



William Cherry

March 10, 1967 - May 19, 2017

William H. (BJ) Cherry, 50, of Columbus Ohio departed this life on May 19, 2017 at the James Cancer Hospital. He was born March 10, 1967 in Brownsville PA to Cynthia Cherry and the late William Cherry. He graduated from Brookhaven High School of Columbus Ohio.

William spent many years working at Lowes where he met his wife Elnora Cherry. For the last 10 years, he worked at Worthington Industries. He touched the lives of many people and created a long-lasting legacy. He had a love for music but was known to all as an avid fisherman. William shared his passion of fishing with all his children and grandchildren.

William was preceded in death by his father William (Billy) Cherry, his maternal grandparents, Frank and Ida Bell Hungerford, his paternal grandparents William and Delores Cherry, several Aunts and Uncles. He leaves to honor and cherish his memory, his devoted wife Elnora L. Cherry, his mother Cynthia Cherry, his children Antonio (Tamika), Tawana, Shaquez Ellis, and Mercedes Brown all reside in Columbus Ohio. His four Step-sons Sharmarl (Amy) King of Sicklerville, NJ, Eric Williams and Taylour Ousley of Columbus OH, and Tieric Ousley of Sicklerville NJ. His two sisters, Teresa and Dorita Cherry of Columbus Ohio, and brother Billy Ricks of Connellsville Pa. He leaves behind 15 grandchildren, a host of Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews and a childhood friend Tim Bumgardner.

William was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, father in law, son, brother, brother in law, cousin, nephew, and friend who brought life, laughter,

and joy to everyone he met.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085
(614) 885-4006
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Service

MAY **27**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Cornerstone church
2143 Joyce Ave
Columbus, OH 43219

Tribute Wall



“ *William Cherry*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I Really Appreciate the Kindness & Patience BJ Displayed Regularly. I can remember when the Family was a enjoying a Family Reunion a summer ago, & Some of the younger as well as older family members were fishing 🎣 & BJ took the time to help me unhook Every fish I caught! 😊 & even with the younger members of the family he was so naturally patient & Encouraging. That really stuck with me. Especially today when most men lack these qualities..I know it warms God's Heart to see men cultivate the Loving Qualities BJ displayed & I truly believe the Next time we see BJ he will have a perfect Mind/Body in a Perfect World !! Isaiah 35:5-10*

courtney Williams - May 26, 2017 at 05:06 PM



“ *i remember us skating, hanging out playing football when we were younger no bad memory, just a lot of good time , it seem just like yesterday , i will always remember you , rest well*

Tee R - May 26, 2017 at 03:32 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Cherry.*



May 26, 2017 at 11:35 AM

NB

“ *My fondest memory is of BJ holding my son in Ms. Cherry's kitchen teaching him to say "BJ BJ BJ"! He was a kind soul & I was blessed to meet him! Prayers up Dee, Ms. Cherry & family*

Nicole (Nicki Nic) Brisco - May 26, 2017 at 10:44 AM

SS

“ *Sending Prayers to The Cherry Family, so sorry for your loss, May the Lord continue to Bless you All.*

Sonya Stevens - May 26, 2017 at 08:50 AM


Patricia
Payne
Jones

“ *Although it is difficult to see beyond sorrow. I hope that looking back at the memories of BJ will help comfort you, then let those memories fill your mind and warm your heart. It is my prayer that the Lord bless the Cherry family with strength today and hope for tomorrow.*



My Dear friend Lorraine, although I'm not there with you, I do share your pain of losing BJ.

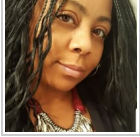
Patricia Payne Jones - May 26, 2017 at 08:39 AM

RP

“ *Remembering a dear brother-in-law, father, uncle, grandpa and all around special man! We know you will spread your wings and keep the children safe while they fish - although you taught them all well.*

We will miss you. Rest in Peace

Rufus & Phillipa - May 26, 2017 at 07:13 AM



“ One thing about BJ that I will hold on to, outside of his love for family, music, and fishing, is the ability to bring laughter to everyone around him, even if he was not intentionally trying to be funny. I am blessed to have gotten the chance to know BJ and many of those connected to his life...Love you for life BJ BJ Bj!!

Sydney Humphries - May 25, 2017 at 08:26 PM



“ From The Williams Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Cherry.



From The Williams Family - May 25, 2017 at 12:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Cherry.



May 25, 2017 at 10:18 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Cherry.



