



## Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton

November 1, 1934 - July 21, 2017

Dorothy "Dot" Blessard Childress Shelton, 82, of 1603 Melinda Drive, Altavista died Friday, July 21, 2017 at her home. She was twice married, first to the late Willie Thomas Childress for forty-two years and secondly to the late Marvin Roy Shelton for twelve years.

She was born November 1, 1934 in Pittsylvania County, a daughter of the late Clarence William Blessard and Cora Farmer Blessard. She was a member of Christian Life Church while faithfully attending all services and serving on the Board. Prior to Christian Life Church, she was a longtime member of Clement Memorial Wesleyan Church where she served on the Board, taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, was President of the Missionary Society, and active in the Youth Department. Dot retired from GE/Ericsson after thirty-eight years of service.

She is survived by a daughter, Wanda Childress of Altavista; a son, Thomas Reid Childress and his wife, Kathy of Dalton, GA; a grandson, Michael Dillard and his wife, Jamie of Hurt; two granddaughters, Lele and Lauren Childress of Dalton, GA; and one great grandson, Brian Thomas.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Leo Blessard; and two sisters, Shirley Pruitt and Sylvia Meyers.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Monday, July 24, 2017 at Christian Life Church by the Rev. Michael Turner, Rev. Dennis Nichols, and Rev. David Bayse with interment to follow in Altavista Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m., Sunday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Christian Life Church, PO Box 218, Altavista, VA 24517.

# Cemetery Details

## Altavista Memorial Park

642 Wards Road  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 23. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JUL 24. 2:00 PM (ET)

Christian Life Church  
333 Shirlen Dr.  
Lynch Station, VA 24571

# Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - July 23, 2017 at 04:05 PM

MA

“ *Marian sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton*



Marian - February 24, 2018 at 11:51 AM

MA

“ *Marian lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton*



Marian - February 24, 2018 at 11:51 AM

TC

“ Wanda, Reid and the family...So sorry to hear of the passing of your dear Mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Nora Layne and Theresa Layne Crouch

Theresa Layne Crouch - September 06, 2017 at 08:27 AM

CS

“ Corinthians Sells lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton



Corinthians sells - August 11, 2017 at 04:12 PM

DH

“ Wanda, Tommy and family. Your mother was related to my father, Charlie DeLappe. I have known your mom for many years and whenever I was home for a visit I would run into her some place. She was a wonderful lady and I know you had great times together. We just lost our mom Eugenia DeLappe Gammon in October, so I know the pain and emptiness you are feeling, but we will all meet again some day. Dana DeLappe Hodges, Ruckersville, VA

Dana Hodges - July 31, 2017 at 11:19 AM

WV

“ Dot Childress was a great person. She will be greatly missed. My wife and I worshiped with her, and I worked with her at Ericsson. Our sympathy goes to the Blessard, Childress and Shelton families.

Wesley Vaughn - July 29, 2017 at 10:20 AM

MM

“ To the family, Dot was a ray of sunshine. I loved her dearly and considered her a wonder friend. I was so shocked to hear about her passing. You were blessed to have had her in your life. She will truly be missed.

Mary Moses-Hicks - July 27, 2017 at 07:56 PM

VC

“ Thoughts and Prayers to the Childress family.



vicky creasy - July 27, 2017 at 07:51 AM

CS

“ So sorry for your lost.

Charlotte Shelton - July 24, 2017 at 07:43 PM

VE

I'm so sorry for your loss

Valerie Dudley Eagle - July 25, 2017 at 07:21 PM

RD

“ Thoughts and prayers to all of you! Dorothy was always so good to me as a child, so patient. I know you will all miss her. I have been in NY for a wedding, home late last evening and just saw this via my email. May God warm your hearts with forever memories. Robbie Dawson

Robert E. Dawson - July 24, 2017 at 01:53 PM

CC

“ Clara Childress lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton



Clara Childress - July 24, 2017 at 12:40 PM

JL

“ James&Julia Lukin lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton



James&Julia Lukin - July 24, 2017 at 12:31 PM

KS

“ Sorry to hear about Dot's passing. I started preparing her taxes about 4 years ago and she was such a nice pleasant lady. Prayers for her family.

Kenneth G Simpson

KENNETH GILES SIMPSON - July 24, 2017 at 11:28 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton



July 24, 2017 at 10:36 AM

MN

“ *Marian West Novak lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton*



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**marian west novak** - July 23, 2017 at 11:30 PM

DP

“ *Dixie And Gary Poindexter lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton*



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**Dixie and Gary Poindexter** - July 23, 2017 at 08:28 PM

SA

“ *Suellyn Reynolds Allen lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton*



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**Suellyn Reynolds Allen** - July 23, 2017 at 04:29 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton .*



