



## Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli

September 9, 1957 - February 25, 2021

Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli went to sing with the Angels of Heaven's choir Thursday, February 25, 2021 at the age of 63. She was born September 9, 1957 in Saginaw, Michigan to parents Grant Eli Sr. and Lena Mae Eli who have preceded her in death, along with a son, Shane Eli; sisters, Rose Mary Barnes and Johnnie Mae Eli Harris; brother, Grant Eli Jr. (Chopper) along with the love of her life, James Smothers Jr. (JC).

She is survived by two sisters and one brother, Brenda Eli Williams (Terry), Ralph Eli (Lydia) and Gracie Williams; birth daughter, Emily Drain "Ischia Eli\*"; grandchildren, Shane Eli Jr., Keshane Eli, and Shana Eli of whom she loved and cherished dearly along with her many nieces and nephews.

As a child she was introduced to God at an early age and she knew him well. Her love for him always came first. She was a member of Good Shepherd Church, where she loved to sing and honor God. She would sing for anyone because it put joy in her soul, and she wanted to pass that joy on. Cherrie had a love for people that shined through her giving spirit. If she knew you needed it, she would do everything in her power to make sure you had it, because her heart was as enormous as her spirit.

She was one of seven children, she was a daughter, sister, aunt, mother, grandmother and friend. But more than anything she was a diligent child of God who will surely be missed.

Visitation will take place from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday, March 7, 2021, at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607. A private funeral will be held. Pastor Tony Monroe will officiate. With interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 South Washington Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48601.

Due to COVID-19 there will be strictly enforced capacity restrictions. \*\*Funeral service will be live streamed\*\* 9:45 a.m. Go to: Obituary of Ms. Eli Go to: Photos/Videos (or Media if on Cell or Tablet) Click on picture of casket.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 7. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
(989) 754-0481  
evansbrownes@gmail.com  
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - March 08, 2021 at 09:53 AM

CB

“ *Conzellie Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Conzellie Bates** - April 29, 2021 at 12:47 PM

MB

“ *Michelle Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Michelle Baker** - March 17, 2021 at 09:38 AM

ES

“ *Ethel And Robert Shaheed lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



**Ethel and Robert Shaheed** - March 09, 2021 at 04:19 PM

KS

“ *Karen Sweeney sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



**Karen Sweeney** - March 08, 2021 at 05:42 PM

KS

“ *Karen Sweeney lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



**Karen Sweeney** - March 08, 2021 at 05:38 PM

PA

“ *Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the family of Sis. Eli. -Bethlehem Baptist Church Family*



**PastorLafayetteSimpson** - March 08, 2021 at 11:30 AM

TO

“ My heart goes out to the ELI Family, I knew Cherrie to be a very lively person that can really sing and I guess that's where my daughter Shana Eli gets her voice from because I cannot sing a lick. I will keep the family in my prayers.



*Love Monique (the parent of Shana, Shane & Keshane Eli)*

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**Tamiko Owens** - March 08, 2021 at 11:21 AM

LV

“ Liz Vance sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



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**Liz Vance** - March 07, 2021 at 11:26 PM

JR

“ Jackie Ray lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



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**Jackie Ray** - March 07, 2021 at 05:41 PM

LF

“ Louise Simpson And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Louise Simpson and Family - March 07, 2021 at 02:26 PM

W(

“ Willie Mims (Chip) sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Willie Mims (Chip) - March 07, 2021 at 07:31 AM

LR

“ Lynette Ruth lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Lynette Ruth - March 05, 2021 at 11:37 PM

OJ

“ Orlando Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Orlando Jones - March 05, 2021 at 07:32 PM

JW

“ *Jean Willis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Jean Willis** - March 05, 2021 at 05:43 PM

DD

“ *Cherrie u will always be in my heart I love u as a sister it warms my heart that u and jc are together once again although it breaks my heart I want u guys to know that I love u both and jipsey is living the life time of the rich and famous taking care of u both was a blessing to me forever in my heart jc and Cherrie the sharpest dressing people I know sing on cherrie*

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**Debry Davis** - March 05, 2021 at 01:22 PM



“ *Cheryl Fentress-Nash lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Cheryl Fentress-Nash** - March 05, 2021 at 01:11 PM

PD

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Eli family from class of 77 SHS. Rest in peace.*



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**Philip Drake** - March 05, 2021 at 08:29 AM

EM

“ Ernestine Martin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Ernestine Martin - March 04, 2021 at 09:27 PM

DB

“ DIANE BLACKMON sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



DIANE BLACKMON - March 04, 2021 at 08:12 PM

TM

“ RIP Auntie!! I love you!! Your nephew Cedric



Tara Moten - March 04, 2021 at 01:55 PM

NR

“ Nedra Ann Riley-Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Nedra Ann Riley-Williams - March 04, 2021 at 01:02 PM

