



Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.

February 1, 1949 - October 14, 2021

Obituary of Elder Arthur Lee Cherry, Sr.

Sunrise February 1, 1949 Sunset October 14, 2021

On Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 6:39p.m. Elder Arthur Lee Cherry, Sr. went “The Last Mile of the Way” and answered the Lord’s call to come home, peacefully, surrounded by his family. He was 72 years old.

Elder Arthur Lee Cherry, Sr. was born on February 1, 1949 to the late Walter A. Cherry and Mattie R.Cherry. In his early years, he attended Pitt County Public Schools and graduated with his diploma from H.B. Suggs High School. In addition, he continued his education at Pitt County Community College where he learned trade skills in construction, drywall, and business. His passion for drywall afforded him the opportunity to become an entrepreneur. Arthur launched Cherry’s Drywall over 50 years ago which was a historical moment, particularly, for being a black-owned business in the segregated south (Farmville, N.C.) Cherry’s Drywall provided quality customer service to thousands of homeowners and commercial businesses for over a half-century and because of Arthur’s leadership and mentorship many proteges and apprentices were able to be trained and mentored to learn the drywall business and other life skills.

He loved his family and friends, but most importantly he loved his Lord and

Savior, Jesus Christ. As a baptized believer, he served faithfully for many years as a deacon at Mount Olive Primitive Baptist Church. As a faithful and committed deacon, he was appointed and served as the clerk, and treasurer for the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association for many years. Later in life, God called him to preach His Holy Word. Elder Cherry answered that call and was the Pastor at Bethlehem Primitive Baptist and New Hope Primitive Baptist Churches. He was chosen to serve as the Assistant Moderator of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association and then he was elected to serve as the Moderator of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association until his passing. He was a pastor, moderator, spiritual advisor, and mentor to many.

Elder Arthur Lee Cherry, Sr. is survived by his caring and devoted wife of 35 years, Sister Florine J. Cherry, five children, Arthur Lee Cherry, Jr. (Tonya) of Farmville, NC; Jackie Cherry of Greenville, NC; David Cherry of Farmville, NC; Dr. James Worsley (Tara) of Chesterfield, VA; and Cierra Outerbridge (Reggie) of Bethel, NC; 14 grandchildren (Armani, Kimberly, Ronshae (Cortisha), Tierra, Olivia, Deanna, Lily, James Jr., Bryce, Scott, Siniya, Viktor, Deszoray and Kayemya); 5 great grandchildren (Demirrion, Zaniya, Kyla, Honesty, and Yamir); Godsons, Eric Hixon, Chad Baker, and Kaius May, all of Farmville, NC; Goddaughter, Regina Bush (Rev. William) of Pinetops, NC; seven sisters, Birdie May of Farmville, NC; Katie Shelley of Farmville, NC; Mattie Gay of Farmville, NC; Bobbie Jean Cherry of Farmville, NC; Annie Ruth Green (Rev. Larry) of Farmville, NC; Loraine Hall of Farmville, NC; Brenda Edwards of Atlanta, GA; Two brothers, Kenneth Cherry (Michelle) of Greenville, NC; Ronnie Edwards of Chocowinity, NC; five brothers-in-law, Clifton Jones of Macclesfield, NC; Larry Jones of Pinetops, NC; Tyrone Jones (Maretha) of Virginia Beach, VA; Anthony Walston (Evelyn) of Rocky Mount, NC; Anthony Jones of Williamsburg, VA; Leroy Epps (Selma) of Rocky Mount, NC; four sisters-in-law, Marie Henry (Jerome) of Charlotte, NC; Angela Savage of Hampton, VA; Mary Ann Ross (Carl) of St. Charles, LA; Tammy Walston of Martinsville, VA; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and

friends.

Acknowledgements: The family of Elder Arthur Lee Cherry, Sr. acknowledge, with deep appreciation and grateful hearts, all expressions of sympathy extended to our family during our time of bereavement. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have enabled us to bear the loss of our loved one whom we hold so dear. Your loyalty and support have given us strength and comfort as we say our final farewell. May the Lord continue to bless each of you and keep you forever in His grace and mercy.

Special thanks to the doctors and medical staff at Vidant Hospital and 3HC Hospice Care for their compassionate and professional services. We are also appreciative to Barnes Funeral Home for their attentiveness and kindness during this difficult time.

COVID-19 ADVISORY: Everyone is REQUIRED to wear face covering, WAIT 6 feet. apart from others, and WASH your hands.

●LIVE STREAMING will be provided the day of service via Barnes Funeral Home facebook page.

