



## Florence Powell Deese

December 26, 1932 - February 13, 2021

Florence Powell Deese, of 1825 Ridgeway Avenue, Altavista, Virginia, passed away on Saturday, February 13, 2021 at the Summit.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles H. Deese, of 56 years. She was born pm December 26, 1932 in Whitmell, VA, Pittsylvania County to the late Charles S. Powell and Rebecca J. Powell of Chatham, VA.

She was a member of Lane Memorial United Methodist Church, Altavista, VA. She was the president of the Susanna Wesley Sunday School Class, taught Sunday School, President of the Wesleyan Service Guild several times, Chairman of Circle 7, numerous times, and a recipient of the Life Membership of The U.M.W. Lane Memorial.

She was retired from Campbell County Schools as a Secretary/ Bookkeeper for 26 years. She also worked at Burlington Industries for 7 years in the office when she first came to Altavista. She was the president of Campbell County Secretaries Association several times. Upon graduating from High School, she attended Danville Memorial School of Nursing, also Community College in Lynchburg.

She is survived by one son, C. Kirk Deese and wife, Wanda of Haymarket, VA; one daughter, Jan C. Bryant and husband, Mike of Forest, VA; two

grandchildren, Meghan E. Bryant of Sarasota, FL (Rebecca) and Justin M. Bryant of Palmyra, VA (Megan); great grandchildren, Charles Bryant and Daniel Bryant. Also surviving are brothers, Clyde S. Powell of Chatham, VA, Roy H. Powell of Danville, VA, and Charles M. Powell and wife, Vickie of The Villages, FL; one deceased brother, Russell D. Powell of Danville, VA. Surviving sisters are Doris P. Ferguson of Danville, VA, Ruth P. Burnett of Blairs, VA, Jane P. Dalton of Gretna, VA, and Sue P. Boscarnio and husband, Art of Altavista, VA, and many nieces and nephews in Virginia and North Carolina.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Finch and Finch Chapel, Altavista by the Rev. Ben Horrocks with interment to follow in Highland Burial Park, Danville.

The family will receive friends one and a half hours prior to the service.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider the Lane Memorial United Methodist Church, 1201 Bedford Avenue, Altavista, VA 24517 or the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Burial Park

3059 N. Main St.  
Danville, VA 24540

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Ceremony

FEB 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Florence Powell Deese*



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**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - February 20, 2021 at 10:51 AM

PS

*Jan and Kirk,  
A beautiful service and please know our hearts and prayers are with  
you all.  
Penny and Dan*

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**Penny Shepard** - February 20, 2021 at 02:33 PM



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Florence Powell Deese*



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**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - February 17, 2021 at 10:12 AM

FL

“ *Faye Johnson Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Florence Powell Deese*



**Faye Johnson Lawrence** - February 22, 2021 at 09:46 AM

PI

“ *Paul VanKerckhove II lit a candle in memory of Florence Powell Deese*



**Paul VanKerckhove II** - February 21, 2021 at 07:49 AM

NE

“ *Jan and Kirk,  
I was sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I have fond memories of her beautiful smile and how organized she was! May God give you and your family comfort and peace during this difficult time.*

*Nancy Edwards*

**Nancy Edwards** - February 20, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Florence Powell Deese.*



February 18, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ 72 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - February 17, 2021 at 10:12 AM

PP

“ *Jan and Kirk,  
I remember that your Mom always had a Regal quality about her.  
Beautiful, elegant and kind. My deepest sympathy for her passing.  
She was a blessing.*

*Paul and Malora Powell*

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**Paul Powell** - February 16, 2021 at 01:57 PM

EP

“ *To Jan and family sorry to about your Mom's  
passing. Prayers go out to your entire family.*



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**EDDIE PUCKETTE** - February 16, 2021 at 01:12 PM

KG

“ *My sincere condolences to Jan my good friend from high school and her family in the loss of their mother. No doubt a very very special woman.*

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**kyle goldsmith** - February 16, 2021 at 12:32 PM

GS

“ *Geraldine Shelton lit a candle in memory of Florence Powell Deese*



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**Geraldine Shelton** - February 16, 2021 at 12:31 PM

