



## Martha Mae Cherry

March 13, 1936 - March 3, 2022

Martha Mae Cherry, was born on Friday, March 13, 1936, to the late Elmer Cherry of New Port News, Virginia, and Ella Louis Sheppard of Federalsburg, Maryland. She departed this life early Wednesday morning March 3, 2022, at Pinnacle Nursing Facility in Smyrna, Delaware. She is the last of 16 children. She was raised in Federalsburg, Maryland and then Seaford, Delaware.

Martha attended Blocksom School, Frederick Douglas, and graduated from William C. Jason Comprehensive High School, in Georgetown, Delaware. She attended beauty school and nursing school, where she received her certifications to do hair. Martha became the hair dresser to her nieces and friends.

Martha also worked for Caroline Poultry Burriss as a side job, to make ends meet. She relocated to Wilmington, Delaware, and worked at St. Francis Hospital Emergency Department, as a visiting nurse.

Martha was a member of Church of God in Seaford, Delaware. She also attended Rev. Spaies Church in Milford, Delaware. Martha later became a member of Refuge Temple Revival Center, under the late Apostle Leon and Ethel Williams. Martha was a very stern disciplinarian while at Refuge. She spoke her mind when she felt she had to do so. Martha would have the youth at her house for dinner between services.

Martha and her sisters were gospel singers known as “The Gospel Redeemers”. She had an awesome soprano voice. Martha loved to cook and would feed anyone.

Martha was a true friend and supporter. For a short period of time, she helped to raise her nephew and niece, Charles and Elaine Cherry. When her mother passed away, Martha also helped to raise her nieces, Venida and Victoria. Martha leaves to cherish her memory, nieces, Elaine Cherry Hitches (Michael), Venida Jacobs-Martin and Victoria Jacobs -West (Eugene); her only surviving aunt, Melva Crumble Hill; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 19. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Refuge Temple Revival Center  
455 N. Front Street  
Seaford, DE

## Funeral Service

MAR 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

Refuge Temple Revival Center  
455 N. Front Street  
Seaford, DE

## Interment

MAR 19 (ET)

Middleford Cemetery  
Seaford, DE

# Tribute Wall

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“ My grandmother used to travel from Dover to Seaford to see Ms. Martha. I would be so excited to go with her. She always was dressed just right with every hair in place. She will truly be remembered.

Demetra Smith - March 17, 2022 at 09:23 AM

YJ

“ I miss you all ready. Rest in peace, Aunt Martha. Love you much.

Alvin and Yvette Cook

Yvette Jacobs-Cook - March 17, 2022 at 09:07 AM

MW

“ Malinda (fletcher) Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Martha Mae Cherry



malinda (fletcher) Wilcox - March 09, 2022 at 11:20 AM

MW

To our family, Cousin Martha will always be remember, our love and prayers are extended to you all. Keep cousin Martha's memories close but keep God even closer. Love and prayers always, Malinda (Fletcher) Wilcox

malinda (fletcher) Wilcox - March 09, 2022 at 11:23 AM

YJ

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Yvette Jacobs-Cook - March 16, 2022 at 01:15 PM

WS

*My name is Willie Stewart, I hope that I am reaching out to the right family. I was a thuck driver, some call me Snny, some call me Home Boy. I use to cary her on the truck with me. I know a young man called Ducky and to young ladys called Valerie and Charlotte. If I have the righy person please send me a text to 410 251 5900 or email me at wste567977@aol.com*

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**Willie James Stewart** - May 22, 2023 at 04:47 PM