



## Gail Mayhew Shelton

May 4, 1953 - July 3, 2020

Sonja Gail Mayhew Shelton, 67, of 908 7th Street, Altavista went to her heavenly home on Friday, July 3, 2020 at Centra Lynchburg General Hospital.

She was born May 4, 1953 in Altavista, a daughter of the late Virgil Motley Mayhew, Sr. and Delores Keesee "Tootie" Mayhew. She was a hairstylist that enjoyed canning, crocheting, crafts and loved her grandchildren who fondly called her "Granny Gail".

She is survived by two daughters, Amanda Royer (Kenneth Thacker) of Altavista and Melinda Bennett (Earl Robertson) of Hurt; one brother, Virgil Motley Mayhew, Jr. of Alexandria, Va.; one sister, JoEllen Mayhew Venckus of Long Island, Va.; and four grandchildren, Casey Marie Shelton, Emily Brooke Gibson, Taylor Elizabeth Nichols and Katelyn Marie Bennett.

A memorial service will be conducted at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, July 12, 2020 at Finch and Finch Chapel, Altavista by Pastor W.L. Pillow.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider the Alzheimer's Association, 355 Rio Road West, Suite 102, Central and Western Virginia Chapter, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or the American Cancer Society, 2050 Langhorne Rd., Ste. 201, Lynchburg, VA 24501.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 12. 4:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Inc. Funeral and Cremation Service  
P.O. Box 85  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Gail Mayhew Shelton*



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**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - July 12, 2020 at 10:09 AM



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Gail Mayhew Shelton*



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**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - July 07, 2020 at 09:16 AM

**SB**

*How wonderful that there were so many pictures to create this with. Thank you for sharing.*

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**Shirley Mayhew Bailey** - July 07, 2020 at 11:01 AM

**AS**

*It was beautiful.....loved seeing all the pictures, and even though, I know she will be greatly missed....her faith has now become sight....no more pain, no more tears, she has reached her final destination. My prayers continue for the family.*

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**Angie Snyder** - July 07, 2020 at 11:57 PM

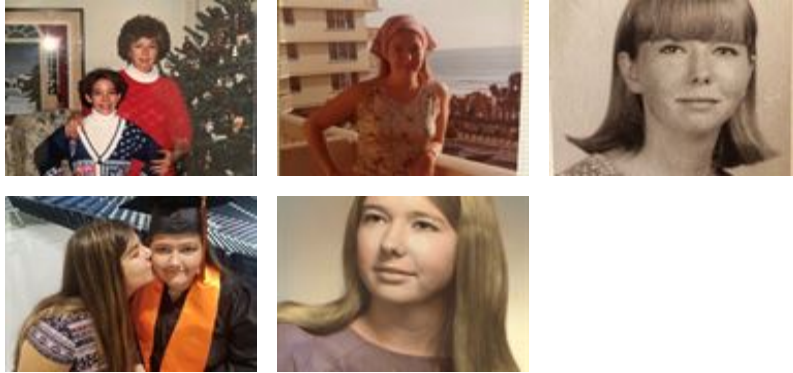
PB

*Sorry to hear of Gail's passing. She was a neighbor from her time in Northvale NJ. Great neighbor, great family*

Perry Buongiorno - January 28, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ 5 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - July 08, 2020 at 03:50 PM

HS

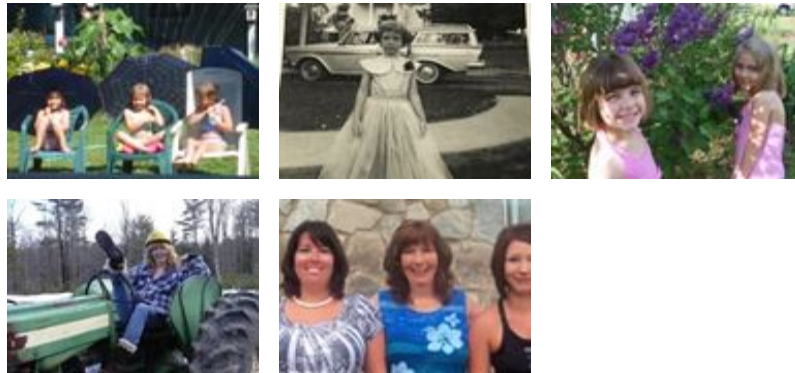
“ Heather Short lit a candle in memory of Gail Mayhew Shelton



