



James Carleton Dudley

May 18, 1932 - September 22, 2018

James Carleton Dudley, 86 of 771 Peerman School Road, Altavista died Saturday, September 22, 2018 at Gretna Health and Rehab. He was the husband of Laura Eades Dudley for 66 years.

He was born May 18, 1932 in Campbell County, a son of the late James Hillsman Dudley and Hallie Moses Dudley. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and a retired shop superintendent of Yeatts Transfer. James was a devoted and amazing husband and father.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Rose Marie Dudley of Altavista and Rachel Dudley and her special friend Jim Jones of Forest; a brother, Dennis Dudley and his wife Lucille of North Carolina; two sisters, Kathryn Mitchell of Altavista and Helen Hillsman and her husband James of Altavista; two special brothers-in-law, Henry Stephan Eades and Charlie Chapman; one granddaughter, Pamela Lukin and her husband Scott of Altavista; two great grandchildren, Garry James Lukin and Kenneth Lukin of Altavista; a number of nieces and nephews; and a canine companion Collette.

He was preceded in death by a son, James C. Dudley, Jr.; a sister, Shirley Thurman; two brothers, Troy and Roy "Zeke" Dudley; and a special sister-in-law, Dorothy Chapman.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at Calvary Baptist Church, Altavista by the Rev. Jim Critchley, Pastor Jonathan Falwell, Rev. David Heerspink and Pastor Keith Vinson with interment to follow in Altavista Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m., Tuesday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista and other times at the residence.

The family would like to thank Rev. Jim Critchley, Pastor Jonathan Falwell, Rev. David Heerspink, Pastor Keith Vinson and Gretna Health and Rehab.

Cemetery Details

Altavista Memorial Park

642 Wards Road
Altavista, VA 24517

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 25. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

SEP 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church
226 Riverbend Road
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall

AB

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Amber Benfield



Amber Benfield - September 26, 2018 at 07:15 PM

RA

Thank you for your thoughtfulness, Amber. God Bless you. Rachel

Rachel - October 01, 2018 at 01:16 PM

TO

“ Rachel, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. One day we will all be together...for eternity.



Tracy Ohlinger - September 26, 2018 at 12:54 PM

RA

Thank you so much for your faithfulness with always inquiring about my Daddy and also for your support and encouragement, Tracy. I appreciate you and your friendship more than you realize. Please tell John "hello". God Bless you. Rachel

Rachel - October 01, 2018 at 01:18 PM

BC

“ I am so sorry that I could not see everyone during this time. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Becky Cox - September 26, 2018 at 09:05 AM

RA

Thank you and we understand, Becky. God Bless you. Rachel

Rachel - October 01, 2018 at 01:19 PM

BC

“ *Becky B Cox lit a candle in memory of James Carleton Dudley*



Becky B Cox - September 26, 2018 at 09:04 AM

RA

Thank you again for visiting with my Daddy and cutting his hair at LGH, Becky. You are a genuine blessing. God Bless you. Rachel

Rachel - October 02, 2018 at 09:33 AM

RG

“ *I've known Carlton for 41 years, since I married his niece Brenda Gardner. Carlton has always been a gracious man that made me feel welcome in his home. Carlton always took time to talk to me and was very articulate in what he had to say. I know Carlton was a hard working man that did his job well. Carlton loved people, he'd help anyone with anything and never expect something for doing it. Carlton loved the Lord and his Christian belief was very prevalent when you were around him. Carlton lived a great, successful life and was a self made man. Carlton was his self everytime I saw him and that's a rare attribute that I rarely see anymore. Carlton's love he had for Laura, Marie, Rachel, Pamela, his grandchildren and God was as strong a love I've ever seen. I as many others are blessed to have been fortunate to known Carlton and again I as well as many others will miss him dearly. I know that one day Carlton and I will meet again in our eternal home Heaven. Rest well Carlton.*

Randy Gardner - September 25, 2018 at 07:49 PM

RA

Thank you so much for your your kind words, Randy. I appreciate you so much. My Daddy truly was an amazing man. Thank you for attending the service. I wish I could have talked with you. God Bless you. Rachel

Rachel - October 01, 2018 at 01:23 PM

RG

“*James Carleton Dudley will be greatly missed. When I think about Carleton I think of what a respectable and honorable man he was that worked hard and raised such a beautiful family. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. The bible says in Psalm 73:26 “My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” which means Carleton will be with our Gracious Heavenly Father forever and we will see Carleton again.*



RANDALL GARDNER - September 25, 2018 at 06:48 PM

BN

Very nicely written

Brenda Randy Gardner (Statesville NC) - September 25, 2018 at 11:32 PM

RA

Thank you, Randall. Knowing that I will see my Daddy again one sweet day is the only thing that is getting me through this portion of my journey here on earth. The pictures are beautiful! God Bless you. Rachel

Rachel - October 01, 2018 at 01:26 PM

BN

“ *Brenda Randy Gardner (Statesville NC) sent a virtual gift in memory of James Carleton Dudley*



Brenda Randy Gardner (Statesville NC) - September 25, 2018 at 04:10 AM

SL

“ *James was like a grandpa to me, he gave me my first public job when no one else would, he believed in me I will never forget that among many other things he did for me and my family, I'm going to miss your smile and your stories and your way with words, I'm going to miss you , love your son inlaw Scott*

Scott,Pam,Garry and Kenneth Lukin - September 24, 2018 at 07:56 PM

RA

Thank you, Scott. God Bless you.

