



Bruce Ronald Cherry

February 13, 2025

Bruce Ronald Cherry, age 86, died February 13, 2025 in Lancaster County, PA. He was predeceased by his parents, Lester Cherry and Pearl Moseberth Cherry; his sister Audrey Cherry Purser; and his brothers Alvin A. Cherry and Vincent T. Cherry.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Joyce Kay Lambert Cherry, son Timothy (Jennifer) and family in North Texas, daughter Joan Harrold, MD and husband Don; several grandchildren including Kate Harrold Knight and husband Zach, Paul Harrold, and John Harrold; and great-grandchildren Jocelyn and Natalie Knight.

He served 30 years as Clerk of Court, Juvenile & Domestic Relations, Third Judicial District, City of Portsmouth, VA. He also served five years in the Portsmouth Fire Department as a Lieutenant (engineer), and he often recalled those years with fondness.

He served as President of the Portsmouth Cosmopolitan Club; Treasurer, Portsmouth Chapter of the March of Dimes; and President, Association of District Court Clerks of Virginia. He served on the Virginia Board for Branch Pilots for 34 years, including a number of years as President. He and Kay had many wonderful experiences with the Virginia Pilot Association, both afloat and ashore—and he was always grateful for his long relationship with the

Virginia Pilots.

The family will receive friends on February 22 from 1pm-2 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 222 N. George Street, Millersville, PA. A brief prayer service and light refreshments will follow.

On March 1, the family will receive friends from 11am-12noon at Loving Funeral Home, 3225 Academy Avenue, Portsmouth, VA. A memorial service will begin at noon. Committal will follow at Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens, 4569 Shoulders Hill Road, Suffolk, VA.

If desired, memorials in Bruce's name may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church (222 N. George St, Millersville, PA 17551) or a charity of one's choosing.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

FEB **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
222 North George Street
Millersville, PA 17551

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Mr. Cherry hired me for my first real job after college. I'll forever be grateful for the paycheck, guidance and introduction to the 3rd Judicial Circuit in Portsmouth Virginia. Rest in peace Mr. C!*
Mitzi Cartwright

Mitzi Cartwright - February 21, 2025 at 05:51 PM

JC

What a lovely memory you have of a special time in your life. Thank you so much.

Joyce Kay Cherry - February 21, 2025 at 07:58 PM

JW

“ *We have many fond memories of the Cherry family as great neighbors on Mayflower Road in Portsmouth VA. Thinking of you all during this difficult time. He will be missed.*
The Williamson family - Dan, Linda Ann, and Jean Paige.

Jean Williamson - February 21, 2025 at 10:56 AM

JC

You have been dear friends for many years. Thank you so very much.
Kay

Joyce Kay Cherry - February 21, 2025 at 08:01 PM

PA

“Ole Bruce was my grandad. Taught me to tie a tie. Classic grandad move. I was the best tie-tyer in all of high school. Tied everyone's ties. My friends, my older sister's boyfriends...tie-tying was an exclusive club and I was the only member. Everyone should have a cool old dude teaching them how to tie a tie. Classic masculinity with a side of southern gentility done right. Rest easy grand. Bet there's plenty of good ties on the big battleship in the sky.

Paul - February 19, 2025 at 06:35 PM



“This is Maggie from the Columbia Diner. I am so sorry to hear of your loss Miss Kay & family. It's always been a delight to wait on you two, and your husband will be missed dearly around here. I'm sending my deepest condolences, and am wishing you comfort and strength in the dark days ahead.

Maggie Justes - February 16, 2025 at 02:02 PM

JC

Dear Maggie, We both always enjoyed having your company at Columbia Diner. Thank you.

Joyce Kay Cherry - February 18, 2025 at 04:07 PM

DH

“Joan Harrold, I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. May you find peace and comfort in the good life he lived and the loving family around you. Take good care.
Dorothy (Meyer) Holler

Dorothy Holler - February 16, 2025 at 11:55 AM

JH

Thank you, Dorothy. I appreciate your kind wishes.

Joan Harrold - February 17, 2025 at 10:35 AM

BG

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Mr Cherry’s passing. I had the pleasure and privilege to take care of him for many years. I enjoyed talking to him and his wife Kay. He will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure to meet him. He is now at peace and no longer suffering. He had such a caring and devoted wife and family. Kay was the love of his life and his rock as seen by them together. Prayers for his family and friends.



Barbara Gordon - February 16, 2025 at 08:09 AM

JC

Thank you so much, Barbie. Bruce and I have were always happy to see you.

Joyce Kay Cherry - February 18, 2025 at 04:09 PM

JM

“ Joan Harold, So very sorry to read about your father’s death. May peace be with you all. Jane Miller

jane miller - February 16, 2025 at 07:32 AM

JH

Thank you, Jane. So nice of you to write.

Joan Harrold - February 17, 2025 at 10:35 AM