



Laura Catherine Dawson Fortune

February 2, 1931 - November 6, 2020

Laura Catherine Dawson Fortune, 89, of Evington died Friday, November 6, 2020 at her home. She was the wife of the late James Ralph Fortune for 60 years.

She was born February 2, 1931 in Louisville, KY, a daughter of the late Louis Harper Dawson and Zelma Ruth Hocutt Dawson. She was a member of Mentow Baptist Church and a retired school teacher.

She is survived by two sons, Thomas Harper Fortune and his wife, Cindy of Gig Harbor, WA and Joseph Ryan Fortune and his wife, Jenny of Evington; two daughters, Catherine Elaine Fortune Moody and her husband, James and Gloria "Jean" Fortune Even and her husband, Paul all of Evington; one brother, Lewis Edward Dawson and his wife, Peggy of Seale, AL; one sister, Ruth Hocutt Dawson Majette and her husband, Paul of Grimesland, NC; twelve grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Alice Amanda Berry.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 14, 2020 at Finch and Finch Chapel, Altavista. Interment will be private. Funeral services will be live-streamed on our website for those who cannot attend.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Friday, November 13, 2020 at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider the Mentow Baptist Church WMU, 3282 Mentow Dr., Huddleston, VA 24104, Autumn Care - Residence Council Fund, 1317 Lola Dr., Altavista, VA 24517, or your preferred Baptist organization.

Cemetery Details

Union Chapel Community Church Cemetery

5796 Leesville Rd.
Lynch Station, VA 24571

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

NOV 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Laura Catherine Dawson Fortune*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - November 13, 2020 at 08:39 AM



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Laura Catherine Dawson Fortune*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - November 08, 2020 at 01:39 PM

EL

“ *I will never forget the one weekend my sister, Katie and I wanted to spend the night. Grandma and Grandpa came to see us after her therapy at the Y. We begged Mama to let us stay the night and she let us. We got in the back of their GMC. Grandma looked at Grandpa and her exact words were "Jim, drive careful, we have precious cargo in the back." Grandpa's response was "Pfft.. Precious cargo." That is one of my favorite memories of Grandma.*

Elizabeth - January 06, 2022 at 10:23 PM

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“ *April Milton lit a candle in memory of Laura Catherine Dawson Fortune*



April Milton - December 11, 2020 at 07:11 AM

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“ *A wonderful lady I'm lucky to have met...*



Alice Mattox - November 12, 2020 at 08:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Laura Catherine Dawson Fortune.*



November 10, 2020 at 06:56 PM

TC

“ *Sorry of mrs.fortune passing she was my teacher in 6 grade.i remember she always wore a dress with cowboy boots.*

Tammy cook - November 10, 2020 at 05:27 PM

TC

“ Tammy Cook lit a candle in memory of Laura Catherine Dawson Fortune



Tammy cook - November 10, 2020 at 05:25 PM

TL

“ IM SO SORRY TO HEAR OF Mrs FORTUNE passing. She was my teacher in elementary school. Yes she was hard on her students .But as i look back it was worth it in the long run. I loved seeing her in her cowboy boots everyday .My god help you thru this diffcult time and help you get thru this .God bless the family. Sincerly TINA WELLS LLOYD



TINA WELLS LLOYD - November 09, 2020 at 11:12 PM



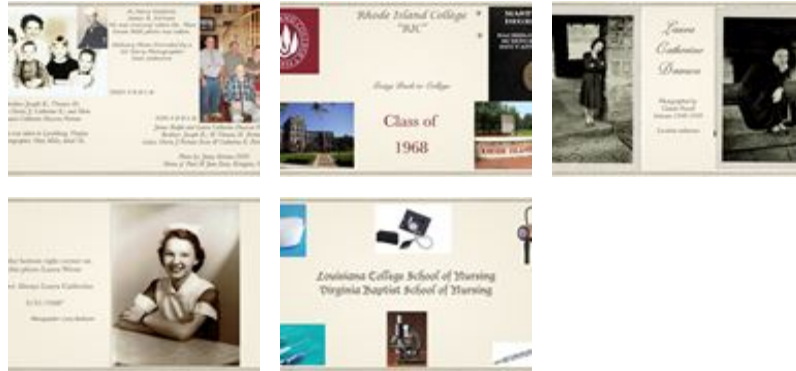
“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Laura Catherine Dawson Fortune.



November 09, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Life Tributes



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“ Family,

I worked with Laura at Altavista Elementary. She was a wonderful and kind teacher, firm but very knowledgeable. She and I shared a love for log homes. I still have a beautiful pine cone basket on my mantle that she gave me one Christmas. I later visited her at Autumn Care. Blessed to have known her.



*Love & Prayers,
Sue Blackstock*

Sue Blackstock - November 09, 2020 at 12:46 PM

JE

“ *It wasn't always easy growing up with my mother. As a child I never understood her harsh ways. As a young adult I began to realize she was raising four children with her husband overseas with the Navy Seabees. As an older adult and mom's care giver I realized that underneath her persona was a loving, caring, and giving heart. A rare thing to see if you don't have a close relationship with your parents. I pray that everyone has a "Father Knows Best" relationship with their families, sad to say we live in a real world. From Childhood I put away my childhood thoughts and moved on into adult hood to see a person through God's loving eyes. All I can say is if there are hurt, pain, sorrow, anger between you and your parents forgive them. It's a wonderful gift to have and use. Don't let another day go by without turning a bad situation into a warm loving peaceful one before it's too late and a parent or both parents are gone. Don't be afraid to tell them you love them. Wrap them in your arms with a life giving hug for yourself and for the love our God our Heavenly Father.*

*Jean Even
Daughter and Care Giver*

Jean Even - November 09, 2020 at 07:29 AM

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“ *My Thoughts an Prayers are with the family*



Carol Rowland - November 08, 2020 at 09:19 PM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - November 08, 2020 at 01:36 PM