



## 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)

Finch and Finch, Altavista  
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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

“ *We love you a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck, Mom 📍🌹🍰😭. We miss you more than words can express, but holding onto the fact that we will see you again on one glorious day. Amen. Your birthday was an extremely challenging day for us without you here 😭😭😭. One day, one step at a time, Sweet Jesus ❤️🙏❤️. Happy Belated Birthday, Mom 🍰🌸.*



Marie and Rachel - June 11 at 01:50 PM

MR

“ Happy Birthday, Mom 🎂🌸🌹❤️😭. Our hearts were absolutely broken that you weren't here for us to celebrate your birthday with you. We still celebrated your special day ❤️🌸🎂❤️. We are holding onto the fact that you were having a grand birthday celebration in Heaven with Jesus, Daddy, our brother and other loved ones. Happy Birthday! We love you a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck 😊🤔😭. Many tears were shed on your special day 😭😭😭. The Lord blesssd us with seeing Pastor Bobby and Deborah on your birthday ❤️🙏❤️. God is good all the time and all the time God is good. Amen! ❤️🙏❤️



If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.  
Romans 10:9

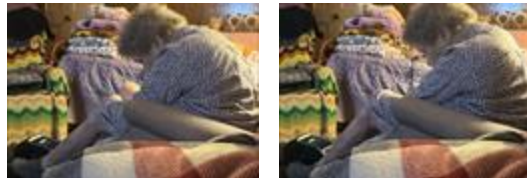


Marie and Rachel - June 11 at 10:32 AM



MR

“ Mom actually enjoyed doing leg exercises with her cubi 🐾. We encouraged her to do it to build strength. We developed our own exercise plan after she would reach her limit with Medicare. How adorable is Mom exercising? ❤️❤️ Rest in peace, sweet Mom. We love you a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck 🤗❤️.



Marie and Rachel - May 21 at 08:44 AM

MR

“ Our sweet little Mom absolutely loved animals. Pet therapy is such an excellent form of therapy for people of all ages, especially those that are homebound. Rest in peace, Mom. ❤️🙏🕊️🕯️❤️



Marie and Rachel - May 21 at 08:38 AM

JB

“ So many visits of wanting you to feel better hoping to brighten you day by putting a smile on your sweet face , we had so many wonderful and happy memories of when we were young we talked about on so many of our visits Laura I cherish every moment we spent together, I love you my sweet sister

Love You  
Joyce



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joyce bolen - May 20 at 11:12 AM

RM

“ Look at our sweet little Mom with her sunglasses 🕶️👁️❤️. How sweet is she 🥰? For those of you whom are unaware, Mom was diagnosed with macular degeneration a few years ago. Her granddaughter, Pamela gave her those sunglasses and Mom kept them for the longest time. Our hearts are forever broken now with her and Daddy being in Heaven. We know that they wouldn't want to return now after being in Heaven with Jesus, my brother and other loved ones whom have gone before them. Earth is only a temporary home.

Thank you again to each and everyone who helped us love on our precious Mom through her journey. We love you all so very much ❤️🙏❤️. God Bless you.



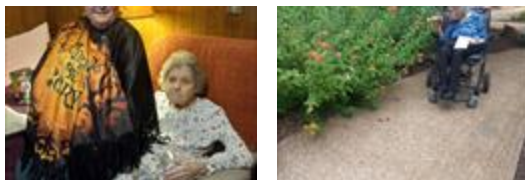
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Rachel and Marie - May 15 at 08:11 PM

RD

“ My sweet little Mom with her granddaughter, Pamela. One picture was taken at Central Oncology and the other picture was taken on Halloween. Mom looks pretty, as always; however, her eyes are weak on the Halloween picture.

Thank you again to each one of you who walked Mom's journey with us. You are greatly appreciated and loved ❤️🙏❤️.



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Rachel Dudley - May 15 at 08:03 PM

TP

“ Marie and Rachel, so sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a sweet lady. Prayers for you and your family.

Tracey Preas - May 13 at 11:14 AM

RD

Thank you so much for your kind and thoughtful message, Tracey. Marie and I greatly appreciate it. God Bless you.

