

*A Celebration of Life  
for*

*Sunrise  
January 26, 1949*

*Sunset  
December 23, 2022*



*Lebestor B. Cherry, Jr.*

*Saturday, January 14, 2023*

*Family Hour: 10:30 a.m.  
Service: 11:00 a.m.*

*From the Heart Church Ministries®  
Annex at 5055 Allentown Road  
Suitland, Maryland 20746*

*Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor*

# Obituary

**Lebester B. Cherry, Jr.**, was born on January 26, 1949, to the late Lebester B. Cherry, Sr. and Frances L. Cherry in Evergreen, Alabama. He was the second born child, and the only male among his siblings (Norvie, Ruby, Leicester, Gloria, and Jacqueline).

A highly active toddler, his mother affectionately nicknamed him “Peter” because he ‘bounced all over the place like Peter Rabbit.’ He identified with the nickname so much so that he did not know his birth name when he started school. One day, he told his mother that his teacher never called his name when she took attendance, and that there was another boy with the same last name as him who never came to class. When he became a young adult, he began using the name Pete.

Pete’s family moved to Detroit, Michigan, in the 1950s. At age six, he joined Lomax Temple African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church under the late Pastor Alexander Brooks. Pete was a dutiful, faithful member of Lomax serving in Sunday School, Varick Christian Endeavor, Buds of Promise, Y-Teens Missionary Society, Sunbeam Choir, and the Wesleyan Choirs.

During his childhood, Pete enjoyed playing basketball and was a proud Boy Scout. As a teen, his sisters used to put on performances, singing and acting, for the neighbors while he focused on building the sets, setting up chairs for the audiences, and acting as their stage manager.

Pete attended Davidson Elementary School, Courville Middle School, and Pershing High School. After high school, he worked at Chrysler manufacturing plant, and in construction with his father. Pete later moved to Washington, D.C. to work for his uncle, the late Dr. John A. Cherry. He eventually decided to go into business for himself and moved to Atlanta, Georgia where he started up two companies: Cherry Sheetrock and Pro-Paper Wallpaper. Pete convinced his sister Norvie that she could use her barber skills to collaborate with him. He told her that hanging wallpaper was like cutting hair, “It’s all in the cut.”

Twice married, Pete was the father to two beautiful daughters. One was born in 1968 from his union with the late Sherrill D. Brantley; his second daughter was born in 1979 from his union with Lana D. Boykins.

Pete eventually returned to the Washington Metropolitan area and joined From the Heart Church Ministries (FTH). He was actively involved in the life of the church where he served in the Fine Arts Ministry. In 2004, he took a position on staff at FTH. While on staff, he used his gifts, talents and abilities as a master carpenter. In fact, his artisanship can be seen throughout the church. Further, he loved working with, and teaching the From the Heart Christian School students, as well as youth who attended FTH summer camp. He took great pride in teaching them how to build things with excellence. Pete was faithful in the work of the ministry until his health declined. He retired in November 2021 after 17 plus years of dedicated service.

On December 23, 2022, Pete Cherry ended his battle with cancer and transitioned home to be with the Lord. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Pete leaves to cherish his memory his daughters, Danita D. [Cherry] Moore and Michon Cherry-Hopkins; granddaughters: Leah Leann Hopkins, Makenzie Grace Moore and Jaida Frances Moore; sisters: Norvie Cherry, Leicester [Cherry] McNair, Gloria Cherry, and Jacqueline Cherry; uncle, Reverend Robert C. Cherry; aunts, Elsie Cherry and Reverend Diana P. Cherry; son-in-law, Stephen Moore; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Pete was preceded in death by his loving parents, Lebester B. Cherry, Sr. and Frances L. Cherry; beloved sister, Ruby [Cherry] Hill; uncles, Dr. John A. Cherry and Reverend Archie Cherry; aunts: Josephine [Cherry] Hill, Lettice [Cherry] Palmer, Jean Cherry, and Deloris A. Cherry.

# Order of Service

**Invocation**

**Congregational Hymn** ..... “Blessed Assurance”

**Scripture Reading**

Old Testament: Psalm 121  
New Testament: I Thessalonians 4:13-18

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Selection** ..... Ms. Pat Randall

**Acknowledgements**

**Remarks**

Ms. Norvie Cherry  
Ms. Jacqueline Cherry  
Reverend Robert Cherry (Virtual)  
Bishop John A. Cherry, II (Virtual)

**Poem** ..... Pastor Ruben Young

**Obituary (Read Aloud)** ..... Miss Makenzie Moore

**Song of Preparation** ..... Ms. Pat Randall

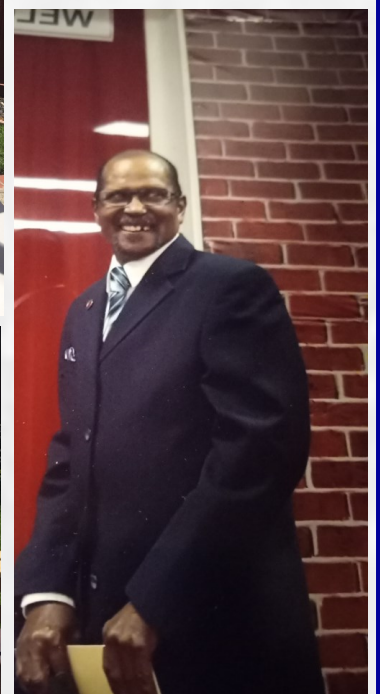
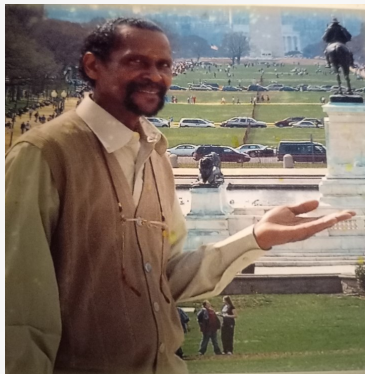
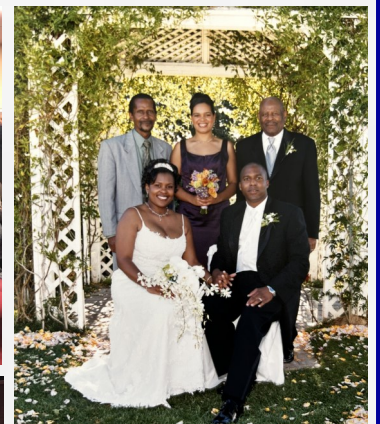
**Message of Hope** ..... Reverend Diana P. Cherry

