



## James "Jim" Howard Lawrence, Jr.

August 12, 1934 - June 24, 2015

James Howard Lawrence, Jr., 80, of Altavista died Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at Virginia Baptist Hospital. He was the husband of Gerlean "Geri" Rice Lawrence; together they recently celebrated their forty-third wedding anniversary.

He was born August 12, 1934 in High Point, NC, a son of the late James Howard Lawrence and Florence Holbrook Lawrence. He was a member of New Prospect Baptist Church, retired Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer for New River Industries, a former employee for Burlington Industries in Altavista and Greensboro, and a graduate of High Point College. Jim was a dedicated husband, father, a great "Paw-Paw" to all his grandchildren and proudly served his country as veteran of the U.S. Army.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Michael Lawrence and his wife Paula of Trinity, NC, Doug Guthrie and his wife Renee of Altavista and Jeffrey Lawrence and his wife Jeritta of Trinity, NC; two daughters, Teresa McNeill of Greensboro, NC and Vicki Guthrie of Altavista; six grandchildren, Joshua Potter and his wife Caren of Charlotte, NC, Jordan Potter and his wife Emily of Raleigh, NC, Jaired Potter and his wife Lindsay of Archdale, NC, Clint Guthrie and his wife Jessica and Cody Guthrie all of Altavista, and Jennifer Lawrence of Asheboro, NC; five great grandchildren, Isabelle, Lucas, Jonathan, Olivia and Carrington; and a special family friend, Vicki Case.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 27, 2015 at New Prospect Baptist Church by the Rev. Brady Willis with interment to follow in Altavista Memorial Park with military honors conducted by American Legion Altavista Memorial Post #36.

The family will receive friends from 6-8:00 p.m., Friday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider New Prospect Baptist Church, P.O. Box 547, Hurt, VA 24563.

# Cemetery Details

## Altavista Memorial Park

642 Wards Road  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 26. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JUN 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

New Prospect Baptist Church  
509 Prospect Rd.  
Hurt, VA 24563

# Tribute Wall



“ Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jim" Howard Lawrence, Jr.



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**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - June 26, 2015 at 09:29 AM

SS

“ Sarah Sullivan lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Howard Lawrence, Jr.



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**sarah sullivan** - June 28, 2015 at 04:29 AM

SS

“ Sarah Lindsey Sullivan lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Howard Lawrence, Jr.



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**Sarah Lindsey Sullivan** - June 27, 2015 at 12:19 PM

KW

“ *Kim Irvine And Paul Watson lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Howard Lawrence, Jr.*



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**Kim Irvine and Paul Watson** - June 27, 2015 at 11:53 AM

HI

“ *Heston And Brenda Irvine lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Howard Lawrence, Jr.*



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**Heston and Brenda Irvine** - June 27, 2015 at 11:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Howard Lawrence, Jr..*



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June 26, 2015 at 06:13 PM

LD

“ *Lana Rice Dews lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Howard Lawrence, Jr.*



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**Lana Rice Dews** - June 26, 2015 at 10:46 AM

PP

“ I have known Jim for many years, I worked at BGF when he was there and then he lived out the road from me for awhile. Rest in peace, Jim. Geri, thinking of you and your family at this time of sorrow. May God comfort you. Prayers for all.

*Pat Puckette*

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**Pat Puckette** - June 26, 2015 at 09:02 AM



RC

“ Randolph And Joyce Coffey lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Howard Lawrence, Jr.

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**Randolph and Joyce Coffey** - June 26, 2015 at 07:35 AM



SF

“ Prayers for the family. Jim was greatly respected

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**Shirley Forloines** - June 26, 2015 at 07:22 AM



RM

“ Ray & Judy Mitchell lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Howard Lawrence, Jr.



Ray & Judy Mitchell - June 25, 2015 at 09:00 PM

MW

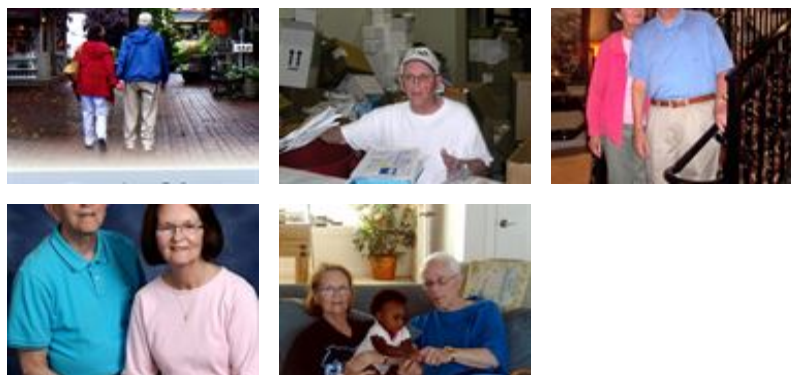
“ Mike & Jo Ann Weeks lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Howard Lawrence, Jr.



