

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
*Mary Cherry*

*Sunrise*  
*July 12, 1916*

*Sunset*  
*June 24, 2026*



*Service*

Saturday, July 11, 2026 • 11:00 a.m.

**George H. Weldon Funeral Home**

353 E. 116th Street • New York, NY 10029

*Reverend David Jenkins, Officiating*

*Order of Service*



**Scripture**

Old Testament

New Testament

Reverend David Jenkins

**Selection**

“Amazing Grace”

Kevin Wade

**Acknowledgments**

Daryle Fontonote

**Obituary**

Tonia Perry

**Selection**

“You Lift Me Up”

Kevin Wade

**The Eulogy**

Reverend David Jenkins

**Committal**

**Benediction**

**Parting View**

**Recessional**

*Interment*

Pleasant Plain Memorial Cemetery

10315 Old Belfield Rd.

Drewryville, VA 23844

## Obituary

**Mary Elizabeth Cherry** was born on a farm on July 12, 1916, in Drewyville, Virginia. She departed this life on June 24, 2026 after succumbing to illness. She is the third child of the eleven children born to Clinton and Betty Sue Claud. Mary was the mother of three children and one daughter-in-law, Steven Cherry (deceased), Erle Cherry, Rosemary Cherry, and Magdalena Cherry. She had five grandchildren: Tonia Perry, Nikkole Cherry, Ann Marie Cherry, Erle Cherry Jr., and Nicolos Howard. She has eighteen great-grandchildren. Additional family members and loved ones including Daryle and Susan Fontenot and family, the Claud family of Drewyville, Virginia and friends and families of Wagner Housing (NYCHA).

After graduating from high school and attending college in Virginia, Mary decided to follow her older sister Deliah and move to New York City where she has been a resident of East Harlem for eighty plus years,

Mary began her career as a sales associate at Learner's Department Store on 125th Street. She later worked as a secretary for the State of New York, where she retired. Soon after, Mary was recruited to serve as assistant director of Wagner's Senior Citizens Center. She accepted the role and continued to contribute to the community for another thirty years, until the age of ninety.

Mary enjoyed helping others and visiting with her sisters and family. She loved her grandchildren immensely. She enjoyed playing bid whisk, going to Atlantic City and listening to music. She always had a great one liner and quick verbal comebacks to make you laugh. She displayed talents like playing the piano and being a math whiz even in her early one hundred years.

On October 22, 2022, she was honored by the 57th Governor of New York Kathy Hochul and Edward Gibbs Member of New York Assembly District 68 for being a spirited centenarian who has devoted her life to supporting and advocating for the community's aging population, and for all of her contributions to her family and community and her positive outlook on life.

She was phenomenal.

# Psalm 23

*The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*



## Acknowledgements

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

*May God Bless and Keep You!*

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