



## Zadie Hailey Francis

August 8, 1939 - October 26, 2022

Zadie Hailey Francis, 83, of Hurt passed away October 26, 2022. Zadie was born August 8, 1939 in Halifax County to the late Burley East Hailey Jones and Sam Hailey. Although Zadie had a Hurt address her life was about Altavista and always called it home even though she bought a house across the river. In recent years Zadie resided in Cumming, Georgia with her devoted caretakers, Ruby and Dean.

Zadie leaves behind two daughters and sons-in-law, Ruby Diane and Dean Norman of Cumming, Georgia, Barbara Gayle and Kevin McGuffin, two granddaughters, Sara Diane and Anna Gayle McGuffin, all of Chesterfield, Virginia.

Zadie is survived by three sisters, Dolly Danner of Richmond, Margaret Pauley of Colonial Heights, and Frances Simpson of Mechanicsville. She is also survived by three sisters-in-law, Naomi Hailey of Lynchburg, Linda Hailey of South Boston and Ingrid Hailey of Danville, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Zadie was predeceased by three sisters, Myrtle Epperson, Virginia McCulloch, and Janie Childress, three brothers Roy S. Hailey, Dewey S. Hailey June 7, 2022, Richard S. Hailey August 31, 2022, and former husband and father of her daughters, Acie A. Francis October 28, 2020.

She attended Aspen Elementary and Randolph Henry High School. In 1975 she received her GED after being out of school twenty years.

Zadie retired from Abbott Labs in 1996 after more than 22 years. At one time she was a certified CNA, a certified Tax Preparer and had an Insurance License.

Zadie loved doing genealogy and spent many hours doing research in cemeteries and courthouses. She wrote several stories that were published in Campbell, Charlotte, and Pittsylvania County Heritage Books.

Zadie was a planner, a doer, a giver and a helper. She was the most loving grandparent, aunt, sister, daughter, and mom. If a relative or friend was in need, she was usually the first to arrive to help.

She loved the outdoors, her plants, the deer and birds, Elvis and Conway.

She loved trips and was all in, whether it was alone or with others. She visited many places from Boston to Florida, Texas, Arizona, California, Washington, Oregon and Canada. Until her illness, she kept the roads hot traveling to Richmond; Georgia and her local area visiting relatives and friends, and after her illness with her beloved, faithful chauffeur, Dean.

She loved her granddaughters dearly. She was there for their births and didn't leave their side for months. As they grew, she was there for their dance and piano recitals, graduations, trips to museums and parks or sitting in the floor playing. She would often arrive in Richmond just in time to be standing at their bus stop. Whose eyes lit up the most?

Visitation will be at Finch and Finch Chapel, Altavista, Saturday, November

12, 2022 at Noon, memorial service at 1 p.m. with burial following at Mount Carmel Methodist Church Cemetery, Brookneal in Charlotte County.

For those wishing to make a memorial contribution, please consider a donation to Staunton River Memorial Library, 500 Washington St., Altavista, VA 24517.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church Cemetery

1101 Mt. Carmel Rd.  
Brookneal, VA 24528

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 12. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

NOV 12. 1:00 PM.

Finch and Finch Chapel

# Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Zadio Hailey Francis*

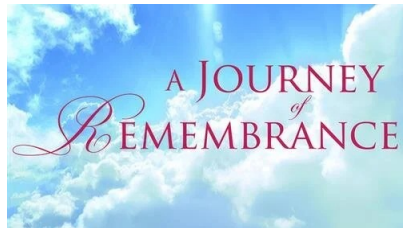


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**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - November 11, 2022 at 10:09 AM



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Zadio Hailey Francis*



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**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - November 09, 2022 at 03:26 PM

MS

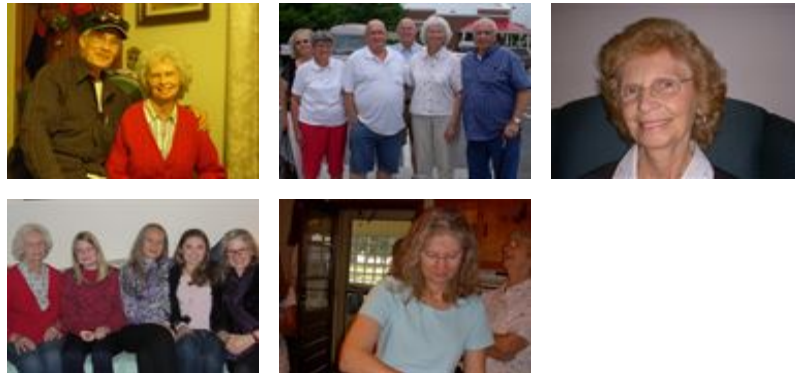
“ *Barbara, so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family.*

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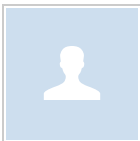
**Mike Southern** - December 02, 2022 at 03:14 PM



“ 157 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - November 09, 2022 at 03:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Zadie Hailey Francis* .



November 07, 2022 at 06:25 PM



“ *Brenda Trent lit a candle in memory of Zadie Francis*



**Brenda Marsh Trent** - November 07, 2022 at 05:27 PM

NK

“ Nancy Knudson lit a candle in memory of Zadie Francis



Nancy W. Knudson - November 07, 2022 at 04:55 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Zadie Hailey Francis .



November 07, 2022 at 07:48 AM

MM

“ I don't remember where or when I first met Zadie, work or where, we bececame instant friends. She would brighten up any mood. I lost touch with her years ago. But thought of her often. She was a smart lady and a nice friend. My deepest sympathy to her family.



Mary Moses-Hicks - November 06, 2022 at 06:25 PM

LJ

“ I will always remember the smile on her face when she worked at Abbott.



Linda Johnston - November 05, 2022 at 04:05 PM

RG

“ *Zadie was a dear friend to my mother, Sarah Guill, and a great neighbor. My mom knew she could call on Zadie and Zadie would be right there to help her friend and neighbor. They are now catching up on news in Heaven and laughing about funny things they did together. Rest in Peace Zadie you were well respected and loved by your neighbors and friends. She will be missed by those whose lives she touched in special ways.*



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**Ray Guill** - November 04, 2022 at 11:58 AM

PH

“ *My sincere condolences to Zadie’s family during this time. I had the pleasure of working with Zadie for many years at Abbott Laboratories. When I saw the announcement the first thing that came to my mind was her beautiful smile. Zadie had the biggest most beautiful smile. She was a gentle soul and I know she’s going to be missed. Phyllis Hale*



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**phyllis** - November 04, 2022 at 08:55 AM

DR

“ *Dennis Rowland lit a candle in memory of Zadie Hailey Francis*



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**Dennis Rowland** - November 03, 2022 at 05:08 PM



“ *Mary Edmonds lit a candle in memory of Zadie Francis*



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**Mary Edmonds** - November 03, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Zadie Hailey Francis .*



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November 03, 2022 at 01:55 PM