



Mary Nell Worley Cherry

November 4, 1924 - October 26, 2011

Mary Nell Worley Cherry died suddenly on Saturday, October 22 at her home in New Waverly, Texas. Her life was distinguished by her utmost love and devotion to family and to God. She was born the eighth of nine children on November 4, 1924 to Frank W. and Freda Worley in Rockdale, Texas. There were seven girls and two boys who all grew up on the family farm in the San Gabriel community. The sisters were known far and wide as simply “the Worley girls”. After graduation from the San Gabriel school at age 16 she married the love of her life, Frederick Paul Cherry, who had been the agriculture education teacher at the school. They lived in Troy, Texas for a brief time before his call to service in World War II. After the war, they lived for several years in Burnet, Texas before moving to New Waverly in 1953 to take over the Cherry family general store business. They shared a loving marriage for 55 years until his death in 1996. She was a lifelong member of the Baptist Church and demonstrated her faith through service to others. She was a volunteer for many church activities such as vacation bible school for community children and the visitation program for the elderly and home bound. She also served on the board of directors for the Gulf Coast Trades Center which provides education and nurturing for disadvantaged and troubled youth so that they may have a chance to be productive members of society. She is survived by her son, F. Boyd Cherry and wife Zou of Bryan, daughters Paulette Wells and husband Mike of New Waverly, and Melanie Underwood and husband Dan also of New Waverly; grandchildren: Heather

Thrash and husband Randy of Tomball, Austin T. Powers of Gilbert, Arizona, Brandon Underwood and wife Ronda of New Waverly, Kara Novotny and husband Rob of Haslet, and Autumn McDonald and husband Wes of New Waverly; great grandchildren: Trevor and Amber Thrash, Zane Underwood, Emry and Keaton Novotny, Ella and Bailey McDonald. She is also survived by her sisters Lula Stewart of Cameron and Evelyn Kauffman and husband Norman of Texarkana. Visitation with the family will be held at Sam Houston Funeral Home in Huntsville from 5:30 to 7:30 on Tuesday, October 25. Funeral services will be at the First Baptist Church in New Waverly at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, October 26, with Dr. John D. Andrews officiating and Rev. Mark Woodward assisting. Burial will follow at Hill Cemetery in New Waverly. Serving as pallbearers will be: Brandon Underwood, Austin T. Powers, Randy Thrash, Trevor Thrash, Rob Novotny, and Wes McDonald. The family has designated the First Baptist Church, 460 Fisher Street, New Waverly, Texas 77358, and the New Waverly Public Library, 9372 State Highway 75 S, New Waverly, Texas 77358 for memorials. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Nell Worley Cherry*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Paulette and Mike,
We are thinking of you at this time.
Love and Prayers*

Sarah & Herman Teer - October 26, 2011 at 02:01 PM



“ *I always enjoyed seeing Mrs. Cherry around town or at First Baptist on Sunday nights. She was a lovely, Christian lady...what a great example for others. You are in our thoughts and prayers. - Lindsay & Jason Pennington and our family at Hawthorne Baptist.*

Lindsay & Jason Pennington - October 26, 2011 at 01:59 PM



“ *Your mother Mary was the sweetest lady. I think she smiled all the time. She seemed like a woman who knew the Truth, knew who she was and was a wonderful, kind person. She will be missed. God Bless your precious family and I am so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed her at Water Aerobics and of course Paulette at the school.*

Sharon Luster - October 26, 2011 at 01:55 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

Susan and Ken Tarpey - October 26, 2011 at 01:29 PM

MW

“ *Paulette, Melanie and family. I pray that God give you all the strength needed during this difficult time. I know that your mother and father was send to me for the strength I needed the day I was told my father was dying. They stayed all morning at the hospital that day. I loved and appreciated them very much.*

Myrna Wheeler - October 25, 2011 at 06:33 PM

DS

“ *Paulette and Melanie,
I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was such a sweet lady. I have many fond childhood memories of playing with Heather, Travis, and Brandon at the store while my daddy got his feed. She always had a smile on her face. May God wrap his arms around you all during this difficult time. God Bless.*

Debbie Novark Szymczak - October 25, 2011 at 01:44 PM

SA

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Mrs. Cherry was such a wonderful lady. I remember her and Mr. Cherry always being so kind to me when I visited the store back when I was just a kid. She will be missed.*

Shelly Gerbasi Allen - October 25, 2011 at 11:13 AM

ML

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. She was in my Sunday School class at New Waverly and I really enjoyed all of our visits.*

Mary Lightfoot-Morrow - October 25, 2011 at 11:01 AM

BN

“ Zou and the Cherry family, So sorry to read of Mrs. Cherry's passing. My prayers and thoughts are with you. May the Lord give you strength during your healing hours.

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - October 24, 2011 at 06:11 PM

CL

“ To the Cherry family members: We were saddened to hear of Mrs. Cherry's passing. She was such a wonderful neighbor, a gentle spirit with a kind heart, and always with a warm smile on her face. God has opened His arms to welcome her to heaven.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Carl & Becky Loper - October 24, 2011 at 03:12 PM

CA

“ A very sweet lady that will be missed greatly.

clifford ashley - October 24, 2011 at 03:06 PM

PS

“ My prayers are with you all. Mrs. Cherry was a lady who always greeted people with a smile & friendly hello. She will now welcome others into heaven. Just remember the good times you all shared & the love she betrayed on you & time will eventually get you through. All my love, Pat

Pat Slott - October 24, 2011 at 09:24 AM

WF

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Ms. Cherry was a very special person. I have such wonderful memories of working with her at the store. I often tell one special story she and I had the honor experiencing together. It always brings a cheerful roar to the room. Please accept our deepest sympathies. Deborah

Wayne & Deborah Fowler - October 24, 2011 at 09:19 AM

SH

“ To all the Cherry family,
What a shocks to hear of Mrs. Cherry's death. (I never could call her Mary Nell) I remember her friendly smile and pleasant manner that always made one's day beter.
She was indeed a lady in every way. This woman had class.
This is a hard road you must follow but the prayers of your family and friends will help. Our church at Hawthorne will keep you in our prayers and I thank you for sharing your Mom with me.

With deepest affection and respect.

Sue

Sue Hardy - October 23, 2011 at 10:24 PM

WC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you walk through this difficult time. Mrs. Cherry was such a wonderful christian lady and will be greatly missed.

Wayne and Linda Clinton - October 23, 2011 at 05:21 PM

CM

“ *Dear Melanie, Paulette and family: Our deepest sympathy to your family on the loss of your precious Mother. May she rest in peace. Our love:
Carolyn McClure family, Annie Mae & Robert Snoe*

Carolyn McClure - October 23, 2011 at 03:28 PM