



## Carl Dowdy

March 6, 1931 - June 29, 2010

Will Carl William (Will) Dowdy, 79, of 2905 Wileman Road, Lynch Station, died Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at Virginia Baptist Hospital. He was married to Ruth D. Dowdy for fifty-four and a half years. He was born March 6, 1931 in Altavista, the son of the late Reaves A. Dowdy, Sr. and Minnie Farmer Dowdy. He was a member of Lynch Station Baptist Church, a retired employee of Burlington Mills/BGF plant with forty-one years of service, served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War in Germany as a cook, and was a lifetime member of the Russell Morris Chapter 46 of Disabled American Veterans. In addition to his wife, he is survived by three brothers, Reaves A. Dowdy, Jr. and his wife Hazel of Hurt, Harold Arnold Dowdy and his wife Cleo of Darlington, South Carolina, and Kenneth W. Dowdy of Gretna; two sisters-in-law, Shirley Dowdy of Altavista and Argene Yeatts Dowdy of Florence, South Carolina; a number of nieces and nephews, especially Byron and Jennifer Dowdy; and a very special friend, Gerald Basham and his wife Linda. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Green A. (Jay) and Franklin R. (Bud) Dowdy. Will sang in the Men's Coral Group of the Lynch Station Baptist Church and formerly with the Staunton River Boys. He was a licensed cosmetologist, was very artistic and loved to paint pictures. Many times he could be seen riding his antique Honda 160 Classic Motorcycle around the Lynch Station area to visit old friends and shut in's. A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Friday, July 2, 2010, Finch & Finch Chapel, Altavista by the Rev. Latta Terry and Rev. Phil Stevens with interment to follow at

Altavista Memorial Park, Military honors conducted by V.F.W. Post 4165. The family will receive friends from 7:00-8:30 p.m., Thursday, July 1, at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista and other times at the residence. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lynch Station Baptist Church Building Fund, 797 Powell Road, Lynch Station, VA 24571.