 06, 2014 at 01:38 PM

PF

“ *Pat Floyd lit a candle in memory of Bernice Austin Poe*



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**Pat floyd** - June 06, 2014 at 12:54 PM

SB

“ *Sue Mitchell Blackstock lit a candle in memory of Bernice Austin Poe*



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**Sue Mitchell Blackstock** - June 06, 2014 at 11:34 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Bernice Austin Poe .*



June 06, 2014 at 10:42 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss!*



**Cody** - June 06, 2014 at 10:28 AM



“ *We love you so very much! Bernice was a very special lady and will be sorely missed! Prayers to the family we love you!*



**Cindy, Cody, Shane** - June 06, 2014 at 10:26 AM



“ *Dianne Marshall Irby lit a candle in memory of Bernice Austin Poe*



**Dianne Marshall Irby** - June 06, 2014 at 09:31 AM

GD

“ *Glenn And Bunny David lit a candle in memory of Bernice Austin Poe*



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**Glenn and Bunny David** - June 06, 2014 at 08:44 AM

GD

*Such a Beautiful and sweet lady whom we love very much and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family.*

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**Glenn and Bunny David** - June 06, 2014 at 08:47 AM

TD

“ *Granny Bernice was one of the sweetest people we know. She took me under her wing the first time she met me and became our "adopted" Granny. We feel just like a part of the family and our heart breaks with yours. She is no longer in pain and suffering and we know she is in Heaven this morning singing with the angels. To be absent here on earth is to be present with the Lord. We love every one of y'all and are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.*



*Lynn and Teresa*

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**Teresa David** - June 06, 2014 at 08:01 AM