



## Robert Lee Finch

March 12, 1930 - April 9, 2020

"A great man is always willing to be little." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Although he never sought recognition for his accomplishments nor his generosity, and he lived his life to serve others, Robert Lee Finch did want to be remembered as a man who truly cared about people. Bob died at his home in Altavista, April 9, 2020. Bob was the loving husband of Beatrice F. "Pug" Finch for sixty-five years.

Bob was born March 12, 1930 in Lynchburg, a son of the late Hubert Judson Finch and Connie F. Finch. Bob's mother, Connie, passed away in 1936 from leukemia. In the following years, Hubert married Connie's youngest sister, Virginia who raised Bob.

Bob spent over 65 years as a licensed funeral director and embalmer, serving countless families, guiding hundreds of people through the most difficult losses of their lives, and working steadfastly to build a legacy for his family. Established in 1905 by Bob's grandfather, Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service is the oldest business in the area, includes two locations, and is also known as the first in service for five generations. Bob's son, Rob, is now the home's President and Bob's grandson, Robert L. Finch III joined the firm in 2010. Truly, Bob's time toiling at his beloved profession has given him the satisfaction that he desired: a business which not only provides for his

family, but one which provides for his much-loved community.

A prolific worker, Bob once spent seven straight years laboring seven days a week, and on-call 24 hours each day. He demanded much from himself and spent more holidays comforting others than he did celebrating with his own family. Yet, despite all of the attention he gave to his firm, he was also immensely curious, and with that, took advantage of every opportunity which came his way. For instance, in order to provide a better service for his clientele, Bob studied the art of floral arranging, graduating from the American School of Floral Arts in Chicago. That entrepreneurial endeavor led him to grow his own greenhouse flowers and soon, he became the supplier for local florists. In fact, upon the wedding of his oldest son, Rob and his wife, Judy, Bob created the bridal bouquet for Judy. His penchant for the creative was always apparent: the furniture he refinished and the toys he built were immaculate, down to the smallest detail. Likewise, when Bob wanted to improve the Altavista location of Finch and Finch, he decided to put in a stained-glass transom window, so he enrolled in a stained-glass course at Central Virginia Community College, made the window, and installed it himself. His window, the only stained-glass piece he ever made, and the carefully cut Old English logo he devised, is still a prominent feature at the entrance of the Finch and Finch Altavista location.

Although it's difficult to imagine how he had the time with all of his other activities, Bob was compelled to not only serve families, but also serve his professional peers. Bob was a past president of the Southside Funeral Directors Association and the Virginia Funeral Directors Association. He was also a former member of the National Funeral Directors Association Policy Board. In 1991, Bob's peers voted him Virginia Funeral Director of the Year and his contributions to the profession were again recognized in 2002, when he received the Golden Licensee Award from the Virginia Funeral Directors Association, for 50 years of service. He received the Golden Licensee Award

again in 2017 for 65 years as a licensed funeral director and embalmer. Bob's dedication, combined with his vast experience, continues to serve Finch and Finch, where he is recognized as president emeritus.

A graduate of Altavista High School and Lynchburg College, Bob remained loyal and committed to his roots and extended his good work into the community, where he quietly addressed improvements. For example, Bob was instrumental in the development of the playing surface at Altavista High School's English Stadium. He utilized his greenhouse experience to prepare the soil (with the help of Altavista High School football players, students, and families) and plant grass, while using his greenhouse equipment to provide irrigation to the high school's football field, turning a dry, dusty field into lush turf for all the students to enjoy. Additionally, if he knew a neighbor wanted to begin a project, Bob would take over and start on it. Typical of his generation, if Bob saw something that needed to be done, he simply did it, again, regardless if he was asked to help. And sometimes, he did it regardless of anyone else's wishes. As Bob always said, "It's a whole lot easier to ask for forgiveness than to get permission." Like his work at Finch and Finch, he did whatever it took to complete a job, and even more important, to complete the job correctly. Bob's tendency to circumvent authority and seize control of a situation has produced results that can still be seen throughout Altavista. Never one to sit still, Bob continued to provide his expertise well into retirement, whether it was requested or not, of course.

It's no surprise that Bob's dedication to community also led him to the Lions Club International, of which he was not only a member, but also past president of the Altavista chapter, and former regional chairman. He was also a retired member of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Altavista and a longtime member of Lane Memorial Church, where he formerly served on the Board of Trustees.

Bob is a man of deep commitment, quiet emotion, and immeasurable loyalty. He is also a man who boldly confronted mortality nearly every day of his life. Just as he stoically enlisted in the U.S. Army at the height of the Korean conflict and bravely faced the daily challenges of the funeral profession, he just as fearlessly addressed his own end, stating with his usual wit and humor, "Well, I'm on my way out of here. My time is about done." Certainly, Bob built a strong legacy at Finch and Finch, but more than that, and a feat much more difficult to accomplish, he leaves behind a legacy of kindness, humor, strong principles, and boundless love. This is definitely apparent in the family business, but even more important to Bob, these traits are evident in his sons and his grandchildren, in his contributions to the Altavista community, and in every family who has and every family who will pass under that lovingly-crafted stained-glass window at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Rob Finch and his wife, Judy of Lynch Station and Mark Finch of Oconomowoc, WI; four grandchildren, Trey Finch and his wife, Brooke of Altavista, Tara Finch of Madison, WI, Jackson Finch of Edenton, NC, and Nicholas Finch of Pensacola, FL; and two great granddaughters, Austen Rylie Finch and Avery Camryn Finch.

