



## Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.

June 26, 1926 - September 12, 2018

Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr., 92, of 1098 Jasper Wood Road, Hurt passed away Tuesday, September 12, 2018 at his residence. He was the beloved husband of Hazel "Shorty" Bailess Dowdy for 44 years.

He was born June 26, 1926 in Campbell County, a son of the late Reaves A. Dowdy, Sr. and Minnie Farmer Dowdy. During World War II Pee Wee became a Sea Bee (Nickname for C.B. or Construction Battalion) in the United States Navy and at the tender age of 18 he took part in the military operations at Iwo Jima in the Pacific, then the occupation of Japan after the war. Pee Wee returned home and eventually became a lead lineman at VEPCO and then a supervisor at Richardson-Wayland Electrical Company. Pee Wee was for many, many decades, a dedicated Christian and member of the Baptist Tabernacle in Altavista, and he was a very funny guy to be around. Pee Wee worked hard all of his life and was a master of many trades: electrical, mechanical, plumbing...you name it. If you ever wanted something repaired and repaired correctly, with a laugh or two thrown in, you called on Pee Wee.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, James Deroy St. John and his wife, Jean of Lynch Station and Frank M. St. John and his wife, Mary of Bedford; three daughters, Saibra Dowdy of Richmond, Denise Lewis and Lisa St. John both of Hurt; one brother, Kenneth Dowdy of Hurt; eleven grandchildren; and eighteen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Arnold Dowdy, Jay Dowdy, Bud Dowdy and Will Dowdy; and one grandson, Tyler Bohm.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Monday, September 17, 2018 at The Baptist Tabernacle by Pastor Jon Ensley and Pastor Matthew Speck with interment to follow in Altavista Memorial Park with military honors by American Legion Altavista Memorial Post 36 and Gretna Post 232.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m., Sunday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista and other times at the residence.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider The American Cancer Society, 2050 Langhorne Rd., Ste. 201, Lynchburg, VA 24501, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9956 or Shriners' Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

# Cemetery Details

## Altavista Memorial Park

642 Wards Road  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **16**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

SEP **17**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Baptist Tabernacle  
Lola Avenue Ext.  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.*



**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - September 14, 2018 at 05:27 PM

TD

*Wonderful tribute to a sweet man. Love and prayers to Hazel and family*

**Teresa David** - September 14, 2018 at 11:35 PM



*Beautiful tribute to a life well lived. ❤️❤️*

**Cindi Parsons** - September 15, 2018 at 11:29 AM

DH

*What a precious tribute,,,and what a full life PeeWee lived surrounded by loving family, friends and of course sweet Hazel. Love and prayers to the family....*

**Debbie Humphrey** - September 15, 2018 at 01:38 PM



*What a wonderful man! I will always remember your famous quote to me on Sundays coming home from church many years ago, "Tell your Mama to fix some banana pudding". Love you Pee Wee! Prayers to the family.*

**Brenda Cox** - September 15, 2018 at 10:52 PM

TH

“ Tommy&Shirley Hutcherson lit a candle in memory of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.



Tommy&Shirley Hutcherson - September 18, 2018 at 04:23 AM

BG

“ Brenda Gardner lit a candle in memory of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.



Brenda Gardner - September 17, 2018 at 11:04 PM

GW

“ I can't find the words to express what "PeeWee" has meant to me! He was a "character" unlike any other person I've known. Whether it was seeing him sitting on the bench in Walmart waiting for Ms Hazel, or sitting on the pew at church.....he was the same no matter where you saw him. He'd ALWAYS get his hug and then ask me about his banana pudding that he was to get from my Mom (Doris Ann Cox).....(long time private joke from her younger days). I loved him so much, and he loved everybody that much back! I'm truly sorry for all the family because I know how much he'll be missed! Love you PeeWee.... I know Heaven is sweeter than ever since you're there!

GLEND A WOOD - September 17, 2018 at 05:37 PM

JR

“ *Peewee will greatly be missed by all who knew him, especially his infectious smile and laugh,  
Hugs with Love And Prayers*



Jo Ann Mayhew Rice - September 16, 2018 at 02:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr. .*



September 16, 2018 at 09:31 AM

RW

“ *Ralph A Woods lit a candle in memory of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.*



Ralph A Woods - September 15, 2018 at 04:45 PM

KH

“ *Kim Hammond lit a candle in memory of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.*



Kim Hammond - September 15, 2018 at 12:27 PM

KW

“ *Kathy And Ray Walker lit a candle in memory of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.*



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**Kathy and Ray Walker** - September 15, 2018 at 11:15 AM

GG

“ *Gwen Goggin lit a candle in memory of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.*



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**Gwen Goggin** - September 15, 2018 at 09:40 AM

SD

*Praying for family. Loved uncle Pee Wee*

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**Susan Dowdy** - September 15, 2018 at 11:26 AM

PP

“ *Pat Puckette lit a candle in memory of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.*



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**Pat Puckette** - September 15, 2018 at 08:22 AM

DT

“ *He will be sadly missed. Pee Wee gave me a nick name when I was in my teens and never failed to make me laugh. He was a good man...*



