



Shirley Eades Chapman

May 3, 1942 - August 4, 2025

Shirley Eades Chapman, 83, of 4363 Gladys Road, Altavista died Monday, August 4, 2025 at Centra Lynchburg General Hospital. She was the wife of the late Phillip Stephen Chapman.

She was born May 3, 1942 in Campbell County, a daughter of the late Jerry Morton Eades, Sr. and Elizabeth Dowdy Eades. She was a member of Liberty Baptist Church, dedicated over 30 years of service to The Lane Company, and later retired from Autumn Care of Altavista.

She is survived by one son, Phillip Dale Chapman of Gladys; two daughters, Dianne Fowler and her husband, Wayne of Goode and Ruby Smith of Gladys; two sisters, Laura Dudley and Joyce Bolen both of Altavista; three grandchildren, Raven Ketchum (Kenny), Derek Chapman, and Elliott Smith; five great grandchildren; a number of nieces and nephews; and her canine and feline companions, Jazzie and Smokie.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Catherine Eades and Dorothy Chapman; three brothers, Jerry Morton Eades, Jr., James Edward Eades, and Henry Stephen Eades; and a special son-in-law, Tommy Smith.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 10, 2025 at Finch & Finch Chapel, Altavista by the Rev. Matt Gaston with interment to

follow in The Firstborn Prayer Tabernacle Cemetery, Gladys.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service and other times at the residence of Ruby Smith, 2780 Gladys Road, Gladys.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Calvary Baptist Church, P.O. Box 540, Altavista, VA 24517 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9956.

Cemetery Details

Firstborn Prayer Tabernacle Cemetery

2015 East Ferry Road
Gladys, VA 24554

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 10. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

AUG 10. 2:00 PM (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 Shirley Eades Chapman*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - August 10, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Eades Chapman*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - August 09, 2025 at 09:01 AM

WH

You will surely be missed Shirley ❤️💕

whitney Hall - August 10, 2025 at 03:57 PM

JW

“ *Shirley was one sweet special lady. Prayers*

Jeanette Walker - August 10, 2025 at 07:30 PM

GC

“ She always looked out for me growing up and was the greatest neighbor LOL. When I came home it was always a blessing to see her. She will be surly missed, but I know she is in a much better place now. Love you, Shirley!

Glenn Chapman - August 08, 2025 at 08:00 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Shirley Eades Chapman.



August 08, 2025 at 07:43 PM

AD

“ Amanda Dudley lit a candle in memory of Shirley Eades Chapman



Amanda Dudley - August 08, 2025 at 12:59 AM

EW

“ Elaine Winston Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Eades Chapman



Elaine Winston wright - August 08, 2025 at 12:17 AM

OY

“ *Olivia Young lit a candle in memory of Shirley Eades Chapman*



Olivia Young - August 07, 2025 at 05:21 PM

RD

“ *Aunt Shirley lived her life with grace, love and a generosity of spirit that touched the lives of so many people. She will be remembered with pride and joy. She was an amazing lady. I will be keeping Diane, Ruby, Dale, and the family in my prayers during this time.*



With Love and God Bless,

Rachel

~1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Rachel Dudley - August 07, 2025 at 09:56 AM

EW

*Shirley was a sweet and loving lady .
I went to school with Ruby, Diane and Phyllip. She used to let me come stay with Ruby and Ruby got to come to my house when we was kids.
Shirley will be missed .
so sorry for your loss
Diane, Phyllip and Ruby*

Elaine Winston wright - August 08, 2025 at 12:15 AM

MD

“ Marie Dudley lit a candle in memory of Shirley Eades Chapman



Marie Dudley - August 07, 2025 at 09:46 AM

TB

“ You were always very supportive and a caring lady you had a heart of gold. I remember us going to singings together and you were there when i lost my daughter. I will always remember you.you can rest easy now without no pain.my heart goes out to the family but i know that you are with God now and looking over all of us. Will miss you

Teresa and Richie Bolen - August 06, 2025 at 07:05 PM

CW

“ Ruby and Elliott, my heart and prayers are with you. I'm so very sorry for your loss. Shirley was a wonderful woman who dearly loved her family.

