



## Louise East Phillips

August 20, 1931 - January 26, 2026

Louise East Phillips, age 94, of Evington, Virginia, passed away peacefully at Autumn Care in Altavista, Virginia, on January 26, 2026. Louise lived a long and beautiful life, filled with love, grace, and devotion to her family. She was a member of New Prospect Baptist Church in Hurt, Virginia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew Phillips; her first husband, Duval Thurman; her parents, George and Emma East; and her brothers, Alvin East and his wife, Carrie, and Robert East and his wife, Patsy.

She is survived by her beloved son, Donald Thurman and his wife, Debra, of Lynch Station, Virginia; her cherished grandchildren, Amber Thurman Williamson and her husband, Russell, of Boones Mill, Virginia, and Chase Thurman and his wife, Kara, of Christiansburg, Virginia; her precious great-grandchildren, Caleb Williamson, Lyla Thurman, Emmi Williamson, and Jaxon Thurman; and many nieces and nephews.

Louise's family was her greatest joy, and her legacy of generosity and strength will live on through them.

Louise worked as a hairdresser, a waitress, and later at Virginia Label Company. Throughout her life, she enjoyed bicycling, flea marketing, and spending time outdoors. Her love for simple pleasures brought joy to those

around her.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at New Prospect Baptist Church by the Rev. Brady Willis, with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church and at other times at the home of Donald and Debra Thurman, 142 Windsong Drive, Lynch Station.

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

Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista, is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## New Prospect Baptist Church Cemetery

509 Prospect Rd.  
Hurt, VA 24563

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **29**. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JAN **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Louise East Phillips*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - January 28 at 03:51 PM

NP

*Dear Donald, Debra, and to other beloved members of your family-My deepest heart-felt love to all of you especially on this day.....Aunt Louise was always a lovely lady inside and out who endured love and sadness in her lifetime. Her greatest love was her family.....Although I am unable to attend her funeral today, please know that I am holding all her family in my heart Donald. Sending many hugs your way.....❤️*

Nancy Poindexter - January 29 at 07:30 AM

RJ

“ *Donald and Debbie: Rich and I want you to know that we are thinking about you and are saddened by the loss of your mother. She was a lovely lady.*

Rich and Avie Johnson - January 31 at 06:58 PM

PM

“ *Donald and Debra - thinking of you and your family. I have many pleasant memories of our childhood in Hurt. Pam Mayhew Cowart*

Pam MayhewCiwart - January 29 at 03:20 PM

SO

“ Donald I am so very sad to hear of your Moms passing. I remember her as a very sweet lady and always so nice. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts.

Shirley Orrell - January 29 at 08:48 AM

EP

“ Eddie Puckette lit a candle in memory of Louise Phillips



Eddie Puckette - January 28 at 09:20 PM

BH

“ Donald and Debra, I am so sorry for your loss. May you feel God's love and comfort during this time.



Betty Hunley - January 28 at 01:45 PM

JP

“ I have many memories of Louise as a neighbor. I know Donald was a good son and that he will miss her terribly.

JoAnne G. Pierce - January 28 at 01:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Louise East Phillips.



January 28 at 01:15 PM



“ Donald and family, So sorry for the loss of your loved one. Sending prayers and hugs. She will truly be missed. With Love, R.L. and Ricki Mattox.



Ulrike Mattox - January 28 at 10:42 AM



“ Louise was such a wonderful lady loved by all who knew her. She will be missed by so many who were blessed to know her and call her friend. Prayers lifted for Donald, Debra and the rest of the family and the many friends she leaves behind. Praying God will give you all peace and comfort as only He can give. Take solace in knowing you will be with your dear loved one when God calls you home. 🙏  
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Emily Mayhew - January 28 at 08:17 AM



“ Such a Lovely Lady and was Blessed with a long life... Prayers are with Donald and all the family...



Ralph Woods - January 27 at 09:28 PM

BB

“ Louise was a neighbor , friend and personal hairdresser for many years . Our prayers for Donald and his family .

Bud /Martha Brown - January 27 at 04:36 PM

LI

“ I enjoyed taking care of Mrs . Phillips when I had her . She was such a sweet lady. Love Liz



Liz - January 27 at 03:52 PM

JW

“ Donald & Family,  
Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. In our younger school years (Hurt Elem.) and living in the neighborhood I always thought you had the most beautiful Mom. So sorry for your loss.



Jo Ann (Shelton) Weeks - January 27 at 03:10 PM

AK

“ Lifting prayers for Donald and Debbie and all the family  
I would visit Louise ar times and she knew me and would say you were a Krantz girl from Hurt.Fond memories. RIP LOUISE

Alice Krantz Keesee - January 27 at 12:32 PM