Due to the COVID-19 health concerns in our society today, the funeral service will be held in a unique fashion. Bob firmly believed in the celebration of a life. We think Bob would be excited and proud to have a customary and traditional celebration of his life performed in an uncustomary manner.

A drive-in funeral service will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 14, 2020 in the parking lot of Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista by the Rev. Ben Horrocks. While in the parking lot, please tune-in to

87.9 FM on your radio to listen to the service while within your automobile. The service is only available to those in attendance due to radio transmission limitations.

The family will greet friends following the service. Friends will drive through the portico for a few words with the family.

Please join and support our family while celebrating the legacy and incredible life of Bob.

For those wishing to view Bob, viewing will be available from Noon until 9:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Sunday and Monday at the funeral home. For the protection of your health, proper health precautions and social distancing will be practiced.

The family would like to extend a special thanks for the loving care provided by the staff at Gentle Shepherd Hospice and especially Vivian Wright-Farmer and her team of caregivers including, Delicia Smith, Tasia Tucker, Cambria Lee, Shelia Lee, Joyce Miller, Annette Tucker, Tanisha Rucker, Jade McCoy and Trudy Stone.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Lane Memorial United Methodist Church, 1201 Bedford Ave., Altavista, VA 24517 or Altavista Area YMCA, 718 Seventh St., Altavista, VA 24517.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Hill Cemetery

300 Westwood Drive  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

APR 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Lee Finch*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - April 09, 2020 at 05:12 PM

AC

*Beautiful God bless!!!*

Anthony Clark - April 09, 2020 at 05:22 PM

SD

*I always enjoyed talking with Bob about the Florist and Greenhouse business. He had a wealth of knowledge.*

Steve Dalton - April 09, 2020 at 05:48 PM

CF

*Deepest condolences for your loss. He was a truly beloved pillar in Altavista and loved by all who knew him.  
Carol and Scott Frazier*

Carol Frazier - April 09, 2020 at 07:25 PM

DP

*I'm so sorry to hear of Mr Finch passing, know that we're praying for you and your family 🙏*

Darlene Puckett - April 09, 2020 at 08:30 PM

SB

*Graduated with Bob. He always had a smile (and a joke, probably!) for everyone. Sincere condolences to the family.*

Shirley Mayhew Bailey - April 10, 2020 at 09:03 AM

CB

*Rob, we are praying for you and the family. I am glad to have known your dad.*

**Chris Brooks** - April 10, 2020 at 09:46 AM

IC

*Bob and his dad were two of the nicest people I ever knew. No matter where you saw them, they always had time to stop and talk to you and ask about the family. You felt like he was really a friend and he will be missed by so many. He has certainly left an empty spot in this area that will never be filled. Rest in peace, good friend. The Compton family -  
Ida Compton*

**Ida Compton** - April 10, 2020 at 10:18 AM

DM

*When we moved to AltaVista one of our first and long lasting friendships started with Bob and Pug resulting with many happy memories. He will be missed.*

**Dick and Shirley McKeel** - April 10, 2020 at 11:47 AM

CL

*Philip and I are so sorry for your loss of your Dad. I remember him from many years ago as my Dad, Dike Cox, was a friend and worked with your Dad especially with digging graves. I will always remember his sweet smile and laugh when he and my Dad were joking with each other. Bob was a great man whom we will always remember.*

**Carolyn Little** - April 10, 2020 at 01:19 PM

TB

*Dear man, whom we have known for years. A southern gentleman with a gleam in his eye for a funny joke. A true servant of the community, who extended the hand of friendship to all. Condolences to family .  
Fond regards, Tobie*

**Tobie Bentz** - April 10, 2020 at 04:55 PM

RL

*So Very Sorry For You All, Such A Good Man!!!! Prayers For You All!!!!*

**robbie lacks** - April 10, 2020 at 07:56 PM

MW

*Bob was surely a Southern Gentleman,friendly,kind and respectful.He has such a terrific sense of humor too.Altavista has lost a very admirable man,but Bob have no fear,you have left your business in very capable hands,Robbie and Trey you are the best! God bless you and your entire family. Fondly,Mary Woodie*

mary woodie - April 10, 2020 at 09:22 PM

CW

*Wonderful memories.*

Connie Wilson - April 10, 2020 at 11:58 PM

ST

*So sorry for your loss--reading all these comments remind me how true they all are--always had time for a joke or two. We are praying for all of you and remember to always cherish your memories--they keep you going as you adjust to his absence. God's blessings to you all.*

