



Edward Moore Perry

January 1, 1952 - October 15, 2025

On Wednesday, October 15, 2025, God in His infinite wisdom dispatched His angel of mercy to peacefully escort Edward Moore Perry to his eternal rest. He was born to loving parents, Walter Lee Perry, Jr. and Alice Moore Perry, on January 1, 1952. As a new year baby, he always, always proudly proclaimed, "The whole world celebrates my birthday!" The youngest of five, "Eggoo" was also welcomed into the family by older siblings, William "Skippy", Walter III "Pocum", Carolyn "Ettywet", and Horace "Mackmoosey". Their father lovingly gave each of his children a nickname. Having preceded him in death, his parents and siblings undoubtedly welcomed him to heaven with open arms!

At an early age, Edd was baptized and became a member of Third Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Virginia under the the pastorate of Dr. C. H. Jordan. Sometimes he also attended services at First Baptist West Norfolk where his parents served as deacon and deaconess. He shared fond memories of being a member of the Boy Scout Troop at Third Baptist. Edd also had a long standing relationship with New St. Thomas Baptist Church, donating a number of resources throughout the years, including food, time, financial contributions and lawn care services. During one of the most uncertain times in world history, Edward made the decision to officially become a member in July of 2021 under the pastorate of his "main man", Rev. Adrian B. Wyrick, II.

Edward attended Portsmouth Public Schools and graduated from the

illustrious I.C. Norcom High School. Prior to his time as a Greyhound, he was known for playing football and basketball at the former Woodrow Wilson High School. Due to his young age of 17, his parents gave him permission to volunteer for the United States Army, during the Vietnam War era. Following his tour of duty, he continued his education at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia.

Edd's career experiences included Ford Motor Company and Tidewater Community College. While living in California, he briefly worked as a counselor for the Veterans Administration. He also worked security where Motown Records was housed. There he met and befriended numerous celebrities. Upon returning to Virginia, he again served his country through employment with the United States Postal Service. For many years, he walked an 11 mile route in all kinds of weather. He later secured a "mounted route" until retirement.

On June 6, 1981, he married his "Sugar Pie," Essie. Also known as his "First Lady," Essie and Edd have known each other since the sandbox at Mrs. Bond's Kindergarten. He liked to say, "I didn't know what a wife was, but I knew I wanted her to be mine." Their union was blessed with two daughters: Tanya Charisse and Rachel Nicole.

Edward found joy in fishing, building wood work, reading, writing, gardening, and listening to many genres of music. His personal heroes were Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Muhammad Ali, who he got to meet after the inauguration of Governor Douglas Wilder. Edd's home was always open, his table always full, and his heart generous to all! The name Edward means "guard" and "protector," which describes him perfectly.

Edd was one of the best: willing to give his time and wisdom, and always ready for a spirited debate. The world lost a truly great man - our beloved husband, father, uncle, cousin, mentor, and friend.

To cherish his legacy, he leaves his wife, Essie Perry; two daughters, Tanya Perry and Rachel Perry; his godmother, Deacon Lillian Louise Hasty; a brother-in-law, Clarence Vinson (Mary); a sister-in-law, Jacqueline Caton; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends. Well done thou good and faithful servant!

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd
Chesapeake, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
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<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

Service

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

New St. Thomas Baptist Church
2700 Elm Avenue
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Edward Moore Perry



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - October 28, 2025 at 04:32 PM

JB

It was great to have cross your path...sorry to know you has passed...

Joyce Brown - October 30, 2025 at 07:22 PM

SG

“ Sorors Joyce & Melinda Gainer-Chesapeake planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Moore Perry.

Sorors Joyce & Melinda Gainer-Chesapeake - October 23, 2025 at 09:12 AM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Moore Perry.



October 23, 2025 at 09:12 AM

LW

“ Lovingly, Ya-Maila & Joseph Woods purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Edward Moore Perry.



Lovingly, Ya-Maila & Joseph Woods - October 23, 2025 at 06:43 AM



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - October 22, 2025 at 02:01 PM

BF

“ Ben King & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Moore Perry.

Ben King & Family - October 22, 2025 at 07:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edward Moore Perry.



October 22, 2025 at 07:23 AM



“ William, Jr. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Moore Perry.

William, Jr. - October 20, 2025 at 05:07 PM



“ William, Jr. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Edward Moore Perry.



William, Jr. - October 20, 2025 at 05:07 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Essie and family at this time... 🙏🙏

Darryl Choate - October 20, 2025 at 01:30 PM

RI

“ Lady C and I offer our most sincere condolence's in the passing of your beloved husband and father. May the strength & peace of God be ever so prevalent in your lives in the days to come.

*Bountiful Blessings,
Rev. A.B. Wyrick, II, M.Div.*

Rev. Wyrick, II - October 20, 2025 at 10:31 AM

MW

“ On behalf of my family, I would like to extend our sincere condolences to the Perry Family. Our "family" bonds existed long before I was born and I have been blessed to witness such generational love. "Uncle Ed" was one who never forgot the true meaning of The Village and sought to remain in touch with so many down through the years. His concern for how others were doing was always genuine. His jovial spirit was ever present, and his kindness was unmatched.

I thank God for his friendship and trust that you all will cherish the pleasant memories as you travel through this season of transition. I ask and pray for your comfort as God walks with you. Remember that earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

With deep sympathy and love,

Michael Williams and Family

Michael Williams - October 19, 2025 at 10:27 PM

MS

“ *Essie, Tonya and Rachel, deepest condolences. Praying for you in this difficult time.*

Michael Snead - October 18, 2025 at 08:12 AM