May 25, 2017 at 12:05 AM

Linda Johnson

“ Grandpa Beeej! So many great memories! One I remember in particular is us all celebrating at Sharmar's house and I was making armeretto sours and you would keep coming up to me and whispering "can you make me another one of those drinks?" Lol! That was the only thing you would drink! We are gonna miss you greatly! My kids and I always enjoyed your kind heart and your silliness! May you rest in peace ❤️

Linda Johnson - May 24, 2017 at 10:28 PM

NH

“ My condolences Cynthia, Teresa and Dee on the loss of your brother BJ. Along with the rest of his loving family and friends. We will all miss you.



Nicole Hughes - May 24, 2017 at 10:03 PM

NH

“ I can and will always remember your bright smile and positive attitude. I met you through your beautiful sisters Teresa and Dee and your Mom, was an added bonus to my life. My life has been blessed and it includes the friendships within the Cherry Family. BJ I will truly miss you. 🌹🌹🌹🌹

Nicole Hughes - May 24, 2017 at 09:48 PM

MR

“ I will always remember BJ as the big teddy bear of a brother to my dear friends Teresa and Dee. He always had a ready smile and a cheerful disposition. My deepest sympathies for Mama Cherry and the rest of the family.

Marjorie Ramsey - May 24, 2017 at 09:33 PM

VL

“ I can't nail down one specific memory, but, one in particular for me that comes to mind for me was one day we went fishing at Deer Creek, I was having a rough time making a decision on whether I wanted to stay in the army reserve or not. Well, BJ simply told me, "Listen, you have a family now, you have to suck it up and be the father you need to be!".....At first I thought, "I like BJ but how he gonna tell me to suck it up?" Lol....But, that was just the beginning of great advice that he gave me!!! Rest in Power my brother!! This is not goodbye but see you later!!

Verron Long - May 24, 2017 at 08:33 PM

VF

“ BJ always had a smile on his face. He loved his family especially his grand babies. I'm going to miss our discussions of Sleepy Hollow. My fondest memory was watching him eat crab legs on New Year eve.

vicky fisher - May 24, 2017 at 08:03 PM

TE

“ Alway and Forever was one of the first songs I ever memorized because we sung it to eachother when I was a little girl. I will always cherish every ounce of love he showed me and every last word of advice he shared with me. He was truly a blessing and I miss him so much already.

Tawana Ellis - May 24, 2017 at 07:45 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William Cherry.*



May 24, 2017 at 07:04 PM



“ *One of my fondest memories of William (BJ) is of course when we worked together at Lowe's. I told him he reminded me of my lil brother, very jovial. He saw this new employee that he had to meet and was very shy, which is unlike him, every time he see her coming hisway, he would hurry to the aisle side of his desk and act like he was wiping and cleaning the desk just to say hello to her. So I was the go between for a while, finally I told him to ask her over to Thanksgiving dinner,after all she was new in town, no family here and don't take no for an answer.....well he did and the rest is history. I was honored to be her "Maid of honor" at the wedding. He knew he loved her at the first sight of her to the last.*

Vickie Hairston-Williams - May 24, 2017 at 05:38 PM



“ *How will I remember William? A huge smile, a warm hug, a wonderful friend, lots of love and laughs over the years. He will be missed tremendously by all who have the pleasure and honor to know him. I can't wait to see him again someday...greeting me with a hug and a smile. Love you, William.*
-Little Theda



Melissa Holstein - May 24, 2017 at 05:30 PM



“ He was always there for his family no matter what if he could he would and im gonna miss my brother..R.I.H Bill❤️❤️

Teresa Cherry (missy) - May 24, 2017 at 04:22 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of William Cherry.



May 24, 2017 at 04:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Cherry.



May 24, 2017 at 03:57 PM



“ What can I say about my brother that you guys don't all ready know! He had a heart of GOLD! He loved his family. My best memories over the 20 years of knowing both of them is working at Lowe's and having great times there and traveling to Kankakee, Illinois to visit Elnora's sisters. William would always make to find someone to work for him so he can go. He will be missed R.I H William



Carolyn Phinisee-Lavette - May 24, 2017 at 02:34 PM

AK

“ William (BJ) was an amazing father in law who always made everyone feel welcomed and loved. He cherished his family and loved his grandchildren with all his heart. Anyone who knew him knew him to always smile and make people laugh. He will always live in our hearts.

--Amy King

Amy King - May 24, 2017 at 02:08 PM

EC

“ My "Amazing" husband. I miss you so much. You told me that we would trust God so I am standing on His word for understanding. I LOVE YOU MORE 🥰



Elnora Cherry - May 24, 2017 at 01:57 PM