



## Denise St. John Lewis

June 10, 1957 - March 20, 2026

Denise St. John Lewis, 68, of 204 Ramp Road, Hurt died Friday, March 20, 2026 at UVA Health Medical Center.

She was born June 10, 1957 in Lynchburg, a daughter of Hazel "Shorty" Bailess Dowdy and the late Marvin Frank St. John. She was also preceded in death by her stepfather, Reaves Aldridge Dowdy, whom she loved dearly. She was a devoted member of Altavista Baptist Tabernacle Church and a retired employee of BGF. She found great joy in life's simple pleasures, especially time spent at the beach and crocheting. Above all, she treasured the moments shared with her beloved family and held a special place in her heart for her cherished dog, Gracie.

She is survived by one son, Travis Layne and his wife, Mary of Hurt; one daughter, Trish Stevens and her husband, Scott of Altavista; two brothers, James DeRoy St. John and his wife, Jean of Lynch Station and Frank M. St. John and his wife, Mary of Bedford; one sister, Lisa St. John of Hurt; five grandchildren, Nicholas Overstreet (Kelsey), Morgan Lumpkin (Bradley), Seth Layne (Samantha), Gavin Stevens (Emily) and Kaylynn Layne; three great grandchildren, Kolsen, Kameron, Makenzie and a girl due in September, Vivian Blair; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 23, 2026 at

Altavista Baptist Tabernacle by Pastor W.L. Pillow and the Rev. Jason Andrews with interment to follow in Green Lawn Cemetery.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church and other times at Hazel's residence located at 1098 Jasperwood Road, Hurt, VA 24563.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Friends of Campbell County Animal Control, Inc. 1400 Edley Place, Lynchburg, VA 24502.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Green Lawn Cemetery

810 Country Club Road  
Hurt, VA 24563

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 23. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Altavista Baptist Tabernacle  
302 Frazier Road  
Altavista, VA 24517

## Funeral Service

MAR 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Altavista Baptist Tabernacle  
302 Frazier Road  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Martha Shelton lit a candle in memory of Denise Lewis*



Martha Shelton - March 25 at 12:24 PM

JM

“ *We are saddened by Denise's passing. We lift up prayers for comfort and strength for the whole family. -Jennifer Sink McCloud and Jonathan McCloud*



Jennifer McCloud - March 23 at 11:15 AM

JC

“ *Judy Cordle lit a candle in memory of Denise St. John Lewis*



Judy Cordle - March 22 at 07:31 PM

NR

“ *So sorry for the loss of Denise!! Sending love, Sympathy, & Prayers to All Family & Friends!! She will truly be missed by All that Love her!! RIP sweet Friend!!❤️ Nancy & Henry Rowland*



Nancy & Henry Rowland - March 22 at 08:31 AM

ES

“ *Eric Scruggs lit a candle in memory of Denise Lewis*



Eric Scruggs - March 22 at 12:53 AM

LP

“ *Lisa Paschall lit a candle in memory of Denise Lewis*



Lisa Paschall - March 22 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *God has another angel.*

Charlene Moore - March 21 at 07:38 PM

DD

“ *Condolences to family, we worked together at Klopman, sending prayers for you all*

debbie daniel - March 21 at 06:32 PM

TH

“ *Tammie J. Hodges sent a virtual gift in memory of Denise Lewis*



Tammie J. Hodges - March 21 at 02:10 PM

RF

“ *Ron and Janice Sink and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Denise St. John Lewis.*



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**Ron and Janice Sink and family** - March 21 at 11:57 AM

RK

“ *Ruth Towler, Shane Towler, Ashley Keys purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Denise St. John Lewis.*



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**Ruth Towler, Shane Towler, Ashley Keys** - March 21 at 10:35 AM

TB

“ *Trish & Family - many prayers for you all. We are so sorry to hear about your Mom ❤️*



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**Terri Bryant** - March 21 at 12:42 AM

PP

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Denise's passing. She was such a sweet person. My thought and prayers go out to the family in this time of sorrow.*



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**Pat Puckette** - March 20 at 10:22 PM

MS

“ Martha and Wendy Snidow purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Denise St. John Lewis.



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Martha and Wendy Snidow - March 20 at 09:41 PM

KA

“ Denise was a very kind and special person. Our sons were great friends from John L. Hurt ES through graduating at GSHS. She was a great Mom!

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Kathy - March 20 at 09:18 PM

DM

“ DeRoy,Lisa and Marty planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denise St. John Lewis.

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DeRoy,Lisa and Marty - March 20 at 08:21 PM

DM

“ DeRoy,Lisa and Marty purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Denise St. John Lewis.



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DeRoy,Lisa and Marty - March 20 at 08:21 PM

SB

“ Love and prayers to the family. Denise was a sweet, dear lady. Enjoyed our time watching our kids play ball. Good friend.



Sue Blackstock - March 20 at 08:13 PM



“ Dennis Robertson lit a candle in memory of Denise St. John Lewis



Dennis Robertson - March 20 at 08:12 PM

WE

“ William, Amanda & Emily purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Denise St. John Lewis.



William, Amanda & Emily - March 20 at 07:53 PM

LF

“ So sorry to hear about Denise. I worked with her at Klopman Mills. She was such a sweet lady with a beautiful smile. May she now rest in peace , and may God give her loved ones the comfort they need. 🙏🙏



Linda P. Falls - March 20 at 07:30 PM

RD

“ Rhonda DeVercelly lit a candle in memory of  
Denise St. John Lewis



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**Rhonda DeVercelly** - March 20 at 07:02 PM