For further information: Call 252-246-0900; Submit condolences: www.barnesfuneralhome.org

Keep the Cherry family in your thoughts and prayers.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

US 264 Alt.
Farmville, NC 27828

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Association Center
3033 Bynum Farm Road
Pinetops, NC 27864

Service

OCT **23**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Association Center
3033 Bynum Farm Road
Pinetops, NC 27864

Tribute Wall



“ *Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.*

October 24, 2022 at 09:26 PM



“ *Our sincere sympathy to you and share in your loss of Arthur. Our prayers to you for strength from our Lord now and the days to come. We will miss Arthur and cherish the times he worked with us. Eddie Chance*



Eddie - October 29, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Margie - October 25, 2021 at 10:33 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Margie - October 25, 2021 at 10:28 PM

MA

“ 1 file added to the album *Elder Arthur Cherry*



Margie - October 25, 2021 at 10:21 PM

EH

“ Sorry for your loss, remember him attending *Little Living Hope, Fremont NC* where my parents belong *Deacon and Sis Bizzelle*.

Eula Bizzelle Holden - October 24, 2021 at 06:19 PM

MJ

“ Mother *Eloise Jones* lit a candle in memory of *Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.*



mother Eloise Jones - October 23, 2021 at 03:42 PM

AA

“ Angela Atkinson sent a virtual gift in memory of *Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.*



Angela Atkinson - October 23, 2021 at 03:15 PM

SS

“ Shirley Slade lit a candle in memory of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.



Shirley Slade - October 23, 2021 at 02:07 PM

JJ

“ Sending prayers to Ms Flo and the rest of the cherry family praying god provide you'll with the strength to get through this sad time and the days ahead love always from Justin & Rachel

Justin Jones - October 23, 2021 at 02:05 AM

AB

“ Condolences goes out to the Cherry Family, I remeber Elder Cherry traveling all the way to Charlotte NC to worship and support St. Mary's Primitive Baptist Church under the leadership the late Robert James Bess. His devotion to God, the Gospel and Family was so pervasive as was his wonderful strong righteous spirit. Heaven's gain and our reward to have praised and worshipped with him.

*Alton L Bess
St Mary's Primitive Baptist Church, Charlotte NC
Corresponding Primitive Baptist Assoc*

Alton Bess - October 22, 2021 at 06:09 PM

CA

“ *Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr..*



Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association - October 22, 2021 at 01:08 PM

SP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family. May God bless and be with you at all times.*

Sarah Morning Pittman - October 22, 2021 at 10:51 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr..*



October 21, 2021 at 08:43 PM

SP

“ *Shirley Pittman lit a candle in memory of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.*



Shirley Pittman - October 21, 2021 at 10:21 AM

GA

“ *RIP Cherry*
My deepest condolences to the Cherry family.
Thoughts and prayers are with you.



Gladys Atkinson - October 21, 2021 at 08:38 AM

AJ

“ *Argie Atkinson Jones lit a candle in memory*
of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.



Argie atkinson jones - October 21, 2021 at 06:07 AM

RV

“ *Robert and Joyce Vines lit a candle in*
memory of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.



Robert and Joyce Vines - October 20, 2021 at 10:58 PM

AR

“ *Angela Rice lit a candle in memory of Elder*
Arthur L. Cherry Sr.



Angela rice - October 20, 2021 at 10:28 PM

VB

“ Valerie Blount-Joyner lit a candle in memory of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.



Valerie Blount-Joyner - October 20, 2021 at 09:48 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr..



October 20, 2021 at 10:32 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr..



October 20, 2021 at 09:57 AM

NS

“ Nedra S. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity S pray for the family of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr..



Nedra S. - October 20, 2021 at 09:27 AM

MB

“ *TAR RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION send our deep condolences to the family of Elder Arthur Cherry! He will be truly missed! Continue to hold onto God's unchanging hand!*



Mother Bertha Barnes - October 20, 2021 at 07:19 AM

EA

“ *Sending our heartfelt sympathy to the entire Cherry family. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God bless you with His peace and keep you in His care. Ed and Bessie Atkinson*



Ed and Bessie Atkinson - October 19, 2021 at 09:40 PM

NA

“ *Northeastern PB Association purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr..*



Northeastern PB Association - October 19, 2021 at 07:24 PM

LH

“ *To our cousin, Florine and family, thoughts and prayers are extended to all of you during this time bereavement. We encourage you to cling to Gods Unchanging Hand and he will take care of you as he promised.*
Carnell and Lois Cobb Hinton

Lois Cobb Hinton - October 19, 2021 at 05:45 PM

LH

“ *Lois Cobb Hinton lit a candle in memory of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.*



Lois Cobb Hinton - October 19, 2021 at 05:39 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr..*



October 19, 2021 at 04:02 PM

LF

“ *My sympathy and condolences unto the Cherry family in this time of sorrow and pain. May God grant each and every member strength and peace in the days to come.*



Min. Keith Lucas

Lucas Family - October 18, 2021 at 07:19 PM

AH

“ We light a candle to honor the memory of
Elder Arthur L. Cherry, Sr.