Rachel - October 01, 2018 at 01:28 PM

SL

“ *Scott,Pam,Garry And Kenneth Lukin lit a candle in memory of James Carleton Dudley*



Scott,Pam,Garry and Kenneth Lukin - September 24, 2018 at 07:48 PM

BG

“ *Brenda Randy Gardner purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Carleton Dudley.*



Brenda Randy Gardner - September 24, 2018 at 05:08 PM

DR

“ *Darlene Robertson lit a candle in memory of James Carleton Dudley*



Darlene Robertson - September 24, 2018 at 02:13 PM

RA

Thank you, Darlene. My Daddy often spoke of you and the Yeatts Transfer Company. God Bless you. Rachel

Rachel - October 02, 2018 at 09:34 AM

SH

“ *I enjoyed getting to know Mr. Dudley and care for him at Gretna Health and Rehab. He was always such a sweet man and I will always remember him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his loved ones may god keep you all in his arms in this time of need. I will miss you my friend*



Samantha Hedrick - September 24, 2018 at 01:21 PM

RD

Thank you so much for your kind words, Samantha. I greatly appreciate your message. I will always remember my Daddy introducing you to me, he was holding your hand and said that you were his friend. Thank you so much for taking such good care of him. I appreciate everything more than words can express. May God richly bless you, Samantha. Rachel

Rachel Dudley - September 24, 2018 at 05:10 PM



“ *Praying for you all in this hard time. Even though we trust our faith and know Great Uncle Carleton is with God, it's still so hard to say goodbye. We love you all.*

Love,

Mike, Dawn, Joseph, James, and Brianna Ruhman



Dawn Ruhman - September 24, 2018 at 12:20 PM

RA

Thank you so much for your prayers, Dawn. The journey on earth will be extremely difficult without my Daddy. He was truly an amazing man. God Bless you and your family. Rachel

Rachel - October 01, 2018 at 01:31 PM

DM

“ *Dot Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of James Carleton Dudley*



dot mitchell - September 24, 2018 at 10:01 AM

RA

Thank you, Dot. God Bless you. Rachel

Rachel - October 02, 2018 at 09:46 AM

YH

“ Yvonne Hall lit a candle in memory of James Carleton Dudley



Yvonne Hall - September 24, 2018 at 09:55 AM

RA

Thank you so much for visiting and encouraging Daddy at LGH, the UVa Medical Center and rehab, Yvonne. God Bless you. Rachel

Rachel - October 02, 2018 at 09:35 AM

YH

“ Rest in peace dear uncle you will be truly missed



Yvonne Hall - September 24, 2018 at 09:54 AM

RA

Thank you, Yvonne. God Bless you.

Rachel - October 01, 2018 at 01:32 PM

JB

“ Joyce Bolen sent a virtual gift in memory of James Carleton Dudley



Joyce Bolen - September 24, 2018 at 09:03 AM

RA

Thank you so much for visiting with and encouraging Daddy at LGH, the UVa Medical Center and rehab, Joyce. I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness. God Bless you. Rachel

Rachel - October 02, 2018 at 09:36 AM

JB

“ *God gained precious angel ,there's nothing to replace the heartbreak but the memories can still fill your heart full of peace that he is with out Lord and savior.....*



Joyce Bolen - September 24, 2018 at 08:55 AM

RA

Thank you for your kind words, Joyce. God certainly gained a precious angel and an amazing man in Heaven. God Bless you. Rachel

Rachel - October 01, 2018 at 01:34 PM

SA

“ *Shelia Adams lit a candle in memory of James Carleton Dudley*



Shelia Adams - September 23, 2018 at 09:44 PM

RA

Thank you so much for visiting with Daddy at LGH, the UVa Medical Center, Bedford Memorial Hospital and rehab, Sheila. I appreciate you more than you know. God Bless you. Rachel

Rachel - October 02, 2018 at 09:38 AM

SA

“ *May the memories you hold dear bring you comfort in the days ahead. Heaven gained another angel.*
Love you all,
Gary, & Shelia



Shelia Adams - September 23, 2018 at 09:43 PM

RA

Thank you so much for your kind words, Gary and Sheila. God definitely gained another angel and an amazing man in Heaven.
Rachel

Rachel - October 01, 2018 at 01:36 PM

EF

“ *Elizabeth Fowler sent a virtual gift in memory of James Carleton Dudley*



Elizabeth Fowler - September 23, 2018 at 04:31 PM

RA

Thank you so much for visiting with Daddy at LGH and Bedford Memorial Hospital, Diane. Daddy and Mom really enjoyed your visit with them at Bedford Memorial Hospital. May God richly bless you.
Rachel