Heather Short - July 07, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ 70 files added to the album Life Tributes



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - July 07, 2020 at 09:12 AM

KJ

“ I saw Gail not too long ago and we talked about times together when our girls were younger. It was so good to talk to her. She loved all her girls so much. Hugs and prayers to all of you.



Kenda Jacobs - July 07, 2020 at 07:28 AM

VC

“ Thoughts and Prayers sent to the Mayhew family.



vicky creasy - July 06, 2020 at 05:12 PM

MP

“ Your kindness was appreciated, you love unconditional and home always welcoming. Rest in peace my sweet cousin, rest in peace.

Michael Sherwood Peatross - July 06, 2020 at 05:07 PM

SD

“ *Stacey Dalton lit a candle in memory of Gail Mayhew Shelton*



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**Stacey Dalton** - July 06, 2020 at 01:15 PM

TT

“ *Condolences to Gail's family. And to Gail: Thanks for keeping my MOM's hair looking good all those years and for her funeral service. I enjoyed seeing you when I would visit Altavista. You were a great neighbor and friend.*  
*Tommy Townsend*

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**Tommy L. Townsend** - July 06, 2020 at 12:12 PM

TT

“ *Thanks for keeping MOM's hair looking good for years at home and after her death. Love you. T L Townsend*

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**Tommy Townsend** - July 06, 2020 at 11:52 AM

DG

“ *Debbie Gibson lit a candle in memory of Gail Mayhew Shelton*



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**Debbie Gibson** - July 05, 2020 at 11:33 PM

DF

“ So sorry to hear this, prayers for family



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**Debbie Daniel And Family** - July 05, 2020 at 08:35 PM

NR

“ Nancy Roark sent a virtual gift in memory of Gail Mayhew Shelton



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**Nancy Roark** - July 05, 2020 at 05:49 PM

NR

*So sorry to hear about Gail's passing. She was a great hairstylist and always so congenial. My prayers are with the entire Family.*

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**Nancy Roark** - July 05, 2020 at 05:53 PM

GW

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers

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**Gwenda Willard** - July 05, 2020 at 04:57 PM

RC

“Melinda, Amanda and family, I don't know where to begin or say only that Gail was a trip and that laugh I'll never forget so many memories and wonderful times growing up playing on Lynn Street,. The family get together and Uncle Billy's Day years ago. Her dreams came true having you two beautiful daughters and her grandchildren she wanted you all so much and loved you all dearly. With time the sickness came in to play and Gail wasn't herself it's like she lost her way.



As the days and years come and go know that she was so proud of you all and her heart was full of love. Remember the fun times and gather her memories to share and pass on.

Sickness can change anyone and will cause great pain for all. With my love I send my condolences and prayers for all and for brighter days ahead.

Ray and Kay

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Ray and Kay Caldwell - July 05, 2020 at 04:29 PM

JV

“Gail was so talented in so many arts and crafts. As a teenager I remember her going to a fabric store and making a complete outfit for school the next day. She loved ceramics, she was very creative in crocheting and making wreaths, actually she could make anything. Her very best thing she made was Sweet pickles. She was very kind and generous and shared her pickles with family and friends. Gail was very generous and compassionate. I will miss her dearly.

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JoEllen Venckus - July 05, 2020 at 03:29 PM

JV

“ *JoEllen Venckus lit a candle in memory of Gail Mayhew Shelton*



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**JoEllen venckus** - July 05, 2020 at 03:19 PM

SP

“ *Susan Phillips lit a candle in memory of Gail Mayhew Shelton*



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**Susan Phillips** - July 05, 2020 at 03:03 PM