



The Family Tribute

All Is Well... Safely Rest!



Mr. Verlone Lee Cherry was born in Iredell County on June 13, 1952, and was the son of the late Edward Cherry and Omie Lee Allison Cherry. He departed this life on Saturday, March 7, 2020, at Maple Leaf Health Care in Statesville, NC following an extended illness.

He was a High School graduate and served with the United States Marine Corps and was honorably discharged. He was a member of the Earnest Morgan American Post #217, the Marine Corp League, the Iredell County Veterans Service Council and the Iredell County Burial Detail. At one time, he was employed by Carnation Milk. He was a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church, USA, and at the time of his death was a Trustee and the Moderator of the Trustee Board. He served faithfully in the church working with the Sunday School each Sunday, sang in the Choir, and assisted with the Children's Ministry.

He was the President of the Owls and Owlette's Social Club and was a member of the Bristol Road Senior Citizens. He loved singing and was a member of the All Male Choir, blessing countless people with his anointed music. He was a handyman in the community, always assisting senior citizens with projects at their homes with no monetary gain.

He leaves to cherish the memory of his life four siblings, Gwinlynn Cherry and Shelia Yvonne Cherry, both of Kannapolis, Veneta Cherry of Concord and Michael Cherry of Smithfield; his god mother, Margaret Campbell of Statesville; a host of nieces and nephews including, Wanda (Kevin) Shaw, Rashad Connor, Kevin Shaw, Jr., Lamont Sturgis, Jamel Sturgis, N. Brittany Cherry and Donnell Sturgis; a special cousin, Gloria "Bonnie" (Cotton) Sharpe; the Calvary Presbyterian Church Family, American Legion Post #217, Iredell County Veterans Service Council, Marines Corps, the Owls and Owlettes, Bristol Road Senior Citizens, other relatives and dear friends.

God's Love Will See Us Through!

The Celebration of Life

Bishop Michael Reinhardt, Officiating
Reverend Timothy Bates, Eulogist

The Family Visitation

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Processional

The Moments of Sharing: *(Friends may visit with the Family)*

The Order of Service

1:00 P.M.

The Invocation Elder Steffon Smith

The Selection Minister Wanda Shaw

The Scripture Readings

Old Testament Pastor P. A. Rankin

New Testament Elder Henry Cherry

The Prayer of Comfort Bishop Terry Cherry

The Selection The All Male Choir

The Remarks: *(Limit two minutes please)*

 *Richard Cain*

 *Dick Chaney*

 *Nate Jackson*

 *Darrell Campbell*

 *Pastor Donald Brown*

The Resolution The American Legion Post #217

The Acknowledgments Evangelist Gloria Sharpe

The Commemorative Presentation The Funeral Director

The Selection Evangelist Debra Fleming

The Eulogy: Reverend Timothy Bates

The Selection The All Male Choir

The Recessional

Friday, March 13, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

At The National Cemetery in Salisbury, North Carolina

The Gathering of the Christian Community

The Ritual of Consignment

The Military Rites

The Folding and Presentation of the Flag

The Twenty-One Gun Salute and Taps

The Prayer of Benediction

The Final Departure

*It seems so unreal that you are gone,
when just the other day
You walked and talked and laughed with us,
then suddenly slipped away.
Your peaceful smile, your joyful laugh;
How sweet the memory still,
Your parting left an aching void
this world will never feel.*

*Casket Bearers
American Legion Post #217*

*Flower Bearers
Cousins*

*Dinner will be served at Calvary Presbyterian Church
immediately following the services*

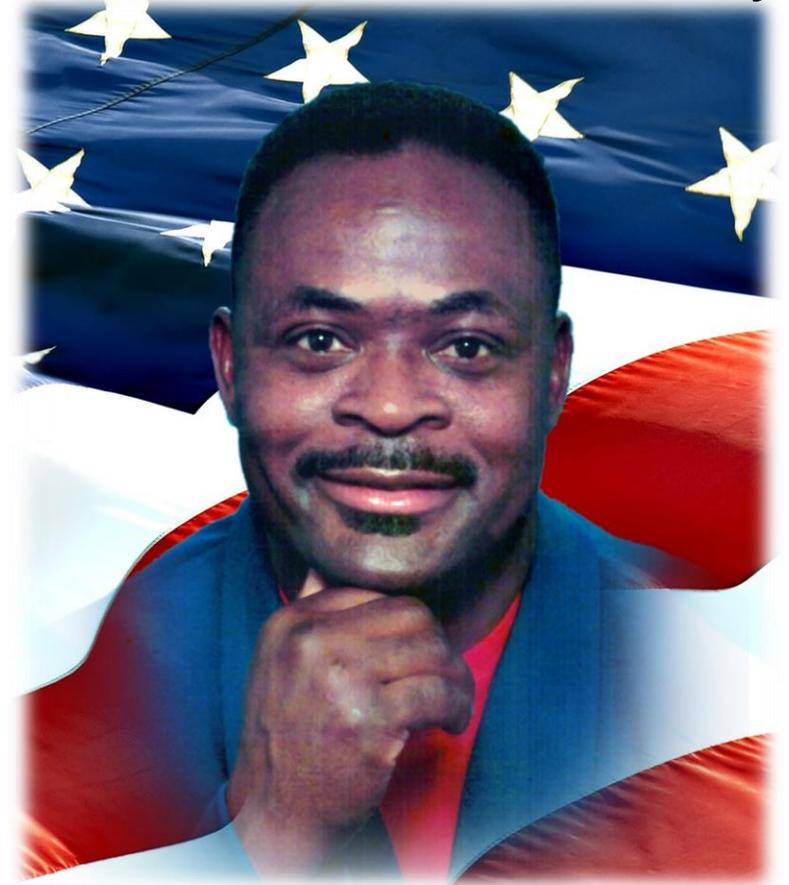
With Our Thanks

...that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures **might have hope**, (Romans 15) **God** has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. **God's Word has been manifested through** your many expressions of sympathy and support; **we praise God from whom all blessings flow**. Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved Verlone and for remembering us during his illness and passing. In our risen Lord, **we have peace that passes all understanding.**

The Family

Professional Services Entrusted To:
Rutledge and Bigham Mortuary, Inc.
603 South Center Street, Statesville, NC 28677
(704) 873-3611
Visit the Book of Memories for Mr. Cherry
at www.rutledgeandbigham.com

A Celebration of Life for **Mr. Verlone Lee Cherry**



Thursday, March 12, 2020

1:00 p.m.

*The Mary B. Bigham Memorial Chapel
Rutledge and Bigham Funeral Home
Statesville, North Carolina
Bishop Michael Reinhardt, Officiating
Reverend Timothy Bates, Eulogist*