Rachel - October 02, 2018 at 09:39 AM

EF

“ *Carleton was a special uncle he will truly be missed.*

Elizabeth Fowler - September 23, 2018 at 04:28 PM

RA

Thank you for your kind words, Diane. Daddy and Mom really enjoyed your visit at the Bedford Memorial Hospital recently. I really appreciate you brightening their day and spirits. God Bless you. Rachel

Rachel - October 01, 2018 at 01:37 PM

EF

“ *Elizabeth Fowler lit a candle in memory of James Carleton Dudley*



Elizabeth Fowler - September 23, 2018 at 03:42 PM

RA

Thank you, Diane. God Bless you and Charles. Rachel

Rachel - October 02, 2018 at 09:45 AM

SA

“ *Sue Ashwell sent a virtual gift in memory of James Carleton Dudley*



Sue Ashwell - September 23, 2018 at 02:31 PM

RA

Thank you, Sue. Daddy thought the world of Glenn and I pray that you are doing well. God Bless you. Rachel

Rachel - October 02, 2018 at 09:40 AM

AG

“ Great Uncle Carlton! You were truly an amazing man! We will miss you so much, but I know your up in heaven smiling down on all of us now! 💙



Amanda Dudley Grant - September 23, 2018 at 02:30 PM

RA

Thank you so much for your kind words, Amanda. Life on earth will definitely be challenging without my Daddy. I appreciate you visiting with him at the UVa Medical Center and rehab more than words can express. God Bless you. Rachel

Rachel - October 01, 2018 at 01:40 PM

BN

“ Prayers for all of you. I pray the Good Lord will wrap his arms around each of you and just surround you with love and peace . I love all of you and am very sorry for your loss.

Brenda Randy Gardner (Statesville NC) - September 23, 2018 at 02:01 PM

RA

Thank you so much for your words of support and encouragement, Randy and Brenda. We greatly appreciate you travelling to Virginia for Daddy's service. God Bless you. Rachel

Rachel - October 01, 2018 at 01:42 PM

BN

“ Brenda Randy Gardner (Statesville NC) lit a candle in memory of James Carleton Dudley



Brenda Randy Gardner (Statesville NC) - September 23, 2018 at 01:27 PM

RA

I greatly appreciate you and Randy travelling to Virginia for Daddy's service, Brenda. May God richly bless you and your family. Rachel

Rachel - October 02, 2018 at 09:42 AM

BN

“ *To the whole family. Especially Laura, Marie and Rachel; Carleton will be truly missed. I remember as a little girl Laura and Carleton and Mama and Daddy and all kids would load up in Carletons truck with a camper on back and they would pack picnics. We would go to roanoke to the zoo and just have the best time. We rode in the back under the camper. Now as I am 60 years old I still feel that in as if it were yesterday. My point being Carleton and Laura are both wonderful people. Now that heaven has gained such a special angel I know the Lord is gonna wrap his arms around each of you and let you know he is there with all his love comfort and peace. I love all of yall my mama Joyce Bolen (sister in law to Carleton) and sister to Laura I love you. I am praying for everyone. I love all of you.*

Brenda an Randy Gardner (Statesville NC) - September 23, 2018 at 01:06 PM

RA

Thank you so much for sharing that precious memory from our childhood, Brenda. As the saying goes, those were certainly the good 'ole days with much less stress, wasn't it? Life on earth will never be the same without my Daddy. I appreciate your words of support and encouragement more than you know. God Bless you. Rachel

Rachel - October 01, 2018 at 01:45 PM

GJ

“ Gary Jefferson lit a candle in memory of James Carleton Dudley



Gary Jefferson - September 23, 2018 at 12:53 PM

RA

It was so nice to see you and Dean at the visitation, Gary. God Bless you. Rachel

Rachel - October 02, 2018 at 09:44 AM

SJ

“ Sharon Jefferson lit a candle in memory of James Carleton Dudley



Sharon Jefferson - September 23, 2018 at 12:50 PM

RA

Thank you, Dean. It was so nice to see you at the visitation and it was also nice to see Stacey. I haven't seen her in many years. She is still a beautiful young lady. God Bless you. Rachel

Rachel - October 02, 2018 at 09:43 AM

EB

“ *Family,*

So sorry for your loss. Carleton was a wonderful man and will be missed. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.



*Love,
Edwin & Sue (Mitchell) Blackstock*

Edwin & Sue Blackstock - September 23, 2018 at 12:39 PM

RA

Thank you so much for your kind words and prayers, Edwin and Sue. God Bless you. Rachel

Rachel - October 01, 2018 at 01:46 PM

CH

“ *Connie Payne Hall lit a candle in memory of James Carleton Dudley*



Connie Payne Hall - September 23, 2018 at 12:03 PM

RA

Thank you, Connie. God Bless you. Rachel

Rachel - October 02, 2018 at 09:42 AM