Debbie Layne Thurman - September 14, 2018 at 11:47 PM

GW

“ *Gwenda Willard lit a candle in memory of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.*



Gwenda Willard - September 14, 2018 at 11:20 PM



“ *My prayers to Gavin and family!! He was my absolute favorite 'school grandpa' ever!!*



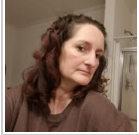
Marlo Henderson - September 14, 2018 at 08:44 PM

ME

“ *Mary Edmonds lit a candle in memory of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.*



Mary Edmonds - September 14, 2018 at 08:38 PM



“ I will really miss peewee setting behind me at church especially if something got him tickled and then i couldnt stop laughing and i am so thankful for him for keeping amanda he kept her from the time she was born until she was maybe 5 or 6,he would keep her while i played the piano and i could tell that he loved doing that

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**Jennifer Spence** - September 14, 2018 at 08:35 PM

CS

“ Wayne and Clara Smith lit a candle in memory of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.



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**Clara Smith** - September 14, 2018 at 08:06 PM

RS

“ Rodney Scruggs lit a candle in memory of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.



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**Rodney Scruggs** - September 14, 2018 at 06:48 PM

RC

“ Where to I began,Mr.Dowdy (Pee Wee) was the most loving,respectful,strong in his Faith and the funniest friend I have ever known.A man who loved his beautiful wife ( Shorty) and his lovely family with all his heart.He would love to talk with you and making sure everything was ok. Pee Wee will be greatly missed but have left behind many wonderful times and memories to all who knew him. Our love and deepest sympathy goes out to Shorty and family.



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**Ray and Kay Caldwell** - September 14, 2018 at 06:19 PM

DH

“ Debbie Shaw Hensley lit a candle in memory of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.



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**Debbie Shaw Hensley** - September 14, 2018 at 06:14 PM

BC

“ Butch & Glenna W. Carr lit a candle in memory of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.



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**Butch & Glenna W. Carr** - September 14, 2018 at 05:34 PM

CP

“ *Connie Mae Pugh lit a candle in memory of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.*



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**Connie Mae Pugh** - September 14, 2018 at 04:50 PM

EB

“ *Edwin & Sue Blackstock sent a virtual gift in memory of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.*



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**Edwin & Sue Blackstock** - September 14, 2018 at 04:30 PM

GR

“ *Geneieve Rowland lit a candle in memory of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.*

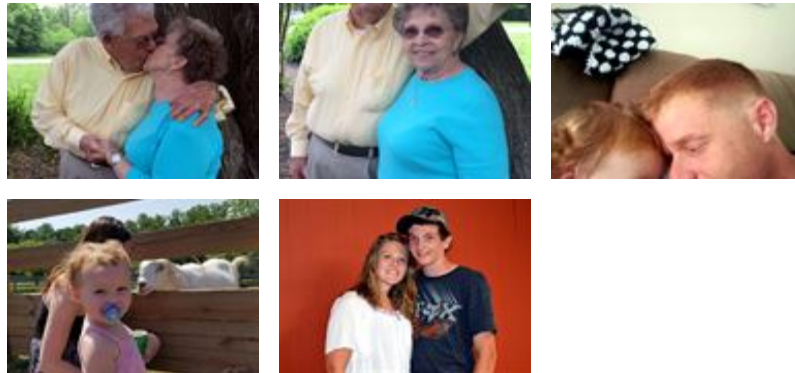


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**Geneieve Rowland** - September 14, 2018 at 02:53 PM



“ 186 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - September 14, 2018 at 02:38 PM

NR

“ Nancy Roark sent a virtual gift in memory of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.



Nancy Roark - September 14, 2018 at 02:31 PM

NR

*I will always remember Pee Wee with all these little "chuckles". Fly high Dear Friend!*

Nancy Roark - September 14, 2018 at 02:34 PM

JH

“ John And Melissa Hardy lit a candle in memory of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.



John and Melissa Hardy - September 14, 2018 at 01:55 PM

LP

“ *Denise and family, Our love and prayers for a healing heart and strength to you all in the coming days. I know how much you loved your Pops!!! Love you, Lisa and Curtis Paschall*



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**Lisa Paschall** - September 14, 2018 at 01:49 PM

ES

“ *Eric Scruggs lit a candle in memory of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.*



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**Eric Scruggs** - September 14, 2018 at 01:44 PM

BM

“ *Bud And Dean Moon lit a candle in memory of Reaves Aldridge "Pee Wee" Dowdy, Jr.*



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**Bud and Dean Moon** - September 14, 2018 at 12:53 PM

EM

“ *Prayers go out to Hazel and all the family in the death of PeeWee. He was truly a very special person that was loved by all. Blessings to you all in the days ahead.*



*Emily A. Mayhew*

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**Emily Mayhew** - September 14, 2018 at 12:51 PM

HM

“ Hazel and family, so sorry to hear about the loss of your beloved Peewee. You all definitely had a Pot of gold with him. He will be greatly missed by all! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Barry, Heather and Robert Mitchell



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**Heather Mitchell** - September 14, 2018 at 12:27 PM