



## William Thomas Arthur

October 3, 1934 - September 10, 2014

William Thomas Arthur, 79, of 1 Sourwood Lane, Altavista died Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at Virginia Baptist Hospital. He was the husband of Shirley Beville Arthur for fifty-nine years.

He was born October 3, 1934 in Danville, a son of the late Willie Thomas Arthur and Lora Roach Arthur. He was a member of Central Baptist Church and a retired Post Master where he had over thirty-six years of service in the Altavista Post Office. Bill was a founding member of DAV Chapter 46, a member Post Masters Union, and Altavista's Hometown Hero in 2007. He was a twenty-five plus year participant in the DAV Christmas Basket Telethon for needy families, having delivered many himself on Christmas Day.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Sherry Bennett and her friend Tim Rollison of Hurt and Kimberly Taylor and her husband Kevin of Altavista; three brothers, Harold Arthur of Florida, Curtis Arthur of Hurt, and Gene Arthur of Georgia; four grandchildren, Kevin J. Taylor, Jr. and his wife Charlene, Leighton Bennett, Kara Taylor, and Forrest Taylor; one great grandson, Karson J. Taylor; and three brothers-in-law, Harold Bowling and Phil Raiford both of Hurt, and Charlie Moorefield of Florida; one sister-in-law, Linda Jefferson of Roanoke; and he is also survived by his beloved black lab, Midnight.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Ollie, Leonard and Gerald Arthur and four sisters, Pauline Blalock, Gladys Bowling, Louise Parker, and Dorothy Moorefield.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 14, 2014 at Central Baptist Church by the Rev. David Bayse with interment to follow in Green Hill Cemetery with military honors by The American Legion Altavista Memorial Post 36.

The family will receive friends from 7-8:30 p.m., Saturday 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 Parkinson Disease Assoc., Inc., 135 Parkinson Ave., Staten Island, NY 10305.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Hill Cemetery

300 Westwood Drive  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **13.** 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

SEP **14.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Central Baptist Church  
515 7th Street  
Altavista, VA 24517

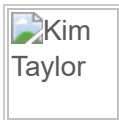
# Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of William Thomas Arthur*



**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - September 12, 2014 at 01:13 PM



*Tribute video*

**Kim Taylor** - September 17, 2014 at 12:20 PM

HM

“ *Harold & Mary Moses-Hicks lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur*



**Harold & Mary Moses-Hicks** - September 16, 2014 at 10:30 AM

RH

“ Bill was a good man, a wonderful supervisor, and a great encouragement to me. Over twenty plus years ago, within a very short time after he first became Postmaster of Altavista, I was inducted into the Inspection Service and the other city carrier was appointed to a postmaster job. Even though our promotions left Bill in a pinch to staff the office, he always encouraged us to advance as far as we could. I am thankful for the time or two that I got to visit him after his retirement. We had some time to talk about all sorts of things including things pertaining to our Savior. I look forward to seeing him again when it is my turn to go home.

Ron Holcomb - September 14, 2014 at 10:14 PM



Thank you Ron for your kind remarks. dad talked of you often

Kim Taylor - September 17, 2014 at 12:17 PM

AK

“ Amy Kimball lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur



amy kimball - September 14, 2014 at 07:13 PM

JB

“ Sherry,  
So sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. I know he was a very special man. I hope you all can think about and hold dear all the wonderful memories.  
Jerry, Penny and Jake



Jerry Barnard - September 14, 2014 at 12:30 PM

KJ

“ *Kenda Jacobs lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur*



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**Kenda Jacobs** - September 14, 2014 at 08:59 AM

JB

“ *I am sorry for your loss. I am praying for you and your family in this sad time in your life. Love you all.*  
*Joyce Buchanan*

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**Joyce Buchanan** - September 14, 2014 at 12:24 AM

GC

“ *Gayle& Nancy Cole lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur*



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**gayle& nancy cole** - September 13, 2014 at 04:48 PM

WE

“ *Rest in peace . Wendy and all my family*

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**wendy** - September 13, 2014 at 04:44 PM

