



Ruth Faith Shaw Farmer

June 27, 1931 - January 8, 2023

Ruth Faith Shaw Farmer, 91, of 210 Frazier Road, Altavista died Sunday, January 8, 2023 in Roanoke. She was the wife of the late James Clarence "Bud" Farmer.

She was born June 27, 1931 in Altavista, a daughter of the late Frank J. Shaw and Ruth Robey Shaw. She was a member of Penuel Baptist Church and a retired employee of BGF Industries. Ruth loved crossword puzzles and crime TV.

She is survived by two sons, David K. Farmer of Motley and Mack T. Starkey of Rustburg; one sister, Barbara Ann Mays of Richmond; six grandchildren, Scott Frasier of Greensboro, James A. Farmer of Roanoke, Mack Starkey, Jr. of Altavista, Joshua Starkey of North Carolina, Jessica Ashby and her husband, Brandon of Rustburg and Brittany Blair and her husband, Adam of Motley; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Earl S. Farmer; and six siblings, Beatrice, Eunice, Pauline, Johnny, Pete and Richard.

A graveside service will be conducted at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 12, 2023 at Altavista Memorial Park by the Rev. Carlton Gunter.

The family will receive friends at the residence of her granddaughter, Jessica Farmer Ashby, 170 Barringer Drive, Rustburg, VA 24558.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider the Friends of Campbell County Animal Control, Inc., 1400 Edley Place, Lynchburg, VA 24502.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Gary Barkheimer of Roanoke for all of his support and loving care.

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

Cemetery Details

Altavista Memorial Park

642 Wards Road
Altavista, VA 24517

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall

JF

“ I still miss you everyday❤️

James Farmer - November 12, 2025 at 10:40 PM

JA

“ 1 file added to the album Memories



James - February 19, 2025 at 01:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ruth Faith Shaw Farmer.



January 10, 2023 at 06:55 PM

BC

“ Betty, Donna Karen, Bonnie, Cheryl purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ruth Faith Shaw Farmer.



Betty, Donna Karen, Bonnie, Cheryl - January 10, 2023 at 04:00 PM

SH

“ ShirleyForloines lit a candle in memory of Ruth Farmer



ShirleyForloines - January 10, 2023 at 11:24 AM

EC

“ Faye was one of a kind, she was a hard working and fun loving Mother in Law.
May she RIP... she is in a better place.
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Ellyn Cox - January 10, 2023 at 06:45 AM

MM

“ Sincere condolences to Ruth's family. Worked with her and Bud at BGF. Really a sweet lady.



Mary Moses-Hicks - January 09, 2023 at 09:33 PM

CR

“ My thoughts an Prayers are with the family



Carol Rowland - January 09, 2023 at 07:45 PM

DH

“ *My favorite Aunt. Thank you for all the wonderful memories. Dressing me up. Putting your makeup and perfume on me. Getting the tangles out of my hair without hurting me. And teaching me how to sew, Heaven got itself an Angle.* 🧡🙏🌹

Debbie Hensley - January 09, 2023 at 05:55 PM