LD

“ Lorraine Davis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Lorraine Davis - March 04, 2021 at 12:59 PM

LC

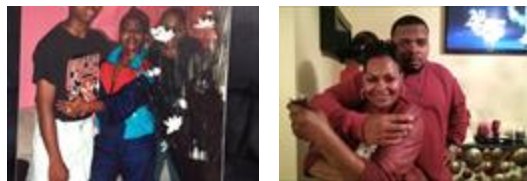
“ Lynn Cooper lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Lynn Cooper - March 04, 2021 at 11:45 AM

AR

“ My fav...You've lessened me with this one, Auntie...but you take that on with you; you deserve it...just know that I'm keeping my share of you with me as well 🥺🤔😞😞😞😞



Angelo Rowe - March 04, 2021 at 10:57 AM

BJ

“ Buford Gaiter Jr lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Buford Gaiter Jr - March 03, 2021 at 08:03 PM

CS

“ No matter when I ran into Cherri she was always that same person I met!! Such a Sweetheart!! Love You!! R.I.P!! 😘😘❤❤



Cathie Stephens - March 03, 2021 at 05:41 PM

KC

“ Kristine Conley sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



kristine conley - March 03, 2021 at 04:41 PM

KC

“ Kristine Conley sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



kristine conley - March 03, 2021 at 04:28 PM

RP

“ Rudy Patterson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Rudy Patterson - March 03, 2021 at 07:56 AM

MF

“ *Martin Bland Goodman & Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



Martin Bland Goodman & Family - March 03, 2021 at 07:44 AM

MF

“ *Martin Bland Goodman & Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



Martin Bland Goodman & Family - March 03, 2021 at 02:31 AM

DF

“ *Debra M Fenn lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



Debra M Fenn - March 03, 2021 at 02:06 AM

RC

“ *Rose Marie Cain-Kirkpatrick lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



Rose Marie Cain-Kirkpatrick - March 02, 2021 at 10:19 PM

RC

“ Cherrie you will be missed and so glad that I did get a chance to see you last October when you came to my book signing and all others good memories we had from childhood and through out life. May God bless your soul and may you Rest In Peace. ❤️🙏

Rose Marie Cain-Kirkpatrick - March 02, 2021 at 10:19 PM

MF

“ Michael A. Martin & Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Michael A. Martin & Family - March 02, 2021 at 09:27 PM

MF

“ Michael A. Martin & Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Michael A. Martin & Family - March 02, 2021 at 09:24 PM

BC

“ My childhood friend, you will truly be missed.



Brenda Cain - March 02, 2021 at 09:06 PM

BM

“ *Barbara Morris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Barbara Morris** - March 02, 2021 at 05:39 PM

GL

“ *My prayers are with Cherrie"s family. I went to school with her from 7th grade on.*



*SHS c/o '75*

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**Gloria(Henderson)Eiland** - March 02, 2021 at 11:12 AM

MC

“ *Rest in heaven cherri. May God hold you close til eternity.*



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**Madelyn. Gail. And the rest of the calho** - March 02, 2021 at 11:08 AM

DP

“ *Dorothy Price-Omar lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Dorothy Price-Omar** - March 02, 2021 at 08:51 AM

YV

“ On behalf of the Smith family we extend our heartfelt  
Sympathy and Love to the family of Cherrie.  
She was a joy to know and will be missed.



YvetteSmith - March 01, 2021 at 08:44 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the  
family of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli.



March 01, 2021 at 07:19 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Washington lit a candle in memory of  
Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Carolyn Washington - March 01, 2021 at 07:01 PM

JC

“ Jerry Chapman lit a candle in memory of Ms.  
Cherrie Ann Eli



Jerry Chapman - March 01, 2021 at 05:37 PM

SO

“ *Serita I Oates lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Serita I Oates** - March 01, 2021 at 01:21 PM

RC

“ *Ralph And Shirley Culpepper sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Ralph and Shirley Culpepper** - March 01, 2021 at 09:25 AM

IC

“ *IRMA CHISM lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**IRMA CHISM** - March 01, 2021 at 09:13 AM

LJ

“ *Laura D Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Laura D Jackson** - March 01, 2021 at 08:51 AM

SF

“ R.I.H Queen Prayers for The Family



Sonny Moten & Family - March 01, 2021 at 06:41 AM

GC

“ To the Eli I send my heartfelt condolences to you all. No matter when I seen Cherrie our childhood friendship never changed. From 3rd- 4th st Kindergarten, playing jump rope to snicking off lol always been my friend. Cherrie you will be missed but never forgotten. Rest peacefully sweetie.

Gail Calhoun Crittendon - March 01, 2021 at 04:23 AM

GC

Cheri was a very very nice person always had a smile.