Sherey Thompson - April 11, 2020 at 11:51 AM

PA

*Bob was truly a friend to all. Had many good conversations and laughs with him. Your family had a great leader.*

paulette watlington adkins - April 11, 2020 at 01:00 PM

MF

*I will always remember the fun times we shared as classmates in high school and the times Conor and I shared with Bob and Pug were great also.*

*Thanks, Maggi Finch*

Marguerite Finch - April 11, 2020 at 02:19 PM

MF

*Beautiful service for a wonderful man (servant) for this TOWN.I was not able to attend the service. Thanks for the Memory*

Margie FREEMAN - April 15, 2020 at 10:32 AM

BB

*Bob was a good man and a friend to all. Mama thought he was so great because he let her use his property for a garden. Sincere condolences to the family. Bill Booker*

**Bill Booker** - April 16, 2020 at 07:31 PM

ER

*Such a beautiful memory. God bless all the wonderful family*

**Edna Robertson** - April 17, 2020 at 08:44 AM

LM

*Rob and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. He was a great man. I got to talk to him some when he was in rehab across from Billy. Just found out today. I know you had a beautiful service. Would have loved to see Jackson all grown up. Libby Monroe*

**Libby Monroe** - April 25, 2020 at 08:11 PM

VF

*“ It taken me a while to write about Mr Finch. Taking care of you was such a pleasant experience. We joked and had the greatest time. You are missed and i will visit you to talk ....Never forgotten and you taught me so much*



**Vivian Farmer** - May 06, 2020 at 07:37 AM

RL

*“ Robbie Lacks lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch*



**robbie lacks** - April 21, 2020 at 08:36 PM

GM

“ So sad to hear. The Lord has a new angel.



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**glenn marr** - April 18, 2020 at 06:24 PM

RB

“ Our prayers go out for the entire Finch family. Bob’s service to this community was truly a blessing to many families including ours in their time of need and will be forever appreciated.  
*Roger and Darlene Blackstock*

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**Roger & Darlene Blackstock** - April 15, 2020 at 11:43 PM

TL

“ Thank you for sharing the video. We are sorry that we are unable to be there.  
*Hope we will be able to see you sometime in the future. God Bless,  
Tom & Emma*

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**Tom Lewis** - April 14, 2020 at 10:26 PM

DM

“ Dale Melton lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch



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**Dale Melton** - April 14, 2020 at 05:16 PM

JW

“ Jean Worsham lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch



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**Jean Worsham** - April 14, 2020 at 05:15 PM

JW

“ Justin Williams lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch



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**Justin Williams** - April 14, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Video of Funeral Service



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**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - April 14, 2020 at 04:46 PM

BL

*Excellent. I wish I could've been there but it's nice having this for our memories. Love to all.*

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**Bob Lehman** - April 14, 2020 at 05:29 PM

LS

*The service was absolutely beautiful. Thank you for sharing*

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**Lee Stinnette** - April 14, 2020 at 07:39 PM

DE

*Beautiful service. Prayers to the entire Finch family.*

Deborah Evans - April 14, 2020 at 09:23 PM

DF

*That was amazing Robert and Mark. Mr. Finch would be so proud of his sons. Again sorry I wasn't there and sorry for the loss he's in a much better place. Peace be still..*

Dennis Freeman - April 14, 2020 at 11:05 PM

WG

*So sorry for your loss I thought the world of Bob He was always the same no matter where you saw him. May The Lord bless and keep you all during this tremendous loss. My heart goes out to each of you*

Wanda Goodman - April 15, 2020 at 07:17 AM

ER

*Mark that was beautiful service.I am so sorry for your loss.Prayers sent to the family.God Bless*

Edna Robertson - April 17, 2020 at 08:36 AM

CA

“ Chris And Beverly Angell lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch



Chris and Beverly Angell - April 13, 2020 at 10:21 PM

BC

“ Sorry to hear about your loss.

Ben Clements - April 13, 2020 at 09:30 PM

JL

“ *John Lehman lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch*



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**John Lehman** - April 13, 2020 at 07:12 PM

PC

“ *Pam Owen Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch*



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**Pam Owen Cunningham** - April 13, 2020 at 03:43 PM

JR

“ *The year was 1987; we were just starting our electrical contracting business. In an effort to create awareness & establish clients we decided to "canvas" Altavista(!!) & introduce ourselves & distribute business cards. We parked @ one end of town & began on foot. When we got to Finch&Finch & entered the front door the secretary greeted us. We introduced ourselves & offered to leave several business cards, to which she replied, "Oh wait, Bob Finch is here & would love to meet you." In just a moment Bob came strolling out from his office with that huge, happy Bob Finch smile, extended his hand, & said "Hey-hoo, Bob Finch here-how ya'll doin'?" The rest is history. Finch&Finch became our first regular client & we came to love & appreciate Bob for his kindness, professionalism, respect, & friendship. We can honestly say that Bob was a client & friend with whom we never had a disagreement or issue of any kind. He will be greatly missed, but we consider it a privilege to have known him all these years. Our condolences to the entire family.*

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**John & Jean Roller** - April 13, 2020 at 02:33 PM

KN

“ I hope the love from the families of Altavista comforts your family as you all have comforted us through the years. Godspeed Bob.

