



## Tara Dunnam

July 26, 1970 - October 16, 2017

Tara Lee Thornton Dunnam, 47, went to be with her Lord Monday, October 16, 2017 at Guggenheimer Health and Rehabilitation Center after a twenty-seven year battle with Type 1 Diabetes.

She was born July 26, 1970 in Richmond, a daughter of Marshall Lee Thornton and Lee Richardson Thornton of Hurt and was a member of Hurt United Methodist Church.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth Thornton of Virginia Beach; and four grandchildren, Skylar, Tygir, Thadius, and Kairi.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 20, 2017 at Finch and Finch Chapel, Altavista by the Rev. Robert Thorne.

The family will receive friends immediately following the service at the funeral home and other times at the residence of her parents, 620 Prospect Rd., Hurt.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Hurt United Methodist Church, 196 Ramp Rd., Hurt, VA 24563.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Ashraf, the staff of Guggenheimer Health and Rehabilitation Center, and the staff of LGH

Diabetic/Renal Unit.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation Following Service at funeral home

OCT **20** (ET)

Finch and Finch, Inc. Funeral and Cremation Service  
P.O. Box 85  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Marian lit a candle in memory of Tara Dunnam*



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**Marian** - February 15, 2018 at 10:12 AM

PF

“ *I send my deep respects to the Thornton family. Learning of her death tonight is so saddening and I did love her so much. She was a beautiful, loving, kind and I loved talking to her when I could. She fought so hard against this battle with diabetes. There is no more pain or illness just at peace in Jesus arms. I miss you Tara and know I never ever stoped thinking about you honey.*



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**Pamela Ford** - January 16, 2018 at 01:58 AM

CM

“ *Tara was my best friend in my 2 years at Heritage High school. Our favorite place to go to after school was TCBY yogurt shop and listening to Duran Duran and other favorite groups in her basement. She was a great friend and I've thought of her often over the years but we lost touch unfortunately. I'm so saddened to hear of her battle with Diabetes and her passing. My thoughts and prayers to her mother and father whom I know loved her so dearly and her daughter and grandchildren.*



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**Crystal Gowen Morgan** - October 24, 2017 at 12:38 PM

DR

*Sorry to hear of your passing Tera. I remember you as a beautiful hs teen, haven't seen you since. I'm glad we reconnected in the past couple years thanks to fb. I'm sure you will be missed dearly.*

**Drew Rudiak** - October 25, 2017 at 11:18 PM

JB

“ *Lee,  
Read of your loss and want you to know that Elaine and I will be in prayer for you and Lee as you celebrate and grieve the her death.  
JW Burton*

**John W. Burton** - October 21, 2017 at 07:05 AM

TL

“ *Tamara Dalton, LPN lit a candle in memory of Tara Dunnam*



**Tamara Dalton, LPN** - October 21, 2017 at 01:41 AM

JJ

“ *Joann, Julie & John ,Terry, Jonathan, Joel purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Tara Dunnam.*



**Joann, Julie & John ,Terry, Jonathan, Joel** - October 19, 2017 at 12:07 PM

JB

“ Tara was a beautiful person both inside and out. Growing up with Tara, I had the privilege of witnessing first hand the warm, caring, loving and determined individual that Tara was. She loved life and always had a way of making you feel special. She had quite a flare for the arts and produced many beautiful drawings in her life. She was a wonderful person to just chat with and share your thoughts with and just to be yourself around. Her pleasant nature would put you at ease only minutes after you were with her. My memories of Tara are all happy ones. She loved her family dearly and I know that she was very appreciative of all that Lee and Lee did for her. Tara's zeal for life and determination were evident as she fought a long, hard and brave fight for so many years with her diabetes. I actually marveled over the years at her strong will and ability to persevere in the face of her struggles. Tara, I am happy for you that you are no longer struggling or suffering. I am happy for the loved ones in Heaven that you are now just getting to know again. Thank you for the positive and wonderful mark that you left on my life. I will think of you often and I will also keep all of your family members in my prayers. God Bless!

*Jonathan Brooks*

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**JONATHAN D BROOKS** - October 19, 2017 at 11:50 AM



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**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - October 19, 2017 at 08:16 AM

KR

“ Rest in peace Tara. She was one of my very first patients when I became a nurse and took care of her on multiple occasions over the years. Her illness became such a huge part of her life and I'm sorry that she struggled so much to stay well. May you find comfort and peace knowing that she is no longer ill and free of the body that caused such struggles for her and your family. I will keep your family in my prayers.

Kristy - October 18, 2017 at 11:26 AM

GR

“ Dear Lee and Lee,

Tara was a special lady. She was so beautiful inside and out and it was always a joy to talk to her. My thoughts and prayers go out to you, Beth and family. Just know she is in no pain and no more suffering.



Geneieve Rowland - October 18, 2017 at 09:26 AM

NR

“ Lee and Lee. I did not know your daughter but I heard Dot Childress Shelton speak of her often and her battle with diabetes. My prayers go out to you and all the family.

Nancy Roark - October 18, 2017 at 08:49 AM

GG

“ Gwen Goggin lit a candle in memory of Tara Dunnam



Gwen Goggin - October 18, 2017 at 07:10 AM

MN

“ *Lee and Leigh my heart aches for you. Seems like it was only yesterday that we were discussing Tara as a baby. You have your grandchildren. I cannot be there in body, but am sending love and hugs. May god give you comfort.*



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**marisn west novak** - October 18, 2017 at 03:01 AM

SB

“ *Lee & Lee,*

*Tara was a beautiful lady, inside and out. She is now free from pain and suffering. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,  
Edwin & Sue Blackstock*



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**Sue Blackstock** - October 17, 2017 at 07:01 PM

DP

“ *Dixie And Gary Poindexter lit a candle in memory of Tara Dunnam*



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**Dixie and Gary Poindexter** - October 17, 2017 at 03:28 PM