



Laura Eades Dudley

June 10, 1932 - May 4, 2026

With heavy hearts and heartfelt love, we announce that Laura Eades Dudley of Altavista, Virginia went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, May 4, 2026. She was the wife of 67 years of the late James Carleton Dudley who changed his mailing address to Heaven on September 22, 2018, and was the love of her life. She often said that she felt as though she lost her right arm when he went to Heaven, and lived what her wedding vows said, "to love him in sickness and in health."

Laura was born June 10, 1932, in Gladys, Virginia, a cherished daughter of the late Jerry Morton Eades, Sr. and Elizabeth Dowdy Eades. She was one of eight children. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, and at a young age, Laura gave her life to Christ at this Church.

Laura was a devoted homemaker and enjoyed cooking, gardening, and found immense joy in serving others alongside her husband, Carleton. In her quiet way, she did all she could to ensure those around her were taken care of and provided for, no matter how great the need. There was nothing she would not do for her family. To know Laura was to feel truly loved. Her warmth, kindness and genuine spirit touched countless lives.

Laura is survived by two loving daughters, Marie Dudley and Rachel Dudley, granddaughter, Pamela Lukin (Scott); two great grandchildren, Garry Lukin

and Kenneth Lukin, and her beloved sister Joyce Bolen. She has many nieces, nephews, and other family members that she dearly loved. She is also survived by her devoted and faithful canine companion, Nyla.

Laura was preceded in death by a son, James Carleton Dudley, Jr.; three sisters, Catherine Eades, Dorothy Chapman, and Shirley Chapman; three brothers, Jerry Morton Eades, Jr., James Edward Eades, and Henry Stephen Eades, and a special aunt and second Mama, Lottie Mae Dowdy. Lottie Mae assisted Laura's Daddy with raising Laura and her siblings when her Mama passed away when she was only 12 years of age.

Laura was truly grateful for the many prayers, visits, meals, floral arrangements, singing, cards, etc. that her family, friends and medical team did for her.

Laura wanted to extend her heartfelt gratefulness to Angela, Amanda, Ashley, Jess, Jill, John, Matt, Michelle, Norma and Vicky of Heartland Hospice for outstanding, compassionate care during her time of illness. Laura especially appreciated Pastor John Moxley visiting with her playing the guitar, singing hymns and praying with her and her family, including Nyla.

The funeral service will be held to honor Laura's life and remember the incredible woman she was on Friday, May 8th receiving friends beginning at 12:00 p.m. with a funeral following at 1:00 p.m. by Pastor Bobby Brumfield and Pastor John Moxley at the Finch and Finch Chapel with interment to follow at the Altavista Memorial Park. The family greatly appreciates your thoughts and prayers during this time. Though Laura is no longer with us, the love she gave so freely will continue to live on in the hearts of those she touched.

Those wishing to make memorial contributions are asked to consider the

Emily Couric Clinical Cancer Center at UVA Health in Laura's loving memory. Donations may be made through the UVA Health Foundation website <<https://giving.uvahealth.com/areas-support>> at <<https://giving.uvahealth.com/areas-support>> or mailed to UVA Health Development, P.O. Box 800773, Charlottesville, VA 22908-0773.

Laura also known as "Mama" "Mom," "Grandma Dudley", Granny, Sister, Sister-In-Law, Aunt will always be remembered for her warmest hugs, holding hands and was truly the heart of our family.

"Her Lord said unto her, 'Well done, good and faithful servant... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'" ~Matthew 25:23

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." ~Romans 8:38-39

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." ~Psalm 23:1

"Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal." ~Thomas Moore

Cemetery Details

Altavista Memorial Park

642 Wards Road
Altavista, VA 24517

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Laura Eades Dudley*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - May 08 at 12:26 PM

MR

“ *Mother's Day at the Altavista Memorial Park with our precious Mom*
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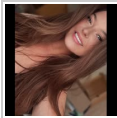
Marie and Rachel - Yesterday at 07:22 AM

RD

“ Marie, Pamela and I spent time with our precious ‘lil Mom on Mother’s Day at The Altavista Memorial Park 🥹💔🌸. It isn’t the way we had planned to celebrate Mother’s Day; however, we are holding onto the fact that she is happy today with Jesus ❤️. Amen.



Rachel Dudley - Yesterday at 07:18 AM



What an absolutely beautiful set up, Rachel. Sending you love and a ton of hugs!