Karen Farmer Newton - April 13, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Finch .



April 13, 2020 at 01:02 PM

EP

“ TO THE ENTIRE FINCH FAMILY WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. MR BOB WILL BE SURELY MISSED BY ALL..WE WAS A GREAT FAMILY MAN, FRIEND TO ALL COMMUNITY PERSON.

*EDDIE AND GAYLE PUCKETTE*

EDDIE AND GAYLE PUCKETTE - April 13, 2020 at 10:24 AM

EP

“ EDDIE AND GAYLE PUCKETTE lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch



EDDIE AND GAYLE PUCKETTE - April 13, 2020 at 10:21 AM

LF

“ Love Jane, Douglas, Amy and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert Lee Finch .



Love Jane, Douglas, Amy and Family - April 13, 2020 at 09:55 AM

MH

“ Mark Clarke & Staff of Henry Funeral Home purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert Lee Finch .



Mark Clarke & Staff of Henry Funeral Home - April 13, 2020 at 09:46 AM

BG

“ Bruce & Angie Gledhill lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch



Bruce & Angie Gledhill - April 13, 2020 at 09:15 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Finch .



April 12, 2020 at 09:29 PM

JS

“ To Robert, Judy and the Finch Family- We were so saddened to hear of Bob's passing. Our times with him and Pug were always so pleasant. Bob was warm and endearing; loved his smile and laugh. (of course, there was usually a joke as well). Always a 'gentle'-man.... The video tribute was remarkable -- a wonderful reflection on his life and life work.  
We send our heartfelt prayers for comfort and peace.  
Joyce and Clarke Scott



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**Joyce and Clarke Scott** - April 12, 2020 at 05:48 PM

AP

“ Pug, Robbie, Mark and Family: Thinking of each of you with sympathy and love. Our entire community is grieving with you with the loss of Bob. He built a lasting legacy of service and friendship and honor in our community and was loved and admired in return. His life was a blessing to so so many and his memory will live in our hearts. ❤️

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**Anita Freeman Phillips** - April 12, 2020 at 04:48 PM

JM

“ I am so very sorry. My dad (Robert Simpson) loved talking with Bob at the “McDonald’s Coffee Club” it is very hard to let them go but as dad said, “we are just passing through this world to get to a better place.” Prayers for you all.

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**jennifer moon** - April 11, 2020 at 09:57 PM

GS

“ Geraldine Shelton lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch



Geraldine Shelton - April 11, 2020 at 09:37 PM

GW

“ Dear Mark and Rob and other family members.....I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Bob's passing. He was an unusual man to say the least. Anytime I would see him ,didn't matter if it was at the Funeral Home or anywhere else, he always greeted me with a smile. His voice was kind and his personality, like all of us, could change in an instant! Your Obituary taught me so much that I never knew about him! My condolences to the family on such a great loss. I'm sorry that I wont be able to relay my sympathies, as I am a "hugger", but please know that I am thinking of you all and am praying for you and your family as you face the following days. Thank you for having the drive-thru funeral for him...I know he would love the fact that he was the first to be honored in this way in our community! What a memory.....right?



Glenda Cox Wood - April 11, 2020 at 05:52 PM

CS

“ Dear Rob, Judy and family,

I am sorry for your loss and I pray God will give you comfort and strength.

Carroll Shelton

carroll shelton - April 11, 2020 at 03:33 PM

DL

“ Our sincere condolences to the entire Finch family, especially to Mrs. Finch and our fellow Funeral Directors, Rob and Trey. Bob was a real gentleman and mentor. We have some great memories over years with your family through VFDA. We know Bob genuinely and deeply cared about those he served. A great loss here, but such a great addition to the Saints of Heaven. Well done our friend!  
David and Lynne Larimer  
Tazewell, VA

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David & Lynne Larimer - April 11, 2020 at 02:42 PM

CT

“ Will always remember the support Bob gave to our Baseball team and me personally.