Gloria Carey - March 02, 2021 at 12:09 PM

RC

To the family of Cherrie I am so sorry for the loss of your love one. Cherrie was such a kind person. She always had such a infectious smile. She will be missed. Rest in Peace

Rayunza Chism-Hood - March 03, 2021 at 12:16 PM

SS

Cherri we always greeted oneanother with a kiss of friendship, and we will do it again once we meet up with the Lord, but for right now rest on my sista until we meet again. 💕 you

Sharon (shell) smith - March 06, 2021 at 09:44 AM

TF

“ T Freeman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



T Freeman - March 01, 2021 at 01:54 AM

LO

“ To my long time friend Cherries , your smile and your beautiful singing voice will be missed. Ivy L Whitehead

Linda Oden - February 28, 2021 at 10:19 PM

AB

“ Angella Beavers lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Angella Beavers - February 28, 2021 at 08:08 PM

DJ

“ Doris Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Doris Jones - February 28, 2021 at 07:35 PM

DK

“ Deacon Bobby & Thelma (Moten) Kelley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Deacon Bobby & Thelma (Moten) Kelley - February 28, 2021 at 07:00 PM

MO

“ Madeleine Oneal sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Madeleine Oneal - February 28, 2021 at 05:53 PM

DH

“ Deborah Holmes sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Deborah Holmes - February 28, 2021 at 04:39 PM

PW

“ Patricia "Patty" Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Patricia "Patty" Williams - February 28, 2021 at 02:21 PM

SH

“ To Cheri’s Family, I send my sincere condolences and prayers to you all! Cheri was always a joy to be around, I will always remember her beautiful smile and joyful sprit & kindness. Classmate we will miss you. SHS c/o 75!



Stephanie Hall - February 28, 2021 at 11:20 AM

VH

“ Vanessa HumesJohnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Vanessa HumesJohnson - February 28, 2021 at 08:10 AM

JO

“ JoyReeves sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



JoyReeves - February 28, 2021 at 07:01 AM

BR

“ To the Eli family my condolences to you. She was a beautiful person She sang in the choir with me at Bethlehem Baptist church. She will be missed but we will see her again. Praying for the family.

Barbara Reed - February 28, 2021 at 04:05 AM



“ *Barbara McGhee lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



Barbara McGhee - February 28, 2021 at 01:00 AM

KR

“ *Kyiiia Rodgers sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



kyiia rogers - February 27, 2021 at 10:59 PM

KR

“ *Ms. CHERRIE I HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING YOU FOURTEEN YEARS AGO BUT MY MOM FAMILY KNEW YOUR FAMILY WELL. NOT TO MENTION I WENT TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR DAUGHTER. VISTA VILLA, BROOKWOOD TALKS LAUGHS YOU HAD A BEAUTIFUL VIBE. YOU REST IN LOVE I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU. KEE-KEE*

kyiia rogers - February 27, 2021 at 10:57 PM

AR



Angelo Rowe - March 04, 2021 at 10:49 AM

DD

“ *My deepest condolences to the families of our dearest Cherries.  
The Lord will give you strength, love and peace in your time of sorrow.  
R.I.P. my fair lady. Love you all.*



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**Debra Dillard** - February 27, 2021 at 09:32 PM

BR

“ *From Yvette smith  
I pray that you have found peace at last which I'm sure you have. I am truly going to miss our good conversations esp the ones bout JESUS. I pray to see you one day again my friend. May GOD give your kids and family the comfort and peace that they need. Love you my friend*



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**bria** - February 27, 2021 at 08:48 PM

CW

“ *Carolyn Washington lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Carolyn Washington** - February 27, 2021 at 08:05 PM

RB

“ *Rochelle Brewer lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**rochelle brewer** - February 27, 2021 at 07:17 PM



“ *To the Eli family. Praying for strength. I will miss seeing her walk gypsy and dressing her up.*



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**Colleen Smith** - February 27, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ *Joyce White lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Joyce White** - February 27, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ *Ethel And Robert Shaheed lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Ethel and Robert Shaheed** - February 27, 2021 at 01:00 PM



“ *REST UP DEAR FRIEND I WILL SEEYOU ON THE OTHER*



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**SONA Carruth** - February 27, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ *Margie Baty Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Margie Baty Lawrence** - February 27, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ *To the Eli family another rose has been plucked from earth but we know where she is and pray that we will see her again such a sweet person she touched the hearts of many with that beautiful smile, she will be missed but never forgotten. 💔*

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**Debra Williams** - February 27, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ *Larry Martin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Larry Martin** - February 27, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ *Ms. Cherrie was a down to earth person, spoke her mind and stood on it, whenever I ran into her she would greet you with that smile and remember who you were no matter how long it's been. Take your rest Miss Cherrie you will truly be missed by many 😊🌹*



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**Rose Coleman** - February 27, 2021 at 10:28 AM

JG

“ Joann Gordon sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Joann Gordon - February 27, 2021 at 10:10 AM

DW

“ Dettrea Weston lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Dettrea Weston - February 27, 2021 at 09:25 AM

CW

“ Cathy Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Cathy Wilson - February 27, 2021 at 08:32 AM

GP

“ My sincere condolences to the entire Eli family and friends of Cherries Eli. May God Comfort you during this very trying time. Your beautiful smile will be missed .