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July 23, 2017 at 04:11 PM



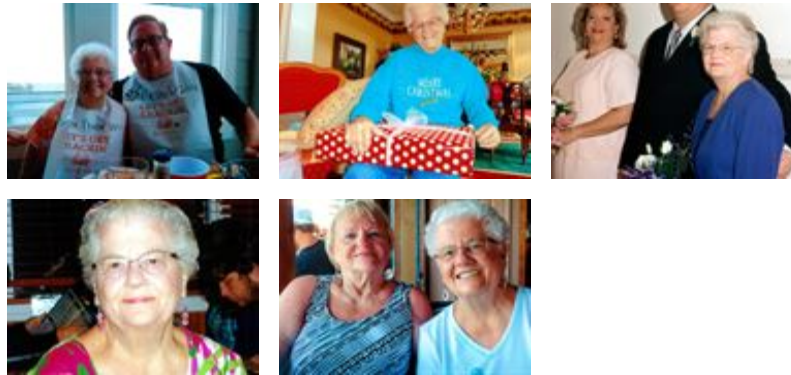
“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton .



July 23, 2017 at 03:34 PM



“ 78 files added to the album Life Tributes



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - July 23, 2017 at 03:21 PM



“ Billy & Diane Davis lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton



Billy & Diane Davis - July 23, 2017 at 10:48 AM

JF

“ JOYCE D FISHER lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton



JOYCE D FISHER - July 23, 2017 at 10:21 AM

MC

“ Michael, Jackie and Sarah Compton purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton .



Michael, Jackie and Sarah Compton - July 23, 2017 at 10:02 AM

JM

“ Jimmy And Anne Marr lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton



jimmy and anne marr - July 23, 2017 at 09:17 AM

SP

“ Stephanie Perrow lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton



Stephanie Perrow - July 23, 2017 at 08:41 AM

MB

“ *Melissa Booker lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton*



Melissa Booker - July 23, 2017 at 08:41 AM

BS

“ *BRENDA SHELTON lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton*



BRENDA SHELTON - July 23, 2017 at 08:20 AM

BH

“ *Brenda And Kenneth Hudson lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton*



Brenda and Kenneth Hudson - July 23, 2017 at 06:51 AM

AP

“ *Dearest Reid, Wanda, and Family, Thinking of you with sympathy and love. Your mom was a treasure. She blessed everyone she met with her joyful spirit and warm smile. Much love, Anita*



Anita Freeman Phillips - July 22, 2017 at 10:24 PM

NR

“ Nancy Roark sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton



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**Nancy Roark** - July 22, 2017 at 09:54 PM

NR

*Fly high my dearest and sweetest friend. You truly deserve your wings!*

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**Nancy Roark** - July 22, 2017 at 09:55 PM

BS

SO SO VERY TRUE

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**BRENDA SHELTON** - July 23, 2017 at 08:16 AM

AC

“ All our love, Randy and Pat. Childress purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton .



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**All our love, Randy and Pat. Childress** - July 22, 2017 at 09:29 PM

MB

“ Mona Bennett lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton



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**Mona Bennett** - July 22, 2017 at 08:38 PM

DM

“ *Dot Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton*



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**dot mitchell** - July 22, 2017 at 08:12 PM

DM

*R.i.P. DEAR FRIEND. I know you will be missed by a lot of people. She had a smile that you could never for get.*

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**dot mitchell** - July 22, 2017 at 08:16 PM

SP

*One of the most caring and giving people you will find. She had a wonderful loving spirit. She dedicated her life to serving others. Her family and friends were her source of joy. Aunt Dot will be sadly missed, with fond memories of the time we spent together and the care she gave to us.*

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**Steve Pruitt** - July 23, 2017 at 08:35 AM

RC

“ *Roger,patsy Clements lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton*



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**Roger,patsy clements** - July 22, 2017 at 08:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton*



July 22, 2017 at 07:33 PM



“ *Ronald And Linda Johnston sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton*



**Ronald and Linda Johnston** - July 22, 2017 at 07:30 PM



“ *Jerry&Doris Watlington*



**jJerry Watlington** - July 22, 2017 at 07:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton*



July 22, 2017 at 07:19 PM

BG

“ *Bill And Betty Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton*



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**Bill and Betty Gillespie** - July 22, 2017 at 07:01 PM

BG

*We are so very sorry for the loss of Dot - a beautiful person inside and out. Thought so very much of her. She will be missed. Heaven is rejoicing and our prayers are with her family as they mourn. God bless you all.*

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**Bill and Betty Gillespie** - July 22, 2017 at 07:03 PM

MS

“ *So sorry to hear the passing of your Mother. My thoughts and prayers for Wanda and Reid and the entire family.*

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**Mike Southern** - July 22, 2017 at 06:50 PM

GR

“ *Geneieve Rowland lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton*



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**Geneieve Rowland** - July 22, 2017 at 05:51 PM



“ *Deborah Irby lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton* ”