CR Thompson

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CR Thompson - April 11, 2020 at 02:06 PM

RP

“ Bobby will always be remembered as we grew up together and enjoyed many contacts in our adult life.....a great friend.....Bob Price

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Robert Price - April 11, 2020 at 10:43 AM

PP

“ Pat Puckette lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch



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Pat Puckette - April 11, 2020 at 10:14 AM

JL

*“ Rob, We are sorry for your loss. We will keep you and your Family in our thoughts and prayers. Wishing you all the best.  
Jimmy Lowe and Family  
Lynchburg, VA*

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**Jim Lowe** - April 11, 2020 at 09:40 AM



*“ Bob was a wonderful man and human being. He was able to balance kindness and compassion with humor and understanding. I have many wonderful memories of him and Pug. I'm glad that he had a wonderful long life. He truly deserved it. JoAnne Green Pierce*

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**JoAnne Pierce** - April 11, 2020 at 09:08 AM

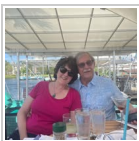
TC

*“ Bob coached me on my high school baseball team,, not as the head baseball coach, but as a life coach, always with encouraging words, always providing guidance when i was about to take the wrong fork in the road. A life magnificently lived.*

*Todd Carter*

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**todd a carter** - April 11, 2020 at 08:44 AM



*“ So sorry about Bob. He and I worked very closely together in VFDA, both of us being past Presidents. I always thought of him as being the funeral director's funeral director. You had a "good run" my friend. My best to the family. Jimmie K. Crowder, South Hill*

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**Randolph Hite** - April 11, 2020 at 08:36 AM

JR

“ *Deepest Condolences during this time may your memories bring you comfort Remembering You All in Pray*



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**Jo Ann Mayhew Rice** - April 11, 2020 at 12:37 AM

JB

“ *My deepest sympathy. Bob was a wonderful person that could make you smile. AltaVista is very lucky to have the Finch family. RIP Bob.*

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**Janet Tucker Barbour** - April 10, 2020 at 09:46 PM

RL

“ *Robbie Lacks lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch*



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**robbie lacks** - April 10, 2020 at 07:54 PM

DD

“ *Sorry to heard this I remember him when my mother was killed and he did her funeral and often to take us to sc for our dad but we didn't want to go it was back in 1968 May God be with the family*



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**Deborah Gables Drinkard** - April 10, 2020 at 07:47 PM

JG

“ My deepest sympathy to Pug, Robbie (he may go by Rob now but he'll always be Robbie to me), Mark and families. I will always remember Bob's terrific sense of humor and unlimited kindness. He and Pug ALWAYS had a smile on their faces! God bless you all. Love, Jenny Green (past babysitter for Rob and Mark).

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**jenny green** - April 10, 2020 at 07:13 PM

CB

“ Loved his funny stories and one of my favorite uncles! Great memories from all of the Finch family gatherings, even when I was younger and "Granny Finch", Beatrice, made those huge Sun. dinners!!!

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**Carolyn Borgwardt** - April 10, 2020 at 06:15 PM

BF

“ Robert,

*Sending my deepest sympathy and prayers to you and the family on the loss of your father.*

*Bertha Fleming*

*Scott's Funeral Home*

*Richmond, VA*

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**Bertha Fleming** - April 10, 2020 at 06:14 PM

BT

“ Rob and family, my sympathy on the passing of your father. Though your family has been in the funeral business for years, it surely must still be very difficult when it's your own family member involved. Thank you for the service that your father provided to the people of Altavista. Thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

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**Becky R. Thomas** - April 10, 2020 at 06:05 PM

PR

“ *Robbie, I am so sorry about your dad. He was such nice man and I always enjoyed seeing him even though it was usually a sad time. He always had a smile on his face. He and my mom graduated together and every time I would see him, he always asked about her. I am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Just always remember, you had a dad everyone loved and respected.*

*Pam Reynolds*

Pam Reynolds - April 10, 2020 at 05:40 PM

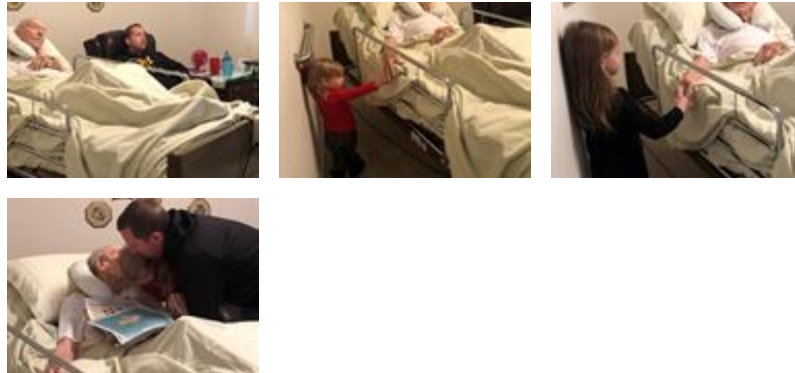
BS

“ *Sorry for your loss.*

Bryan Small - April 10, 2020 at 04:10 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - April 10, 2020 at 03:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Finch .*



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April 10, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ *Kay Henderson lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch*



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**Kay Henderson** - April 10, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ *Our whole family is saddened to hear the news of Bob's passing. He was a good friend to both my parents, Doris and W.T. Lanier, and has comforted and guided us all over the years, through the many deaths of our family and friends. As my mom said today, it always felt like he was part of our family -- well, I am confident that he has a big "family". We are sending our deepest sympathy and loving thoughts to you all from afar.*  
*Patti Lanier & Family*



