



## Edward Dixon Anthony

December 9, 1944 - January 1, 2026

Edward Dixon Anthony of Altavista passed away Thursday, January 1, 2026 at his home.

He was born December 9, 1944 in Altavista, the oldest son of the late Allen Julian Anthony and Lou Ethel Edwards Hairston Anthony. He was a deacon at First Baptist Church, a retired employee of Babcock & Wilcox, and a U.S. Army veteran of Vietnam. Edward had a passion for photography and music, especially the guitar, and was a member of the group Unity of Praise, for whom he played bass guitar.

He is survived by three sisters, Mozella Anthony, Ethel M. Anthony, and Sharon Anthony, all of Lynchburg; one brother, James Aubrey Anthony of Texas; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Virginia Hubbard, Lois Hood, and Linda Anthony; and four brothers, Oliver Anthony, Robert Hairston, Thomas Anthony, and Alfred Anthony.

A viewing will be held Friday, January 16, 2026 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Finch & Finch Funeral Home in Altavista.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 17, 2026

at First Baptist Church, 710 12th Street, Altavista, officiated by Pastor Sinclair Hall with interment to follow in the church cemetery, 3579 Wards Road, Hurt.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Gospel Musical Workshop/Unity of Praise, Director Timothy Crews, Sr., 916 Main St., Altavista, VA 24517 or help with funeral expenses by visiting the following link <<https://www.tmcfunding.com/funds/edward-dixon-anthony/15194/>>

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

# Cemetery Details

## First Baptist Church Cemetery

3579 Wards Road  
Hurt, VA 24563

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JAN 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
710 12th Street  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Tribute Wall



“ 4 files added to the album Funeral Service



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - January 19 at 02:58 PM

SS

“ I can't help but think back to when I first started playing piano at First Baptist. Ed was on bass, always smiling, always asking, “What key are we in?” I'd tell him, and he'd laugh and say, “You sure?” Those moments meant more than we knew at the time. Serving together in the music department wasn't just music — it was family, it was joy, it was purpose. My heart is heavy knowing he's gone, but I'm grateful for every note we shared. You will be deeply missed, my brother. Fly high, bass player. 🎵🙏

S. Spinner - January 09 at 09:24 AM

JT

“ Sorry for your loss my condolences to the Anthony family

John Tanks - January 09 at 05:26 AM

WT

A great man of faith, condolences with GOD'S BLESSINGS at all times to the families ❤️. Rosco.

William Turner - January 10 at 11:01 AM