**Call to Christ**

**Benediction**

**Recessional**











## *Family Sentiments*

*Grandpa Pete was always very funny. My favorite memory of my grandfather was going to Home Depot to get tools and supplies to build a bean toss game. He spent the afternoon in our backyard teaching my sister, Makenzie, my cousin Leah and I how to measure, cut wood, use a box cutter and a drill. We didn't finish building it because I wanted to build a spaceship. So he grabbed a cardboard box and we all went to work. IT WAS THE BEST SPACESHIP EVER! I love you Grandpa Pete! I don't like to say goodbye. So see you later!*

*Your Granddaughter, Jaida Frances*

*God gifted me with one brother, and you were enough. Whenever I was down all I had to do was call you and you would make me laugh. After talking with you I would be able to sleep peacefully. You will truly be missed. I love you brother through eternity.*

*Your Sister, LL*

*Brother knowing you will no longer be picking up the phone when I call, and you say the same greeting each time "Hi Glo" and I always respond "Hi Brother" is heartbreaking. You were always there to help me even when I didn't know I needed help. Your kindness and gentle approach to me and all of your sisters was exceptional. How many sisters can say their brother gives them flowers just because. I love you so much. There will always be a place in my heart that holds you dearly. I thank the Lord for blessing me with you as my brother. I didn't need another one. You were the most! I love you. Rest peacefully.*

*Your Sister, Glo*

*To the Best Brother Ever! You are very kind and giving. I am going to miss our conversations. I love you very much. You will be greatly missed. You are forever in my heart.*

*Your Sister, Jackie*

*Pete, we have been buddies all our lives. We have been through some difficult things together, but this is the hardest for me. I have had a fruitful and fantastic life because of some of the valuable skills you taught me and the friendship that we had throughout the years. After all, we did live together four different times. Rest in Peace my Wonderful Brother. I love you!*

*Your Sister, Norvie*

## *Family Sentiments (Continued)*

*I love you Uncle Pete. Thank you for the love. Thank you for the lessons. Thank you for the laughs ♥♥♥♥!*

*Your niece, Dana*

*My Uncle Pete was an awesome uncle. Although I didn't get to see him much, whenever I did, it always felt as if there was never any time or love lost. He always made me laugh, shared his knowledge, and was always there to help. I will truly miss him, his quiet calm nature, and I will truly miss him just for being him. Rest in Heaven Uncle Pete. I love you!*

*Your niece, Toni*

*As I reflected on my very close friend to the end and brother in Christ Jesus, Pete Cherry, I recognized his service to the LORD, his faithful and peaceable lifestyle and his deflection from personal recognition are encapsulated in Luke 17:7-10, specifically verse 10, "...When we have done everything that was assigned and commanded us say, 'We are unworthy servants [undeserving of praise or a reward, for we have not gone beyond our obligation]; we have merely done what we ought to do.'" (Amplified Bible). Thus, I am compelled to go beyond just remembering and memorializing Pete to honoring his life by following his example to humbly use my GOD-given gifts under the direction and grace of the Holy Spirit to obediently complete GOD's assignment for my life that benefits others and glorifies HIM... not me.*

*Minister Wanda A. Howard*

*Uncle Pete, you are a man who truly came from the Lord our God. I will miss you and always love you.*

*Your niece, Phyllis ♥*

*Uncle Pete, You always had a smile, a joke and something encouraging to say. We will miss your presence. You will never be forgotten.*

*Your niece and nephew-in-love, Tanya & Ruben*



# Remember Me

*Author: Anthony Dawson*

*Speak of me as you have always done.  
Remember the good times, laughter, and fun.  
Share the happy memories we've made.  
Do not let them wither or fade.  
I'll be with you in the summer's sun  
And when the winter's chill has come.  
I'll be the voice that whispers in the breeze.  
I'm peaceful now, put your mind at ease.  
I've rested my eyes and gone to sleep,  
But memories we've shared are yours to keep.  
Sometimes our final days may be a test,  
But remember me when I was at my best.  
Although things may not be the same,  
Don't be afraid to use my name.  
Let your sorrow last for just a while.  
Comfort each other and try to smile.  
I've lived a life filled with joy and fun.  
Live on now, make me proud of what you'll become  
You can rejoice now, because I am with God & his Son*

## Flower Bearers

*Family and Friends*

## Acknowledgements

*The family of Lebestor B. Cherry, Jr. acknowledges with deep appreciation every act of kindness and expression of love shown to us during our time of bereavement. Your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace.*

*In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in honor of Lebestor B. Cherry, Jr. to the  
From the Heart Christian School. Visit – [www.fthcs.org/give](http://www.fthcs.org/give)*