Gerald and Alberta Smith Palmer - February 27, 2021 at 07:41 AM

BW

“ Sending love, prayers, hugs and condolences  
❤️😭🙏 to the family and friends. May God  
comfort each and everyone of us...Fly High  
baby girl!



Bernice Williams - February 27, 2021 at 06:40 AM



“ Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Joanie Williams - February 27, 2021 at 05:39 AM

MW

“ Maurice&Marie Washington sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Maurice&Marie Washington - February 27, 2021 at 04:54 AM

AH

“ Albert&Frances Ham-Zackrie sent a virtual gift  
in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Albert&Frances Ham-Zackrie - February 27, 2021 at 03:44 AM

SD

“ Stacy Duran sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



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**Stacy Duran** - February 27, 2021 at 01:34 AM

CH

“ This is such sad news to hear. I've known Ms. Cherrie Eli from way back in the day. She once had a relationship with my brother, Shane and had my nephew, Shane Marcus. I simply remember her beautiful smile, lovely voice and always fashionable. I know she will be missed by many. Praying for supernatural comfort and strength for all those that loved her dearly. I know her presence will be greatly missed!



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**Cheryl Hill** - February 27, 2021 at 12:13 AM

OK

“ Olivia Kincaid sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



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**Olivia Kincaid** - February 26, 2021 at 11:00 PM

JT

“ Thoughts & Prayers, To The Family...



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**Jimmie & Felicia Truss** - February 26, 2021 at 10:40 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Wicks sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



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**Carolyn Wicks** - February 26, 2021 at 09:52 PM

YS

“ Yvonne Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



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**Yvonne Sanders** - February 26, 2021 at 09:26 PM

KS

“ Rest in Peace, my condolence to all Family  
And Friends,



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**Katrina R Shivers** - February 26, 2021 at 09:13 PM

DM

“ Deborah Miller lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Deborah Miller - February 26, 2021 at 08:44 PM

SR

“ Stephanie Terry Rohelia sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Stephanie Terry Rohelia - February 26, 2021 at 07:40 PM

PT

“ Phyllis Thorne sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Phyllis Thorne - February 26, 2021 at 06:06 PM

BW

“ Bernice Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Bernice Williams - February 26, 2021 at 05:15 PM

S(

“ Stephanie Louis (sue) sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Stephanie Louis (sue) - February 26, 2021 at 04:01 PM



“ Bernadette Tinsley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Bernadette Tinsley - February 26, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ My prayers and Deepest Sympathies To Ralph and Emily, All the Families  
Cherrie will be Greatly Missed, Love you My Friend, rest in God's Arms  
Singing n rejoice



Adele Johnson - February 26, 2021 at 03:01 PM

RF

“ Rodney E Williams Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli



Rodney E Williams Family - February 26, 2021 at 02:36 PM

KS

“ *Kelly Spiller lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Kelly Spiller** - February 26, 2021 at 01:51 PM

VF

“ *Valerie Foster-Baker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Valerie Foster-Baker** - February 26, 2021 at 01:21 PM

MB

“ *Michelle Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Michelle Baker** - February 26, 2021 at 12:32 PM

GL

“ *Send prayers of comfort and peace to the family of Cheri Eli.*

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**Glendorah Lawrence** - February 26, 2021 at 12:29 PM

MB

“ *Michelle Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Michelle Baker** - February 26, 2021 at 12:28 PM

WB

“ *Walsezetta Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Walsezetta Bennett** - February 26, 2021 at 12:28 PM

BT

“ *Barbra Roberson/Dallas, Tx sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Barbra Roberson/Dallas, Tx** - February 26, 2021 at 11:32 AM

BT

“ *Barbra Roberson/Dallas, Tx sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Barbra Roberson/Dallas, Tx** - February 26, 2021 at 11:30 AM

BT

“ *Barbra Roberson/Dallas, Tx lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Barbra Roberson/Dallas, Tx** - February 26, 2021 at 11:27 AM

LK

“ *Larry Kemp sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Larry Kemp** - February 26, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ *Deborah Byrd lit a candle in memory of Ms. Cherrie Ann Eli*



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**Deborah Byrd** - February 26, 2021 at 10:44 AM