



Elder Robert Paul Cherry

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Robert Paul Cherry was born on February 20, 1929 on the Cherry Family farm in Hassell, North Carolina. His parents, the late Joseph Arthur Cherry and Adalade Lynch Cherry gave birth to his siblings: Anna Mae Miller (deceased), Primus (deceased), William Arthur (deceased), Henry Spencer (deceased), Gladys Little (deceased), Nan Bowman - survivor(George), Myrtel Hazel Hill (deceased), Joseph Arthur, Jr. - survivor (Anna Ve), twins Samuel Alton & Jesse Alton (both deceased), and Sallie Webster - survivor. After a brief illness, he died peacefully in the house that he built and loved.

In his early years, he was nicknamed “Lolly” (like lollipop) because of his sweet mannerism. At first, he received some of his education from Martin County schools. However, at age 14, he yearned to discover his talents, other than working in the fields and on the farms. So, he relocated to Bronx, NY where he attended the middle and high schools there, and developed an appreciation for the art of baking.

On August 30, 1950, he volunteered for the United States Army, at the tender age of 20. He spent 21 years in the military, earning the highest rank of a Sergeant First Class (SFC). During his military work assignments, he was given the opportunity to enjoy and explore the traditions, cultures, and customs of other countries, such as the Dominican Republic, Korea, and

Germany; as well as, residing in states such as: Georgia, Arkansas, Texas, and Alaska. He loved to use German and Spanish words such as: “Vamos” (pronounced “Va – ma – nos) meaning “Let’s Go” and “Was ist los?” (pronounced “Vas ist los”) meaning “ What’s up” or “What’s happening?”. He did this everyday!

After retirement, he was given the opportunity to further his education. He did so by receiving his GED and an Associate Degree in Carpentry from Martin Community College.

Robert Paul became a member of Jones Chapel Primitive Baptist Church in 1952, after pledging his commitment to the stunning Essie Ruth Carr in 1951. He became an ordained elder in 1975 under Elder Ernest Farmer. At the time of his death, Robert Paul’s church home was J.A. Cherry Chapel located in Robersonville, NC, and was a member of Correspondence Association.

Elder Cherry was a hardworking, dedicated family man. He loved talking about God, his experiences in the military, and his family and friends. He loved to talk and share teachable experiences because he loved people.

There are noticeable things about him...like, he would have gladly told you that he loved his fried chicken and chocolate ice cream! And with his extended training and knowledge in carpentry, he always looked relaxed whenever he was working on the church, shed, you name it.

He will be so well-missed. He had a witty sense of humor that will be remembered by all who knew him. But, a few weeks before he was silenced forever, he told one of his daughters and a son-in-law these words:

“Old Soldiers Do Not Die...I Salute You”. Daughter, do not be sad for I have fought the hard fight and I have now reached the mountaintop. I know you love me.”

He leaves wonderful memories to his doting wife of sixty-four years, Essie Ruth (Carr) Cherry; along with their beautiful children, Glinda Anthony (Melvin) of Robersonville, NC, Paul Arthur Cherry (Sandra) of Richmond, VA, Kurt Alexander Cherry (Kathie) of Dover, Delaware, Kathy Bonds (Gregory) of Fayetteville, NC, SeBon Jenkins (Alvin) of Augusta, GA, Adalade Burton (Bruce) of Fayetteville, NC, Gail Walker (Craig) of Americus, GA, CarrLee Washington (Glenn) of Clayton, NC, Joan Kirkpatrick of Colorado Springs, CO; In addition, he and his wife helped raised two grandsons as their own; Kurt Robert Cherry (Kesha) of Atlanta, GA, Christian Cherry of Colorado Springs, CO; he cherished his twenty-two grandchildren, along with a host of nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren, loving friends and relatives.

Cemetery Details

Cherry Estate Cemetery

Hwy 42
Bethel, NC 27812

Previous Events

Service

JUN 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

Harper Chapel Primitive Baptist Church
Hassell, NC 27841

Tribute Wall



“ *Elder Robert Paul Cherry*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Patricia Edna Hodge Stephens lit a candle in memory of Elder Robert Paul Cherry*



Patricia Edna Hodge Stephens - May 30, 2023 at 06:17 PM



“ *I love and miss you Daddy...Joan*

Joan Kirkpatrick - October 02, 2016 at 12:47 PM



“ *Pamela Peele lit a candle in memory of Elder Robert Paul Cherry*



Pamela Peele - June 17, 2016 at 02:28 AM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home And Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Robert Paul Cherry



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - June 13, 2016 at 03:37 PM

JY

“ The family have my deepest sympathy.



James Earl Yarrell - June 11, 2016 at 10:56 AM

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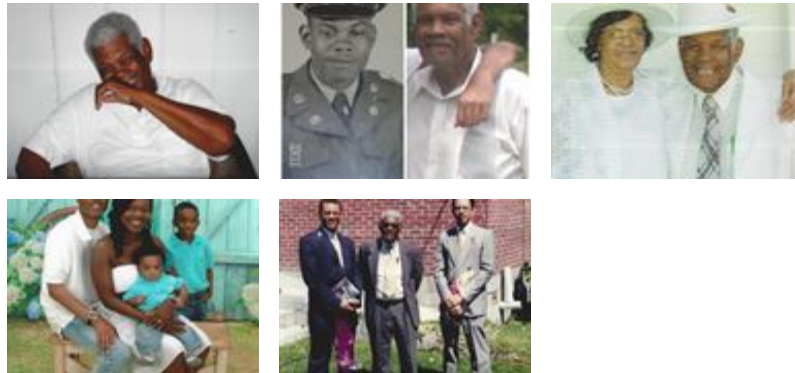
“ I will always remember Elder Paul Cherry as a Child of Our Heavenly Father and a follower of Jesus Christ. Hearing him preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ so inspired me, with his well defined conviction and at times displaying his wonderful sense of humor. I thank him for his service to our country, community, church and family. Not only was he part of my church family but also decendants from the same blood family. May God continue to bless you Sister Cherry and your entire family.

*Alton Bess
Charlotte, NC*

Alton L Bess - June 10, 2016 at 08:08 PM



“ 53 files added to the album Life Tributes



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - June 09, 2016 at 06:12 PM

EC

“ *Sis Cherry & family, words are so inadequate at a time like this, but we hope you will accept our deepest sympathy and heartfelt thoughts. May God continue to hold each of you in His loving arms.*

Elder Arthur & Flo Cherry - June 09, 2016 at 01:02 PM

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“ *Elder Arthur & Flo Cherry lit a candle in memory of Elder Robert Paul Cherry*



Elder Arthur & Flo Cherry - June 09, 2016 at 12:58 PM

SJ

“ 2 files added to the album Mom, Chris, and Dad



SeBon Jenkins - June 09, 2016 at 12:46 AM

SJ

“ Dad will be so well-missed! Love you always and I pray that you are in Jehovah God's memory so that when the resurrection comes, you will be resurrected too...and I can give you everlasting hugs!! Your 5th child, SeBon Cherry Jenkins



SeBon Jenkins - June 08, 2016 at 11:15 PM

SC

“ Sullivan Memorial Blood Center purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elder Robert Paul Cherry.



Sullivan Memorial Blood Center - June 08, 2016 at 01:48 PM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Elder Robert Paul Cherry.*



June 07, 2016 at 11:32 AM