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**Patti Lanier** - April 10, 2020 at 02:01 PM

BG

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the entire Finch Family.*



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**Bill and Betty Gillespie** - April 10, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Finch .*



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April 10, 2020 at 12:35 PM

CD

“ *Sorry to hear of Bob's death. I remember him coming over to the shop every day when I worked at Feller's. His dad did too. Such a nice guy. Prayers for the family.*

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**Carlton-Linda Dalton** - April 10, 2020 at 12:30 PM

JM

“ *Jimmy. And. Anne Marr lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch*



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**jimmy. and. anne marr** - April 10, 2020 at 12:26 PM

HM

“ To Rob, Mark and The Finch Family,  
Condolences to the family. Sorry to hear  
about the passing of your father. Know that  
you and the family are in my thoughts and  
prayers as you go through this time of sorrow.  
Howard Martin  
Henrico, Vs ( Firmly of Gretna)



Howard Martin - April 10, 2020 at 12:20 PM

SB

“ Wonderful man. Prayers to all the family. Have  
served our family with love and kindness  
throughout the years.

Edwin & Sue Blackstock



Sue Blackstock - April 10, 2020 at 12:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Robert Lee Finch .



April 10, 2020 at 11:58 AM

PE

“ Thank you for serving our families over the years. Condolences to  
the Finch family. Donnie and Peggy Barbour

Peggy - April 10, 2020 at 11:44 AM

SD

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for your family during this difficult time. Steve and Jean Dalton



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**Steve Dalton** - April 10, 2020 at 11:33 AM

RR

“ So sorry to hear of Bob’s passing heaven truly gained another angel. He saw many of my family members to their final resting place with compassion and sympathy for us all. My sincere condolences to you all.

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**Rhonda Reynolds** - April 10, 2020 at 11:10 AM

PM

“ Dear Pug and family, Don and I are deeply sorry to hear about the passing of Bob. He will sorely be missed by everyone who knew him. He was always so kind and had such a warm smile. Please accept our heartfelt condolences.  
Don and Patti Morton



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**Patti Morton** - April 10, 2020 at 10:57 AM

SO

“ His obituary says it all. What a man and what a life he lived. He really will be sorely missed. My sincere condolences to his family.

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**Shirley Orrell** - April 10, 2020 at 10:43 AM

MF

“ I have some very fond memories of being at AltaVista High School with Bob. He was the only classmate that had a car . He would drive Uncle Hubert's truck to school and boy did we take advantage. We piled in and had a great time, naming several: Jackie Hucks, Nancy Nelson, Lynwood Hicks, Bob Price, Georgie Bailey and me. We all graduated in 1947. That has been a long time. I married Bob's cousin (Conor) and Bob and I remained close friends. Love you Bob. Rest in PEACE!! Marguerite

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**Marguerite Finch** - April 10, 2020 at 10:41 AM

IK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all the family. May you find comfort in all your precious memories.



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**Iris Keesee** - April 10, 2020 at 09:47 AM

JH

“ Mr. Finch always had a smile on his face. Such a kind and sweet gentleman. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.



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**Judith Hedgpeth** - April 10, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ 56 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - April 10, 2020 at 09:04 AM

DR

“ Darrell & JoAnne Rorer lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch



Darrell & JoAnne Rorer - April 10, 2020 at 08:01 AM

CA

“ Altavista has lost a treasure. Bob Finch was the kind of man who would do anything for his neighbor with a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. We feel blessed that he was part of our lives and we pray that he will enjoy his first Easter in heaven. Cathy and Paul O'Callaghan

cathy - April 10, 2020 at 07:53 AM

MS

“ As one who played baseball from age 6 to a senior in high school, I will always remember Mr Finch preparing the ball fields for us. When I got older, I came to appreciate his sense of humor as well. He did his part to support the community, support the town, and support the youth of Altavista. Thanks Mr Finch. Mark Slusher

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**Mark Carla Slusher** - April 10, 2020 at 07:52 AM

MS

“ Mark Carla Slusher lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch



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**Mark Carla Slusher** - April 10, 2020 at 07:45 AM

VB

“ Dear Rob,

*So sorry to learn of your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Sincerely,*

*Vicki Andrews Barilla*

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**Vicki Andrews Barilla** - April 10, 2020 at 07:39 AM

NR

“ Nancy Roark sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Lee Finch



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**Nancy Roark** - April 10, 2020 at 07:37 AM

NR

*Sending Love and prayers to the entire Family. Bob was one of the Best!*

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**Nancy Roark** - April 10, 2020 at 07:39 AM

DD

“ Robbie, so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Haven't seen him for quite some time but Mr. Finch was the same every time I saw him. A very friendly and caring person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family .  
*Dennis DeLappe*

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**Dennis DeLappe** - April 10, 2020 at 07:12 AM

DM

“ Dot Rorer Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Lee Finch



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**Dot Rorer Mitchell** - April 10, 2020 at 05:29 AM