CP

“ *Florence, my beautiful sister was always so gracious especially to me and Vikki. We remember the fun times gathering at the home place to share meals and stories with family. Jan and Kirk , What great parents you had! Wish we could be there on Saturday. I know Florence is with Charles and Mom and Dad but best of all Christ Jesus.*

*Love to all my family from Charlie (Morris) and Vikki*

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**Charlie Powell** - February 16, 2021 at 09:52 AM

PS

“ Such fond memories of Aunt Florence and all the happiness she would always bring with her whenever we were together. Will never forget all the good times out at Nannie and Papa’s on Sunday afternoons when we were all there, making lifelong memories to help us through times like this now. Just recently, we looked at wedding photos, remembering the shower she gave us and how much fun that was, 37 years ago. Jan and Kirk, please know you are in our thoughts and prayers and your Mom will always hold a special place in our hearts.  
In loving memory,  
Penny and Dan Shepard



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penny shepard - February 16, 2021 at 09:27 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Florence Powell Deese.



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February 16, 2021 at 09:13 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Florence Powell Deese.



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February 16, 2021 at 08:02 AM

CW

“ I have very fond memories of Florence when she was at Moseley Heights Elementary. She made it a pleasure to call to get any needed information about your child. My deepest sympathy to the family. Carol Brown Willis

Carol Brown Willis - February 16, 2021 at 08:01 AM

BH

“ Betty Hunley lit a candle in memory of Florence Powell Deese



Betty Hunley - February 15, 2021 at 10:17 PM

AP

“ Jan and Kirk and Family: I have fond memories of your dear mother as school secretary. I was in 4th grade the year our community schools first integrated around 1970 and she was the school secretary of our little school with four classes, one each of 1st - 4th grade. She was often the only person in the office that year. Years later I had the pleasure of teaching in the building where she was secretary. I will always remember her beautiful smile. My heartfelt sympathy to each of you. 💕



Anita Freeman Phillips - February 15, 2021 at 09:11 PM

BC

“ Mrs Deese was just the sweetest lady. I have had the joy of doing her hair for the last 20 years. She loved her curls. She will be missed. Prayers to the entire family. I had the joy of meeting each and everyone of you from all of her stories that she told about each one of you. She loved her family and she was proud of each one of you

Becky Cox - February 15, 2021 at 08:57 PM

RD

“ Mrs. Deese was a beautiful and lovely lady and it was a pleasure to see her and talk to her in the AES. Sincere condolences to the family.

Rosemary Dalton - February 15, 2021 at 08:33 PM

PM

“ Jan and Kirk, My heart goes out to you in the loss of your mother. It is so hard to lose your mom but know that brought her so much joy. She will be missed.



Pat Myers - February 15, 2021 at 07:53 PM

JH

“ Mrs. Deese was a very sweet lady! Always had encouraging words! My dearest sympathy to Kirk and Jan and family!



Jill Slusher Hostetter - February 15, 2021 at 05:27 PM

KF

“ We will always remember the many good family times together that we were so blessed to have with Aunt Florence. The many great dishes and desserts she shared with us and the Love she always showed to each of us.

The many tales of her childhood my Dad Roy shared with us of their times together on the farm. All Precious Memories ! Rest in Peace and Joy until we meet again in Heaven.



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**Kenny and Teresa Powell and Family** - February 15, 2021 at 05:08 PM

JW

“ Jan, Kirk, and Families,

Sincere condolences to you on the loss of your Mother. May God's love and precious memories sustain you now and in the days to come.

Ken and Joan Woodson



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**Joan Woodson** - February 15, 2021 at 02:24 PM

SS

So sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. Our sincere sympathy to you and your family. May God grant you His peace.  
Sally and David Sease

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**Sally and David Sease** - February 15, 2021 at 08:17 PM

CS

“ I will always remember Mrs. Deese from the days at Moseley Heights Elementary. Her black hair, smiling lips and bright teeth. A beautiful person I had the privilege of knowing. Rest my friend.

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**Celeste Shirlen** - February 15, 2021 at 01:44 PM

RC

“ *Mrs. Deese was one of the most sweetest and caring lady who always had time to listen or willing to help with a beautiful smile. She took much pride in her family, church and the students at school.*  
*Our Sincere Sympathy to her family.*



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**Ray and Kay Caldwell** - February 15, 2021 at 01:39 PM