Christie Wood - August 06, 2025 at 07:04 PM

SB

“ Love and prayers to the family. Shirley was a very special lady, so kind and caring.

Sue (Mitchell) Blackstock



Susan Blackstock - August 06, 2025 at 05:07 PM

RB

“ Hard to believe sweet Shirley has gained her heavenly wings. I have so many great memories all filled full of laughter with Shirley especially when we talked about Trump & politics. I can remember coming to Virginia when I was a child and would stay with my sweet grandma-Joyce Bolen (Shirley's sister) and we would all go everywhere having the best time visiting others and eating ice cream. Continued prayers for the entire family. Until we see you again Shirley keep everyone in heaven laughing with your wonderful humor. Love Always. From - Randall Gardner & Amber Benfield

Randall Gardner & Amber Benfield - August 06, 2025 at 03:33 PM

MD

“ Marie Dudley lit a candle in memory of Shirley Eades Chapman



Marie Dudley - August 06, 2025 at 01:58 PM

BG

“ It is with a heavy heart that Randy and I offer our most sincere condolences to the entire family of Shirley. Our heart aches for all the family. Shirley was a very giving and caring person. Anytime we all got together with her, she always had us laughing or she was happy and smiling. I know Mama and Laura will miss her dearly as will everyone. Shirley will always be remembered as a bright light in all our lives that will shine in all of our hearts. 🙏🙏❤️❤️

Brenda & Randy Gardner - August 06, 2025 at 01:04 PM

JR

“ Jay Rice lit a candle in memory of Shirley Chapman



Jay Rice - August 06, 2025 at 12:43 PM

KT

“ phillip, diane, ruby, im very sorry to hear of your loss..

keith I treadway - August 06, 2025 at 09:41 AM

MD

“ Marie Dudley lit a candle in memory of Shirley Eades Chapman



Marie Dudley - August 05, 2025 at 10:58 PM

LD

“ Shirley was not only a sister, she was a genuine friend. She and I experienced so much through our journeys through life, and I will forever cherish the memories we made together. My husband, Carleton thought of her as a sister. I will keep the family in my thoughts and prayers.



With Love and God Bless,

*Laura
~Isaiah 41:10*

Laura Dudley - August 05, 2025 at 10:57 PM

LM

“ Ruby and family I am so sorry to hear of Shirley’s passing you are in my prayers much love Lucinda



Lucinda Mattox - August 05, 2025 at 09:30 PM

KT

“ I’m going to really miss her. she was so wonderful to talk with at Chef’s and we became friends along with Ms. Annie. Prayers for the family 🙏❤️

Kim Taylor - August 05, 2025 at 07:56 PM

CD

“ Shirley was a wonderful and caring lady. She was working at Autumn Care when my mother was there. My heartfelt sympathy and love are with her family. Carolyn debernard

Carolyn debernard - August 05, 2025 at 07:45 PM

AR

“ Shirley was one of the sweetest person I ever met. She loved her family and friends and would always be there for them to help in any way possible She will surely be missed by everyone that knew her. Praying for her family at this difficult time

Ann Rigney - August 05, 2025 at 07:11 PM



“ My goodness sweet Shirley has gained her angel wings. We will miss her very much, she was always good to me my whole life. I am so sorry to the family you know we all love you and are sending our prayers for peace as you accept this great loss in the family.



Love Dawn Gardner Ruhman (Joyce Bolen's granddaughter) and my family

Dawn Ruhman - August 05, 2025 at 06:49 PM

GH

“ Prayers for family of Shirley who was such a sweet and caring person who enjoyed doing so much for her family and know she will be greatly missed by many and Alice enjoyed working with her at Lane Co and we enjoyed being part of breakfast gang at Chef's with her and several others very often.

Glenn & Alice Hancock - August 05, 2025 at 05:24 PM

GH

“ Prayers for family of Shirley who was such a sweet and caring person and Alice worked with her for many years at Lane Co and we enjoyed our friendship with her and others being part of breakfast gang at Chef's, she be greatly missed and she always enjoyed doing so much for her family.

Glenn & Alice Hancock - August 05, 2025 at 04:35 PM

VC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and Prayers to the Chapman family. I knew Shirley from the Lane Company and Autumn Care.



Vicky Creasy - August 05, 2025 at 04:30 PM