PP

“ *Paulette Payne lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch*



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**Paulette Payne** - April 10, 2020 at 12:05 AM

EG

“ *To the Finch Family, So sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you.*



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**Elaine Gowen** - April 09, 2020 at 11:03 PM

BC

“ *There was only one Bob always so full of mischief for as long as I have known him. I grew up next door to Hubert so I have known Bob my whole life. Always had a joke to share but he had his professional side also. We had three funerals close together one year and Bob was so good to us. He passed this down to the next generations too because I have been to hundreds of funerals and no one does as nice a job as Finch and Finch.*

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**Brenda Collie** - April 09, 2020 at 10:44 PM

BB

“ *Bob was a friend for many when many needed a friend . R.I.P. Bob .*

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**Bod Brown** - April 09, 2020 at 09:31 PM

JB

“ I always enjoyed Bob’s unique sense of humor and sharp tongue.  
What a wonderful man!!

Jerry Barnard - April 09, 2020 at 09:11 PM

PD

“ Phyllis & Glenn Dalton lit a candle in memory  
of Robert Lee Finch



Phyllis & Glenn Dalton - April 09, 2020 at 09:00 PM

MG

“ Our deepest sympathy.. The Finch family  
have been dear to us.. We grew up next the  
Finch Property in Grit.. May your memories  
be a blessing.....



Marlene Shelton Giles - April 09, 2020 at 08:52 PM

JW

“ I remember one summer while in college, I helped Bob and Pug  
rebuild the deck on the back side of their house. I often revisit that  
story with my father. He was a great man and neighbor to my  
grandparents.

John Woodson - April 09, 2020 at 08:46 PM

YH

“ My prayers and thoughts with you Rob and your family 🙏..

*Yvonne Hall*



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**Yvonne Hall** - April 09, 2020 at 08:33 PM

YH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Rob and your family .🙏

*Joyce Bolen*



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**Yvonne Hall** - April 09, 2020 at 08:28 PM

SM

“ What great memories of Bob and the staff at Finch and Finch. They all supported our local shoe business, both in sales and repair. We pray for you the family as you go through this week and the weeks ahead. A wonderful man that will be missed by many.

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**Sandy Myers** - April 09, 2020 at 08:15 PM

CS

“ Cindy Stewart lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch



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**cindy stewart** - April 09, 2020 at 08:04 PM

SA

“ *Sending love and prayers. Ryan & Sarah Gibson*



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**Sarah** - April 09, 2020 at 08:03 PM

DB

“ *Just heart broken I loved this Man so we always had a blast and laughed and laughed when I seen him what a loss to our community my Thoughts and Prayers to his Family and our Community 🙏*

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**Danny Barbour the Barber** - April 09, 2020 at 07:51 PM

RM

“ *So sorry for your loss , my family thought a lot of Mr. Finch he was such a kind gentle man. Rita Maschal*



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**Rita Maschal** - April 09, 2020 at 07:32 PM

RG

“ *Sorry for the passing of your father, grandfather and friend. My prayers to the entire Finch family and Finch and Finch funeral home family*

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**Robert Gallagher** - April 09, 2020 at 07:23 PM

GW

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers



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**Gwenda Willard** - April 09, 2020 at 06:42 PM

BR

“ Rob: Wishing you the best at your time of loss. I lost my dad several years ago and know the feeling.

*Respectfully,*

*Bill Rhudy*

*Licensed Funeral Director*

*Preneed Director*

*Whitten Funeral Homes*

*Lynchburg, Virginia*

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**Bill Rhudy** - April 09, 2020 at 06:42 PM

JB

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. Bob was a very nice man and a good friend. He would always joke with you. R.I.P. Bob. Jimmy Bane, Shelia



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**Jimmy Bane** - April 09, 2020 at 06:23 PM

BC

“ *Butch & Glenna W. Carr lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch*



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**Butch & Glenna W. Carr** - April 09, 2020 at 06:06 PM

WJ

“ *In our prayers .*



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**Wayne Walden Jr.** - April 09, 2020 at 05:44 PM

PW

“ *Keeping Robert and Family in our thoughts and Prayers. Paula & Wayne Walden Jr.*



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**Paula Walden** - April 09, 2020 at 05:42 PM

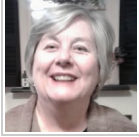
KW

“ *Kathy And Ray Walker lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch*



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**Kathy and Ray Walker** - April 09, 2020 at 05:19 PM