AR

“ *May every blessing follow with comforting hands into Eternal Light ~ We hold you in our hearts today and send support to all of you, and special prayers to my friend Kim Taylor whose compassionate faith shines bright. #WichitaLove always XOXOX anne rounds*



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**anne rounds** - September 13, 2014 at 02:52 PM

PD

“ *Patricia Davis purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William Thomas Arthur .*



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**Patricia Davis** - September 13, 2014 at 10:15 AM

CB

“ *I'm soo sorry for your loss, death stings and brings much pain But how comforting are the words located in 2 Corinthians 1:3,4. This scripture speaks about how we can draw comfort from our Heavenly Father. Whom comforts us in all our trials, God of tender mercies and truly is a god of comfort. And how reassuring the words found in Isaiah 25:8 is, that soon very soon Jehovah (Psalms 83:18:Gods name) will swallow up death forever, and wipe away tears from our faces.*

*Sincerely, Chasity Bozman .*

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**chasity bozman** - September 13, 2014 at 06:19 AM

EP

“ Eddie Puckette lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur



Eddie Puckette - September 13, 2014 at 01:57 AM

AK

“ Thoughts & Prayers for Shirley, Sherry, Kim and the family...May you find peace & comfort in the days ahead. Alice Faye Krantz Keesee



ALICE KEESEE - September 12, 2014 at 08:52 PM

DB

“ I am so sad about his passing,,,there are not enough words in the English language to describe Bill Arthur and the good deeds he has done,,,I'll always remember how much he loved Callie,,Willie Childress dog,,,and how he would come up every morning after Willie died to get Callie and take her for her morning ride around Hardees ...my love to Shirley, Sherry, Kim and the grandchildren,,,



Dot Brooks - September 12, 2014 at 03:15 PM

RJ

“ *Robin Jacobs lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur*



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**Robin Jacobs** - September 12, 2014 at 02:40 PM

RC

“ *Ray And Kay Caldwell lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur*



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**Ray and Kay Caldwell** - September 12, 2014 at 11:08 AM

RT

“ *Prayers to the Arthur family. So sorry for your loss.*

*Alma Stevens and Regenia Tweedy*

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**Regenia Tweedy** - September 12, 2014 at 10:36 AM

L.

“ *Prayers to the family. Bill was an outstanding worker and postal employee! He was kind hearted and a good friend to have. L. G. "Jim" Woody*



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**L.G."Jim"Woody** - September 12, 2014 at 08:59 AM

AW

“ My heart goes out to each of you & my prayer is that God will fill the void in you with an abundance of sweet memories to get you thru the hard days ahead. Bill was an awesome man...he will be sorely missed by all.



abbie witt - September 12, 2014 at 08:41 AM

AG

“ Angie Gledhill lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur



Angie Gledhill - September 12, 2014 at 08:30 AM

KH

“ Kenneth Hudson lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur



kenneth hudson - September 12, 2014 at 07:59 AM

AP

“ Anita Freeman Phillips lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur



Anita Freeman Phillips - September 12, 2014 at 07:21 AM

GJ

“ I was sorry to read about the passing of William. So I wanted to take this time to express my condolence to you for the loss of your loved one. I wanted to share a thought with you that comforted me when I lost a family member in death. The man Job in ( Job 14:14) asks" If an able-bodied man dies can he live again?". Happily Jesus answers in ( John 5:28,29)-Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life” Imagine a resurrection back to life and right here on earth.--( Ps.37:29)-“The righteous themselves will possess the earth. And they will reside forever upon it”. I hope that you will be able to draw some comfort from these scriptural thoughts as I did.

George Jackson - September 12, 2014 at 07:02 AM

RV

“ So sorry for the loss of your father and grandfather, I know you will miss him greatly. May GOD give you all the peace and comfort you need during this time. Mr. Arthur was a kind and friendly face to see each time I entered the Altavista Post Office.