*Trustee Alton and Mrs. Ella Elizabeth Tyson
Harris
Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church
Greenville, North Carolina*



Alton Harris - October 18, 2021 at 06:56 PM

JH

“ Sorry for your loss

Joyce Wiggins Hudgins



Joyce Wiggins Hudgins - October 18, 2021 at 06:16 PM

CD

“ Praying for the family. May God continue to
bless you



Carolyn Daniels-Ward - October 18, 2021 at 04:53 PM

JC

“ *The the Cherry (and Worsley) families, upon reading of the obituary, it was heartwarming to see the power of family, Christ, and hard work over a long and dedicated life. My payers will continue over this week as hopefully these tributes and many others can give you peace.*

Joe Casey, Chesterfield County

Joe Casey - October 18, 2021 at 04:13 PM

FC

“ *Friends at Chesterfield Circuit Court purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr..*



Friends at Chesterfield Circuit Court - October 18, 2021 at 01:14 PM

MW

“ *Martha Wilson lit a candle in memory of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.*



Martha Wilson - October 18, 2021 at 10:14 AM

LB

“ *Chris and I are so sorry for your loss. We will keep your family in our prayers.*

Linda Carol Burti - October 18, 2021 at 10:13 AM

IE

To the Cherry Family my Deepest condolences. Trust in God and he will give strength.

Irma Edge - October 18, 2021 at 03:54 PM

MT

“ *Michelle Taylor lit a candle in memory of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.*



Michelle Taylor - October 17, 2021 at 06:20 PM

SK

“ *Shirley A. Knight lit a candle in memory of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.*



Shirley A. Knight - October 17, 2021 at 05:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr..*



October 17, 2021 at 04:30 PM

CA

“ RIP Elder Arthur Cherry...



Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association - October 17, 2021 at 04:10 PM

CC

“ Carrie Conley lit a candle in memory of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.



Carrie Conley - October 17, 2021 at 03:53 PM

RM

“ To The Family, Please accept our condolences and prayers during this very difficult time. We will continue to pray that God will strengthen and comfort the Family, Church Family and friends in the coming days. Thank God for the memories. Pastor Cherry's special smile, sweet spirit, and the praying and preaching will never be forgotten. Those special memories will always be in our hearts today and forever. With Sympathy and Love. Rachel Dupree-Grant



Rachel from MD - October 17, 2021 at 03:47 PM

SD

“ *Shanya Dixon lit a candle in memory of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.*



Shanya Dixon - October 17, 2021 at 03:45 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr..*



October 17, 2021 at 03:38 PM

DH

“ *Debra Horton lit a candle in memory of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.*



Debra Horton - October 17, 2021 at 03:20 PM

CG

“ *The Staff and Family of Carlton L Gray extend their most sincere sympathy to the the Cherry Family. It is our prayer that your family be comforted by God during this time of transition*



Carlton Gray - October 17, 2021 at 03:10 PM

SD

My sincere condolences to the Cherry family, my thoughts and prayers are with you!!! 🙏🌹

Shanya Dixon - October 17, 2021 at 03:44 PM

MW

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Cherry family. May our Lord God continue to keep you in his loving care.

*Saint James Christian Church
Wilson, NC*

Martha Wilson - October 18, 2021 at 10:12 AM

TM

“ *Tina May lit a candle in memory of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.*



Tina May - October 17, 2021 at 02:44 PM

BT

“ *Brigette Taylor lit a candle in memory of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.*



Brigette Taylor - October 17, 2021 at 11:51 AM

AC

“ *Annie Charles lit a candle in memory of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.*



Annie Charles - October 16, 2021 at 08:10 PM

PM

“ You will be missed Uncle Elder Cherry ! You are at peace now. Rest on. ❤️

Peggy Melton - October 16, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ Annie Green lit a candle in memory of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.



Annie Green - October 16, 2021 at 06:22 PM

FS

“ RIP Elder Cherry!

Felisha Shelley - October 16, 2021 at 05:41 PM

DD

Our sincere condolence. We pray you'll trust God to see you through this difficult time. Keeping you in our prayers.
Dave & Evelyn Dupree

Dave & Evelyn Dupree - October 18, 2021 at 08:56 PM

FS

Thank you Mr. Dave!

Felisha Shelley - October 20, 2021 at 08:50 AM

EE

“ To the whole entire family of Elder Cherry. We do send to you our condolences. Praying for you all.

Elder Joyce Ricks and Mother Annie Mae E - October 16, 2021 at 11:48 AM

DB

“ Deacon James And Kathy Brown lit a candle in memory of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.



Deacon James and Kathy Brown - October 16, 2021 at 09:42 AM

CB

“ Charles E Barnes BFH lit a candle in memory of Elder Arthur L. Cherry Sr.



Charles E Barnes BFH - October 15, 2021 at 10:29 PM

AJ

“ My deepest sympathy to my Cherry family. I love yall and pray God give yall peace in this hour. I will be praying for our family that God help us all in Jesus name. Amen



Angelia Jones - October 14, 2021 at 11:05 PM

TF

The family of the late Deacon Stephen and Mrs. Annie Harris extends most heartfelt condolences to Sister Florine and the entire family in the passing of Elder Cherry. We celebrate and honor his life; however, we praise God that to be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord! Love and continued prayers. God bless!

The Harris Family - October 23, 2021 at 11:46 AM