



## Ezra "Sterling" Dawson

October 10, 1930 - September 19, 2025

Ezra "Sterling" Dawson, 94, of 138 Ivy Cliff Road died Friday, September 19, 2025 at Centra Lynchburg General Hospital. He was the husband of Phyllis Clark Dawson for sixty-five years.

He was born October 10, 1930 in Pittsylvania County, a son of the late Luther Lewis Dawson and Lizzie Vaughan Dawson. He attended St. John Pentecostal Holiness Church and was a retired farmer.

He is survived by two sons, Darryl S. Dawson of Hurt and Danny D. Dawson of Lynchburg; one daughter, Cynthia Place of Hurt; one brother, Paul Dawson and his wife, Iris of Rocky Mount, VA; one sister, Jean "Bernice" Watson of Hurt and one grandson, Gunnor Lee Place of Alexandria, VA.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Lawrence Dawson, Albert Dawson and Russell Dawson; and two sisters, Lucille Robertson and Betty Puckette.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at St. John Pentecostal Holiness Church by Tony Bowling with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider St. John

Pentecostal Holiness Church, 6658 Dews Road, Hurt, VA 24563.

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

# Cemetery Details

## St. John Pentecostal Holiness Church Cemetery

6658 Dews Road  
Hurt, VA 24563

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. John Pentecostal Holiness Church  
6658 Dews Road  
Hurt, VA 24563

# Tribute Wall

CO

“ Danny and Darryl sorry for the loss of your father .Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Much love, Carla O'Brien (Boley)

Carla O'Brien - September 25, 2025 at 01:08 AM

LR

“ Dear Phyllis and family, I am sad to hear of this great loss. I have fond memories of Sterling, having grown up very close to each other. Prayers for Blessings for each and all of you.



Linda Lanier Rice - September 22, 2025 at 01:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ezra "Sterling" Dawson.



September 22, 2025 at 09:44 AM

RN

“ Robert & Christie (Dawson) New lit a candle in memory of Ezra "Sterling" Dawson



Robert & Christie (Dawson) New - September 22, 2025 at 08:57 AM

RD

“ Rhonda DeVercelly lit a candle in memory of Ezra "Sterling" Dawson



Rhonda DeVercelly - September 21, 2025 at 06:26 PM

DM

“ Dot Rorer Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Ezra "Sterling" Dawson



Dot Rorer Mitchell - September 21, 2025 at 02:23 PM

CB

“ So sorry for your families loss. He was a kind and gentle man. My deepest sympathies to Phyllis, Cindy and Danny and Daryl. Spent so many weekends with all of you growing up.



Carolyn Betterton - September 21, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ Just thinking of the days of working in tobacco on the farm. Such good memories!



Dennis Robertson - September 21, 2025 at 12:14 AM

SF

“ *Sandra Farris lit a candle in memory of Ezra  
"Sterling" Dawson*



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**sandra Farris** - September 20, 2025 at 09:37 PM