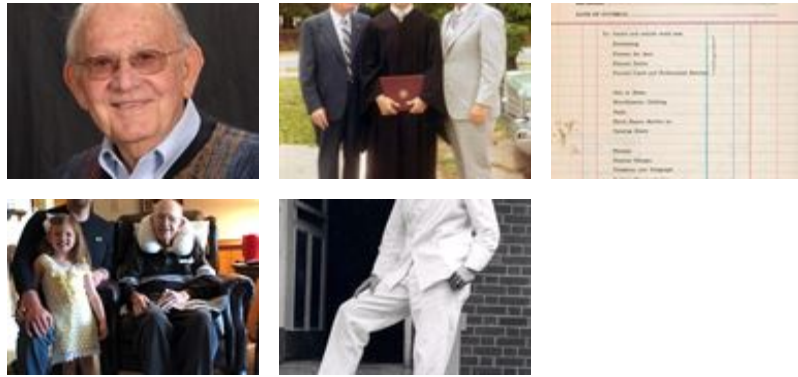
“ Vickie Cocke lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch



Vickie Cocke - April 09, 2020 at 05:17 PM



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Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - April 09, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ Whenever Dad was deployed during his 28 years in the Marine Corps, Bob was there to support my Mom, brothers and myself. I thought of him as my second dad. He was greatly appreciated, loved, and will be missed. Terry Finch

Terry Finch - April 09, 2020 at 05:12 PM

SF

“ *Shirley Firloines lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch*



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**shirley Firloines** - April 09, 2020 at 05:05 PM

MG

“ *Mike And Deborah Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch*



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**Mike and Deborah Gillespie** - April 09, 2020 at 04:58 PM

RF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during this difficult time. Bob has always been so special, making even the worst of days seem brighter with a funny little story or a hug for comfort. He knew everybody and could relate to anyone on any level. He will truly be missed.*

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**Robin Farris** - April 09, 2020 at 04:52 PM

TF

“ *Whenever my dad was deployed during his 28 years in the Marine Corps, if needed, Bob was there to support me, my mother, and my brothers. He was my second dad. He was greatly appreciated, loved and will be missed. Terry Finch*

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**Terry finch** - April 09, 2020 at 04:44 PM

SR

“ Prayers for comfort and strength for the family and friends. My heart goes out to you all!

Sandy Ritchie - April 09, 2020 at 04:36 PM

FC

“ So sorry for your loss. I never saw Bob that we didn't say something funny to each other. Prayers for the family. Fay Chalmers



Fay Chalmers - April 09, 2020 at 04:35 PM

MM

“ Melissa Martinez lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch



Melissa Martinez - April 09, 2020 at 04:29 PM

GG

“ So very sorry to hear this sad news. Bob has been a life long friend of mine since Grit School. He was a very special person. You all have my deepest sympathy.



Gwen Dawson Goggin - April 09, 2020 at 04:16 PM

DJ

“ So very sorry to hear about Bob. He was very generous in using his time to advise me on landscaping for not one, but two of my homes. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

Debbi Jones - April 09, 2020 at 04:16 PM

ME

“ Mary Edmonds lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch



Mary Edmonds - April 09, 2020 at 04:06 PM

JH

“ I feel like I've lost a member of my own family. Since I was 7 years old Bob Finch has been somebody that comforted me. One of the memories I have of my mother passing involve his kindness. When you're 7 that imprinted for life. My family has always trusted that this family would take care of ours. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Rob and Judy and the rest of your family. You'll be in our prayers.

Janna Hall - April 09, 2020 at 03:52 PM

VC

“ Thoughts and Prayers to the Finch family.



Vicky Creasy - April 09, 2020 at 03:36 PM

RC

“ *Ruth Cox lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch*



Ruth Cox - April 09, 2020 at 03:31 PM

DL

“ *Praying for entire family. Robert and all the staff has always been great to work with. He has passed on the Family tradition of respect and compassion on to Robbie and now on to Trey. My family has used their services more than I would have liked but that is life. He leaves behind a GREAT LEGACY and will be missed.*

David Logwood - April 09, 2020 at 03:30 PM



“ *Ralph Woods lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch*



Ralph Woods - April 09, 2020 at 03:30 PM

RC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Mr. Finch was such a kind and sweet person. He was always there for me in times of comfort and always had that smile and hug. My grandparents always spoke so highly of Mr. Finch whom they knew for years even his dad. Time must pass but the memories will always make a place in one's heart. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Ray and Kay Caldwell - April 09, 2020 at 03:28 PM

LM

“ Lucinda Mattox sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Lee Finch



Lucinda Mattox - April 09, 2020 at 03:25 PM

VC

“ Virginia Clark lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch



Virginia Clark - April 09, 2020 at 03:23 PM

CM

“ We are sorry for your loss. Bob was a great man. Always friendly and smiling. He used to pick on our Daddy Robert Owens when they saw each other. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless you all.  
*RIP BOB.*

*Nancy Owens Randy Maddox Cathy Maddox  
Shelia Walker James Bane Ken Owens Vicky Jones*



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**Cathy Maddox** - April 09, 2020 at 03:18 PM

DM

“ Throughout the years, Bob and his family have been a source of comfort for families during times of grief and loss. Sending love, respect, and healing arms to his family from all the Manns.

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**Dona C Mann** - April 09, 2020 at 03:15 PM

PP

“ Pat Puckette lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Finch



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**Pat Puckette** - April 09, 2020 at 03:10 PM