Robin Dudley Vaughan

Robin D Vaughan - September 11, 2014 at 10:32 PM



TF

“ The Crabbe Family lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur

The Crabbe Family - September 11, 2014 at 10:22 PM



TF

*The Crabbe Family lifts you up in prayer*

**The Crabbe Family** - September 11, 2014 at 10:23 PM

TJ

“ *The Crabbe Family, Cliff, Maureen, Justin and Jennifer purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of William Thomas Arthur .*



**The Crabbe Family, Cliff, Maureen, Justin and Jennifer** - September 11, 2014 at 10:20 PM

KS

“ *Kim, Sherry and Family I am so sorry for your loss. May God wrap his arms around you and comfort you at this time.*  
*Kathy Ritzer Shirey*



**Kathy Shirey** - September 11, 2014 at 09:11 PM

MH

“ *Marlo Henderson lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur*



**Marlo Henderson** - September 11, 2014 at 08:31 PM

  
Tammie  
Triplett

“ *love & peace at this time ..my heart goes out to the family and friends ..*



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**Tammie Triplett** - September 11, 2014 at 08:07 PM

JL

“ *James And Sheila Little lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur*



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**James and Sheila Little** - September 11, 2014 at 07:00 PM

RG

“ *Robert And Maria.fe Taylor And Girls lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur*



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**Robert and Maria.fe Taylor and Girls** - September 11, 2014 at 06:34 PM

PP

“ *Prayers for all the family, a fine man*

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**Pat Puckette** - September 11, 2014 at 06:29 PM

BD

“ *Billy & Diane Davis lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur*



**Billy & Diane Davis** - September 11, 2014 at 06:22 PM

BR

“ *Brenda Reynolds lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur*



**Brenda Reynolds** - September 11, 2014 at 06:21 PM

PB

“ *My last memory of Bill was about two weeks ago. I was down visiting my daughter and my grandson for Labor Day weekend. As I saw Bill he was a gentleman's gentleman. My last memory was shaking his hand goodbye and he said have a safe trip home. He will be missed very much.*



**Patrick Branch** - September 11, 2014 at 06:18 PM

MI

“ *Mack & Dianne Irby lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur*



**Mack & Dianne Irby** - September 11, 2014 at 06:05 PM

WO

“ *Winston O'Brien lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur*



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**Winston O'Brien** - September 11, 2014 at 05:49 PM

RS

“ *Rose And Victoria Saunders lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur*



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**Rose and Victoria Saunders** - September 11, 2014 at 05:48 PM

LB

“ *Linda Blessard lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur*



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**Linda Blessard** - September 11, 2014 at 04:48 PM

CH

“ *Connie Payne Hall lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur*



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**Connie Payne Hall** - September 11, 2014 at 03:34 PM

CW

“ *Carroll&Gwenda Willard lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur*



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**Carroll&Gwenda Willard** - September 11, 2014 at 03:18 PM

RM

“ *Ray & Judy Mitchell lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur*



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**Ray & Judy Mitchell** - September 11, 2014 at 03:18 PM

DH

“ *Dusty Hackworth lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur*



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**Dusty Hackworth** - September 11, 2014 at 02:32 PM

EU

“ *Shirley & Family, You all are in our thoughts & prayers at this time. Bill was a wonderful & well thought if gentleman. Your Friends, Eugene & Mary Edmonds*

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**Eugene** - September 11, 2014 at 02:03 PM

EE

“ Eugene & Mary Edmonds lit a candle in memory of William Thomas Arthur



Eugene & Mary Edmonds - September 11, 2014 at 01:59 PM

RT

“ Prayers sent to you and your family...

Roxie Tyler - September 11, 2014 at 01:59 PM

LD

“ I am so sorry.  
Everyone is in my thoughts and prayers.  
Linda Dalton

linda Dalton - September 11, 2014 at 12:53 PM

NR

“ Nancy Roark sent a virtual gift in memory of William Thomas Arthur



Nancy Roark - September 11, 2014 at 12:41 PM

TD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Shirley, Sherri and Kim. Such and sweet and kind man.*

*Lynn and Teresa David*



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**Teresa David** - September 11, 2014 at 11:48 AM

LH

“ *Larry & Betty Hunley sent a virtual gift in memory of William Thomas Arthur*



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**Larry & Betty Hunley** - September 11, 2014 at 10:16 AM

LP

“ *My sympathy and prayers for you Sherry and your family. Lisa Daniel Paschall*



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**Lisa Daniel Paschall** - September 11, 2014 at 09:37 AM