Deborah Irby - July 22, 2017 at 05:24 PM



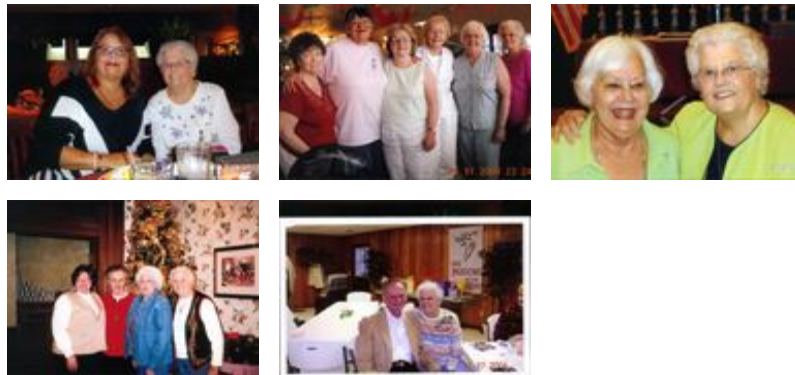
“ *Donnie Bryant lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton* ”



Donnie Bryant - July 22, 2017 at 05:05 PM



“ *6 files added to the album LifeTributes* ”



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - July 22, 2017 at 04:41 PM

GG

“ So very sorry to hear about Dorothy. She was such a sweet person.



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**Gwen Dawson Goggin** - July 22, 2017 at 04:30 PM

DM

“ I'm so sorry for you loss. Your mom was one of the sweetest people I ever knew. You are in my thoughts  
*Dale Menzel*



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**Dale Menzel** - July 22, 2017 at 04:11 PM

DT

“ Debra Thurman lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton



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**Debra Thurman** - July 22, 2017 at 04:11 PM



“ I haven't known Dot very long. I moved on Melinda Drive in 2012 I met her at church just last year and we accidentally discovered we were neighbors. I am a nurse and we began to chat. She always was pleasant and she was a good Godly woman. I appreciated our times together though they were few!! I will miss Dot!! God bless this family during this sad time!! My prayers are with you!!! Teresa Burnette, LPN



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**Teresa Burnette** - July 22, 2017 at 04:07 PM



“ Vickie Cocke lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton



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**Vickie Cocke** - July 22, 2017 at 04:06 PM



“ Kim Hammond lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton



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**Kim Hammond** - July 22, 2017 at 04:06 PM

CL

“ Wanda I am so sorry for your loss. Was such a shock. Your mom was a wonderful lady, always so friendly. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.



Carolyn Little - July 22, 2017 at 04:04 PM

DI

“ Dianne Irby lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton



Dianne Irby - July 22, 2017 at 03:58 PM

VL

“ Virginia Lanier lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton



Virginia Lanier - July 22, 2017 at 03:58 PM

PD

“ Phyllis & Glenn Dalton lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton



Phyllis & Glenn Dalton - July 22, 2017 at 03:36 PM

SP

“ Sharon Peirano lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton



Sharon Peirano - July 22, 2017 at 03:36 PM



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Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - July 22, 2017 at 03:27 PM

JT

“ Judy Turner lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton



Judy Turner - July 22, 2017 at 03:27 PM

AS

“ She was and will be in my heart forever. What she meant to me I haven't the words to tell you. She was there for me daily after my son, Michael, passed away, Each day or evening. God needed another Angel with Him, and He chose the best Christian and believer He wanted. And He chose the Best. I will miss her daily, and she is in good Hands now and forever. Arlene Scott, Bedford.

Arlene Scott - July 22, 2017 at 03:18 PM

TB

“ Aunt Dot was a sweet gentle lady! We will miss her..Reid and Wanda, thoughts and prayers with you & your families.

Tammy & Bobby Brammer - July 22, 2017 at 03:14 PM

RW

“ Ralph Woods lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton



Ralph Woods - July 22, 2017 at 02:40 PM

DL

“ Donald Vickie Layne lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton



Donald Vickie Layne - July 22, 2017 at 02:39 PM

SD

“ One of the finest Christian women we've ever had the privilege of knowing and loving. Heaven has truly gained an angel. Rest in peace Dot. We'll miss you!

Steve and Jean Dalton - July 22, 2017 at 02:37 PM

PP

“ *Pat Puckette lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton*



Pat Puckette - July 22, 2017 at 02:29 PM

KW

“ *Kathy And Ray Walker lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton*



Kathy and Ray Walker - July 22, 2017 at 02:27 PM

SL

“ *Sheila & James Little lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton*



Sheila & James Little - July 22, 2017 at 02:21 PM



“ *Cindy Stewart lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blessard Childress Shelton*



Cindy Stewart - July 22, 2017 at 02:14 PM



“ *Butterflies bring me comfort ... prayers family from all of us*



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**Kevin Kim Taylor** - July 22, 2017 at 02:01 PM



“ *Wanda and Reid and grandkids your Mom was incredible and never met a stranger .. she was always a faithful friend to my mom.. I treasure the memories we shared as kids camping and hanging out.. God grant you peace and serenity atthis time .. love you all*



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**Kevin Kim Taylor** - July 22, 2017 at 02:00 PM