Brooke Young - 10 hours ago

MR

“ Mom’s absolutely amazing nurse, Angela ❤️. Mom appreciated Angela and everyone at Heartland Hospice more than words can express. We could not have asked for better care and support system. God Bless each and every one of them.



Marie and Rachel - May 09 at 10:17 PM

MR

“ Our last CHRISTmas with our sweet little Mom at Lynchburg General Hospital 🥺❤️🎄 . We were simply grateful to all be together on CHRISTmas. Praise the Lord!



Marie and Rachel - May 09 at 09:56 AM

MR

“ What a beautiful and peaceful resting spot at The Altavista Memorial Park for our amazing parents ❤️❤️ .



Marie and Rachel - May 09 at 09:06 AM

RD

“ Nyla AKA “Freckles” was a faithful companion for Mom. She was extremely protective of Mom and grieving along with us 🥺❤️ . Please keep Nyla in your prayers, as well.



Rachel Dudley - May 09 at 08:32 AM

RD

“ Our amazing Daddy, Carleton was truly the love of Mom’s life. They were married 67 years. The journey on earth will be extremely challenging without Mom’s love and support; however, she is reunited with Daddy, our brother and Jesus ❤️🙏❤️. Jesus is coming soon, and oh what a beautiful day that will be, friends.



Rachel Dudley - May 09 at 08:19 AM

RD

“ I will miss telling you that I love you a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck, Mom 😭💔. I will make every effort to carry on your legacy, and look forward to seeing you in Heaven on one glorious, beautiful day ❤️🙏. Amen! 🌻❤️



Rachel Dudley - May 09 at 08:10 AM

RD

“ Grandma Dudley dearly loved her Great-Grandsons, Garry and Kenneth Lukin ❤️. She was extremely proud of both of them and often bragged about them to family and friends.



Rachel Dudley - May 09 at 08:06 AM

NA

“ *Deepest Sympathy
Love
Nancy Ashwell*



Nancy Ashwell - May 08 at 07:28 AM

NA

*I found the service to be moving especially the stories shared. You all did an incredible job honoring Laura. Though I couldn't be there in person my heart was with you all.
Love Nancy Ashwell*

Nancy Ashwell - May 08 at 08:11 PM

RD

“ *My heart is forever completely broken, Mom. You were my world; however, I have no doubt that you are in Heaven with your beautiful new body dancing on streets of gold with Jesus, my Daddy, my brother and other family members. I know in my heart that you will always be my guardian angel. I love you a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck, Mom ❤️. I look forward to seeing you on one glorious day in Heaven, and what an absolutely beautiful reunion that will be. Amen! ❤️🙏❤️*



Rachel Dudley - May 07 at 05:47 PM

JF

“ John Fuqua purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Laura Eades Dudley.



John Fuqua - May 06 at 08:27 PM



“ Dennis Robertson lit a candle in memory of Laura Dudley



Dennis Robertson - May 06 at 07:57 PM



“ Laura my great aunt was one of the sweetest souls you could ever meet with a sweet quiet voice and a gentle hug. She loved the Lord with all her heart and loved her family. I am so blessed to have been loved by her she was always there for weddings, baby showers, funerals, just a wonderful person. We will miss you so much Laura but I know you are up there in heaven dancing with Jesus Angels and all those family gone before you. Sending love prayers and hugs to all the family. 🙏🙏🕊️❤️



Dawn Ruhman - May 06 at 06:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Laura Eades Dudley*.



May 06 at 04:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Laura Eades Dudley*.

May 06 at 04:28 PM



“ *Rhonda DeVercelly* lit a candle in memory of *Laura Dudley*



Rhonda DeVercelly - May 06 at 03:56 PM

RB

“ *Every memory I have of Laura is of her sweetness and soft-spokenness. Laura was always concerned and asked about others. I can remember going to visit Laura and Carleton at their home when I was a child with my grandma Joyce Bolen. Laura would make us all the best tomato sandwich I have ever had. We would sit at her picnic table and have the greatest time. Heaven gained a wonderful angel. Love Always.*



Randall Gardner & Amber Benfield - May 06 at 03:53 PM

SB

“ *Love and prayers to the family. Laura was a special lady, loved by all. Sue (Mitchell) Blackstock*



Sue Blackstock - May 06 at 02:35 PM

DM

Sorry for you 'all loss' May she rest in peace

Dot Miitchell - May 07 at 10:18 AM