Rachel Dudley - May 20 at 12:57 PM

TP

“ Tracey Preas lit a candle in memory of Laura Dudley



Tracey Preas - May 13 at 11:10 AM

RD

“ Our precious little Mom prior to becoming bedridden this year 🥹. Mom never complained; she only complained of pain mainly the past couple of weeks. It was an absolute joy and privilege to care for her. Mom and our family appreciate every act of kindness shown to her, especially this year. I especially appreciate those that took the time to hold my Mom’s hand, gave her hugs, prayed with and for her, combed her hair, sung to her, sat with her and showed her pictures, etc. I wanted her to feel so incredibly loved, respected and appreciated on this earth. Mom taught me through one of her life experiences that it is truly the small things in life that mean the most. She often spoke of my very special Uncle Earl whom is in Heaven when her, who brought her a hot cup of coffee and a biscuit on a cold winter morning when the furnace went out, and my Daddy was at work. Let’s use Mom’s example to treat one another with love and kindness. Life is so very short and fragile. Earth is not our forever home! Jesus is coming soon and what a beautiful day that will be, my brothers and sisters in Christ ❤️. God Bless each and every one of you for loving my sweet, precious Mom ❤️🙏❤️. God Bless each of you. Have a beautiful day.



Rachel Dudley - May 13 at 10:20 AM

MR

“ Mother’s Day at the Altavista Memorial Park with our precious Mom ❤️🙏🕯️❤️.



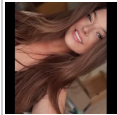
Marie and Rachel - May 11 at 07:22 AM

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 - May 11 at 07:18 AM



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

Brooke Young - May 12 at 09:48 AM



Thank you so very much, my dear friend. I appreciate you. Love you.

Rachel - May 13 at 10:00 AM

BG

*To the entire family of Laura, thank you for this set-up. It is so touching and a beautiful tribute and honor to be able to post on here.*

*I love all of you very much. Living in North Carolina, I don't get to see everyone routinely. However, when we came and saw Mama (Joyce Bolen) Laura's sister, I loved to come and see Laura's with my children and families. We all loved her so. My son speaks of a homegrown tomato and mayonnaise, which he refers to as the best tomato sandwich he has ever eaten, prepared by Laura.*

*sandwich,*

*My daughter refers back as well, speaking of times as growing up, she would visit her with Mama, Laura's sister.*

*I have a heavy heart. I miss Laura. She was so dear to my heart.*

*Growing up, my Mama always stays close with her brothers and sisters. That special trait has always stayed a rule of thumb for my brothers and sisters the same way. Laura was very special. I learned a lot from Laura. Especially caring for people, respecting people and growing up and learning to as well be that kind person and respectful person. In her daily actions to love my brothers and sisters as well.*

*Yes, Rachel. We are here temporarily. God is waiting for us with a new home in heaven. I believe we will get to heaven and see so many who have gone on along with my Daddy Earl Bolen. I will post some pictures later.*

*Prayers for all of you, dear loved ones.*

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**Brenda Gardner** - June 08 at 12:45 PM

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.



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**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*



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**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*

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**Nancy Ashwell** - May 08 at 08:11 PM

RD

*Marie and I greatly appreciate your kind and thoughtful message, Nancy. God Bless you.*

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**Rachel Dudley** - May 20 at 12:59 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*



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**Dennis Robertson** - May 06 at 07:57 PM

MD

*Rachel and I greatly appreciate you and Sherry lighting a candle in Mom's memory, Dennis. God Bless you and your beautiful family.*

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**Marie Dudley** - May 20 at 01:11 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. 🙏🙏🕊️❤️*



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**Dawn Ruhman** - May 06 at 06:04 PM

RD

*Marie and I greatly appreciate your kind message and sweet pictures to honor our precious Mom, Dawn. We missed you at Mom's service; however, we certainly understand. We will hold you in our prayers. God Bless you and your beautiful family.*

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**Rachel Dudley** - May 20 at 01:08 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



Marie and I greatly appreciate you lighting a candle in Mom's memory, Rhonda. God Bless you and David.

Rachel Dudley - May 20 at 01:14 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

RD

*Marie and I greatly appreciate your kind message to honor our precious Mom, Randall. We also greatly appreciate you and Amber driving from North Carolina to be a pallbearer. May the Lord continue to richly bless you and your family.*

**Rachel Dudley** - May 20 at 01:03 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 Mitchell** - May 07 at 10:18 AM

RD

*Thank you, Dot. God Bless you.*

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**Rachel Dudley** - May 20 at 01:00 PM

RD

*Marie and I greatly appreciate your kind and thoughtful message, Sue.  
God Bless you.*

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**Rachel Dudley** - May 20 at 01:01 PM