



Elva Lee Perry

September 16, 1925 - June 23, 2022

Elva Lee Carline Perry was born on September 16, 1925 in Baldwin, Louisiana. She was the 7th of 9 children born to the late Edward Carline II and Louversa Pentard Carline. She quietly departed life on June 23, 2022 after a lengthy bout of illness. Elva embraced the Christian faith at an early age in Baldwin at the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Elva joined the Christian Life Church Family in 1991 with joy, enthusiasm, and has been a committed member of the Church. She rejoiced in attending weekly church service and praising the Lord. Her walk with God continued until she departed this earthly home.

Elva attended the Baldwin Public School in Louisiana. She was the first daughter to leave home, as well as, the first to be married. She married the late Samuel Stephenson, Sr. from that union they were blessed with four children. She was a devoted mother and homemaker living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In the 1950's Elva relocated to Baltimore, Maryland and started a new career as a manager of a lounge and restaurant. She was known as a great conversationalist and a counselor to many customers and friends. After working for several years, she decided to go back to school, to become a cosmetologist at the Apex School of Cosmetology. Later, she made another

career change and became a store detective for Hutzler's Department Store. As a result, of her outstanding work and commitment as a store detective, she received a Special Police Commission from The Maryland State Police Department.

Elva married her second husband, the late George Perry, Jr., and from that union they were blessed with one child and began their family life on Fernpark Avenue. The Fernpark community embraced the Perry's and as a result, "Ms. Elva" as she was called, developed the reputation of being the noseey neighborhood watch block patrol.

Elva was an avid track star and basketball player which led to her love and enjoyment of many sports. She enjoyed watching sports on TV and attended several of her grandson's Giles swim meets. In addition, she loved fashion and would always stick with her favorite brand of clothing. In her later years, she loved sitting on the porch enjoying her house and the wonderful neighborhood.

Elva is preceded in death by siblings: Edward Carline, Glenny Carline, Herman Carline, Newton Carline, Osa "Ocie" Napoleon, Deola Lewis, Alvin Carline. Two sons: Samuel Stephenson, Warren Stephenson.

She leaves to cherish her memory three daughters: Diana Stephenson Neasey, Dottie Stephenson, Marcia Perry Smith, one son-in-law: Harold Smith. One daughter-in-law: Sandra Stephenson, one sister: Helen Lee. Six Grandchildren: Alton Boyd, Natalie Brown, Stephanie Stephenson, Marcus Neasey, Monica Wright, Giles Smith. Three sister-in-Laws: Barbara Carline, Blanche Carline, Harriett Perry Whitt. Dear friend (Harold's mother): Annie Smith. One Godchild: Latrese Brown, and a host of great-great grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Her Fernpark Avenue Family: Nelsons/Clarks, Battles, Thomas', Traynhams, Williams', Cummins', Williamsons, Scotts/Johnsons, Dows, Smiths, Alexanders.

Previous Events

Wake

JUL 15. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christian Life
6605 Liberty Rd.
Balto., MD

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Elva Lee Perry*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Mrs. Elva was one of a kind. We loved having her as a client. She always had great conversations when she came to get her hair done. And didn't mind telling you exactly how she wanted it! She will be greatly missed. Condolences to the family from the staff of Studio 205.*

Tyra Bellamy - July 15, 2022 at 06:17 PM



“ *Aunt Elva you always had a unique personality and opinion which you always expressed in your special and distinctive way. I will always remember and miss the conversations we would have on the telephone and in person.*

*Thanks for always welcoming my Family and myself to your home through out your years on Fernpark Ave. RIP 🙏
Your Nephew Keith A. Lewis*

Keith A. Lewis - July 15, 2022 at 10:57 AM

DG

“ *Marcia, my heart goes out to you and your entire family. I know you loved your mum very much. I knew her through you..through your stories about her, your jokes and your experience with her. She seemed like an amazing woman. I send you and your family strength and love as you grieve this loss, but I also send laughter and joy as you remember and celebrate her life.*

Doreen Gidali - July 14, 2022 at 07:13 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Elva Lee Perry.*



July 11, 2022 at 04:17 PM

CO

“ *Our condolences to the family from family members, SISTER Helen C LEE, Connie and Raymond Scott ,Dennis and Linda Lee, Cynthia, MacArthur and Jefferey Gims. You will truly be missed. Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.*

Connie - July 10, 2022 at 02:45 PM

DO

“ *Thinking of you during this difficult time. My sincere condolences to you and your family. Donna H.*

Donna - July 03, 2022 at 06:29 PM

GC

“ We will miss you. I knew that FernPark was safe as long as you were there. I will sitting on the porch talking to you. R. I. P. Mrs. Elva

Gina Coley - July 03, 2022 at 01:01 PM

AL

“ Our sincere condolences to the Perry family. Our love and prayers are with you during this unsettling time. God will carry you Marcia and your family. We know God is already carrying your family. There Is only one set of foot prints as your Mom is put to rest. Prayers for Marcia, Harold, Giles, Mrs Anne and all other family members.

Anthony and Angela Lewis - July 02, 2022 at 10:37 PM

AM

“ Aunt Elva's shining but firm personality will live on in our hearts. Aunt Elva was fun-loving to family and close friends. She will be missed. Prayers and love to the family. 🙏🙏❤️

Amanda - July 02, 2022 at 08:37 PM



“ My sincere condolences and prayers are with the Perry family. May God give you comfort and strength in this hour of bereavement. 🙏
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Stanton Wilson - July 02, 2022 at 08:29 PM

JW

“ Sending love, prayers and condolences to my bestie and her family. Mom will certainly be missed! 🙏🙏🙏 With love, Janice. Dana and Devin Waite

Janice Waite - July 02, 2022 at 07:59 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - July 02, 2022 at 11:36 AM

ZK

Her love was in her eyes and her smile. Such a gentle soul. Nothing on earth could ever match a Mother's love. Marcia, you are so blessed to have been given such a wonderful gift. May your Mother rest in the loving arms of God forever.

Zina (Grant) Kendell - July 02, 2022 at 08:00 PM

AL

Our sincere condolences to the Perry family. We want you to know our prayers are with you. Love as God carries you through these unsettling times. We notice one set of foot prints because He is already carrying your family as your Mom takes her rest. Peace be with the Perry family.

Anthony and Angela Lewis - July 02, 2022 at 09:20 PM

AS

Condolences sent to Marcia, Diana, Dottie Giles and Harold and the remainder of the Perry family A limb has fallen from the family tree but continue the traditions of the family. She was truly blessed by all of you keep looking up. God will take care of you. Friend Annie Smith

Annie G. Smith - July 14, 2022 at 07:15 PM