

Celebrating The Life of

Mary Bell Cherry

Sunrise
September 2, 1941

Sunset
September 16, 2015



Thursday, September 24, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

MESSIAH BAPTIST CHURCH

13-17 Oak Street
East Orange, New Jersey 07018

Rev. Dana Owens, Officiating
Myron Smith, Organist

Obituary

Mary Bell Cherry, "Fat" was born on September 2, 1941 in Bertie County in Winston, North Carolina. Her deceased parents were Mary Bond and Lonnie Bond.

Mary attended John B. Bond High School in Lewis, North Carolina for elementary and grammar school. Then she attended Pinewood Chapel School in Pineville, North Carolina up to the 9th grade. After attending the 9th grade, Mary stopped attending school to help take care of her cousins and others.

At the age of seventeen years old, Mary married (ex-husband), Augusta Cherry in Virginia. After having her oldest child, Calvin A. Cherry in North Carolina, she relocated to New Jersey to be closer to her mother, Mary Bond and siblings.

Mary started working with the East Orange Board of Education as a volunteer cafeteria aid, then a custodian where she worked for thirty-five years before retiring. As a custodian, she helped clean and maintain several schools such as Hart Middle Complex; John L. Costley and Sojourner Truth Middle School and Johnny L. Cochran Jr. Academy.

In her youthful days, Mary Joined "Eastern Star" Prince Hall in Montclair, NJ.

Mary Cherry was a very special, genuine, and one of kind person. She would strike conversations with anyone. But she loved conversations with her children, grandchildren, and other family members. Mary enjoyed traveling, shopping, and taking care of others. She impacted students, parents, and communities by babysitting children in the neighborhood while their parents went to work. She would buy students' school meals, uniforms, and classroom supplies. Mary Cherry was feisty, out-going, tough, and courageous.

She was predeceased by her twin sister and brother, Joyce and George Bond.

Mary leaves to cherish her memory: her children, Calvin, Marion, Jeffery, Sharon, Kendall, Sonya and Wendy Cherry; her brother, James Bond; sister, Geraldine Edwards. She is also survived by ten grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

The Cherry family asks that everyone please remember Mary "Fat" Cherry the way she impacted or treated you in life. Also, remember this isn't good-bye but see you later!

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Myron Smith

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Hymn of Comfort.....“Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 46:1-3

New Testament - Romans 8:31-39

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Remarks.....Family and Friends (Two Minutes Please)

Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Obituary

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy.....Rev. Dana Owens

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Interment

*Rosedale Cemetery
408 Orange Road
Montclair, New Jersey*

Repast

*Immediately following the Interment family and friends
are invited for a repast in the Church Fellowship Hall.*

Grandmother

Dear Grandma,

You are a very special person in my life. You showed me how to do things I never knew how to do before. You do not put me down. When I need someone to talk too, you are always there. Grandma to me you will always be special. You are like a second God to me. When I get older I am going to follow your road. Your road is not a negative one but a positive one. That is how I want to be in life, a positive person doing good things like you. Grandma you're never a mean person but always a loving person. You do not hate and you're never nasty. You are the best role model any person could've looked up too. If anyone was awarding a special prize for the grandparent with the most votes I would vote for you one million times. Grandma you are special that is why I want God to bless you with many things in life.

*Your Sweet grandchild, Nikita Cherry
Grade 5*

Pall Bearers
Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Mary Bell Cherry** would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the many thoughtful acts of kindness, support and concern extended to us during our bereavement. Thank you and may God richly bless you.*

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