Mike & Jo Ann Weeks - June 25, 2015 at 07:14 PM



“ 13 files added to the album Life Tributes



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - June 25, 2015 at 04:04 PM

SD

“ Thanks for your wisdom, kindness, and service to New Prospect Baptist Church. You will be greatly missed by your church family.  
Stuart, Kathy, and Cara Dalton

Stuart Dalton - June 25, 2015 at 11:54 AM

KO

“ Kenneth & Glenda Ogden lit in a candle in  
Memory of James Lawrence, Jr.



Kenneth & Glenda Ogden - June 25, 2015 at 08:49 AM

DM

“ Dot Mitchell lit a candle in memory of James  
"Jim" Howard Lawrence, Jr.



dot mitchell - June 25, 2015 at 05:51 AM

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“ Jennifer Lawrence (granddaughter) lit a  
candle in memory of James "Jim" Howard  
Lawrence, Jr.



Jennifer Lawrence (granddaughter) - June 25, 2015 at 03:53 AM

RM

“ Rita Mullins lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Howard Lawrence, Jr.



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**Rita Mullins** - June 24, 2015 at 09:21 PM

BM

“ Bud And Dean Moon lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Howard Lawrence, Jr.



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**Bud and Dean Moon** - June 24, 2015 at 08:21 PM

BC

“ Butch & Glenna W. Carr lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Howard Lawrence, Jr.



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**Butch & Glenna W. Carr** - June 24, 2015 at 07:52 PM

RB

“ Ricky & Evelyn Bell lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Howard Lawrence, Jr.



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**Ricky & Evelyn Bell** - June 24, 2015 at 07:36 PM

CW

“ *Carroll And Gwenda Willard lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Howard Lawrence, Jr.*



Carroll and Gwenda Willard - June 24, 2015 at 06:22 PM

RW

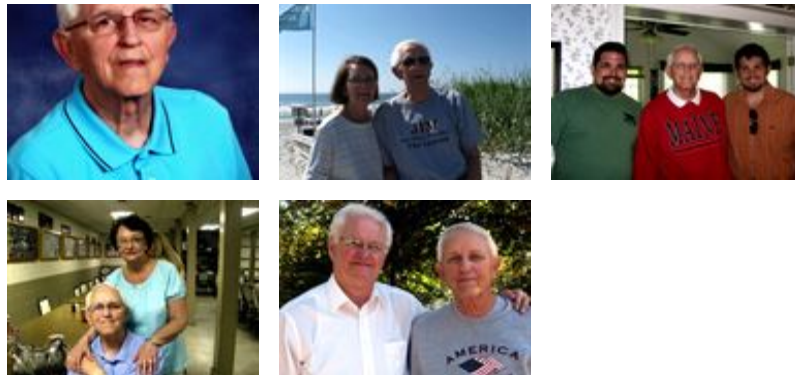
“ *Ralph Woods lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Howard Lawrence, Jr.*



Ralph Woods - June 24, 2015 at 03:51 PM



“ *36 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - June 24, 2015 at 02:11 PM

MM

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Geri, Doug, Vickie and all the family. Jim was a dear man and I so enjoyed our gatherings at my Dad's shop. He enjoyed the fellowship, food, Bible study and music so much. I am so blessed to have been able to call him my friend. Rest high my friend - your journey here is over but eternity with the Lord has begun. God Bless  
Mike Moorefield

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**Mike Moorefield** - June 24, 2015 at 11:12 AM

EM

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Geri and the entire family in the death of Jim. He fought a long hard battle and God finally said to him "that is enough my child come on home to the place I have prepared for you." Jim was loved by so many folks and will surely be missed by them but it is so comforting to know that he is now free of all the confusion he had over the recent past and is safe with Jesus. Some of my fondest memories of Jim was at Buffalo Creek Prayer Group and at the Senior Beach Trips. He will be greatly missed by many. Rest In Peace dear friend.



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**Emily & Wayne Mayhew** - June 24, 2015 at 09:45 AM

LM

*My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Libby Monroe** - June 24, 2015 at 04:50 PM