



Curtis Jewel "CJ" Austin

June 1, 1932 - February 9, 2021

Curtis Jewel "CJ" Austin, 88, of Gladys died Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at Runk and Pratt of Forest.

He was twice married, first to the late Margaret Dickerson Austin and secondly to Connie Rorer Austin who survives.

He was born June 1, 1932 in Halifax County, a son of the late Frank Lee Austin and Willie Rice Austin. He was a member of Penuel Baptist Church, retired from GE Ericsson with thirty-nine years of service, and was a U.S. Army veteran.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a sister, Jane Roark; a granddaughter, Crystal Austin; a great grandson, Dakota Austin; and a former daughter-in-law, Pat Whitehouse.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Gary Donald Austin and Dennis Jeffrey Austin; three brothers, Russell Shirley Austin, Willard Lee Austin and James Edward Austin; and four sisters, Betty Lois Wilson, Bernice Poe, Mary Craft, and Dot Carr.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 11, 2021 at Altavista Memorial Park by the Rev. Carlton Gunter.

You may pay your respects to Mr. Austin from 1:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., Wednesday at Finch and Finch, Inc. Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista.

The family extends a special thanks to the staff of Runk and Pratt of Forest for all of their love and care provided to Mr. Austin during his stay with them.

The family suggests those wishing to make memorials consider Penuel Baptist Church, 2770 Wards Rd., Altavista, VA 24517 or Gladys Volunteer Fire Dept., PO Box 85, Gladys, VA 24554.

Cemetery Details

Altavista Memorial Park

642 Wards Road
Altavista, VA 24517

Previous Events

Paying of Respects

FEB 10. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

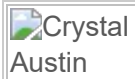
Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Graveside Service

FEB 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Altavista Memorial Park
642 Wards Road
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall

Crystal Austin

“ *Papa, you were loved by everyone who knew you, family and friends alike. I'll never forget you playing your fiddle for me growing up. I remember like it was just yesterday. Dakota and I miss you every day.* ”



Crystal Austin - March 23, 2021 at 10:46 PM

SK

“ *Thinking of Mr. Austin's family. It was always a pleasure for him to stop by our yard sales at my Mom's on Dearborn Rd. I am sure Dennis and Gary waiting with a hug smile and hug for their Dad.* ”

Susan Krantz - February 13, 2021 at 01:38 PM

EW

“ *We knew his son Dennis and bernice Poe who was my neighbor across the road.always helped her when I could . They were very nice to have known them.* ”



Elaine Wright - February 11, 2021 at 04:36 PM

RD

“ *Prayers for CJ's loved ones. May the Lord comfort and guide you in the coming days. 🙏* ”

Robyn Denton - February 10, 2021 at 11:06 PM

ST

“ We are sorry to hear of the passing of CJ. We know he is in a better place and playing his fiddle for the Lord. It was a pleasure to know him here on earth and we look forward to seeing him again. Our thoughts and prayers are with Connie and family. Steven and Carol Wood

Steven - February 10, 2021 at 08:05 AM

SW

“ Steven & Carol Wood lit a candle in memory of Curtis Jewel "CJ" Austin



Steven & Carol Wood - February 10, 2021 at 08:02 AM

BM

“ C J and I played music many ,many times. You couldn't find a better man, friend or musician, always thought of him as one of my best friends. Go rest high on that mountain my friend

Butch mitchell - February 10, 2021 at 07:50 AM

PW

“ "Pop and Strawberry" were two in the same:) My Dennis called him "POP" and I claimed him as "Strawberry" when I was about seventeen years old and came to know the Austin Family. He was an AWESOME Fiddler, playing his heart out on every tune! He always gave a smile and especially if there was a little cake or pie to cherish:) Pop Strawberry you will be missed, but your memory will linger for the rest of my life....I know your two sons, Dennis & Gary Welcomed you HOME! Fly High and keep that Fiddle going! Love you always...Pat, Dennis, Gary, Crystal & Dakota

Pat Whitehouse - February 09, 2021 at 08:13 PM

EL

“ Sorry for your loss.
Donald Ray and Ellyn



Ellyn - February 09, 2021 at 06:38 PM

SL

“ Sue Laughlin lit a candle in memory of Curtis
Jewel "CJ" Austin



Sue Laughlin - February 09, 2021 at 05:38 PM

JF

“ Johny Rorer And Family] sent a virtual gift in
memory of Curtis Jewel "CJ" Austin



Johny Rorer and Family] - February 09, 2021 at 03:56 PM

D[

“ Dot Mitchell [Rorer] sent a virtual gift in memory
of Curtis Jewel "CJ" Austin



Dot Mitchell [Rorer] - February 09, 2021 at 03:51 PM



i am so sorry about c.j. . he was a good person and good . . husband to my sister. may he rest in peace

Dot Mitchell [Rorer] - February 09, 2021 at 03:55 PM