



## Ellen T. Cheeks

February 8, 1945 - September 18, 2020

Ellen T. Cheeks departed this life on Friday, September 18, 2020, at Maryview Medical Center. She was born on February 8, 1945 in Cheriton, Virginia. She was the first born child of Mermon Cheeks and Rowena Grant Cheeks. Ellen was educated in Portsmouth Public Schools, and after high school she attended Portsmouth Business College. As a teenager, Ellen made the decision to give her life to Jesus Christ and joined Noble Street Baptist Church.

Ellen was known as a hard worker. In addition to giving 30 years of Civil Service to the Navy; she worked more than 25 years as an Avon Representative; over 22 years at Brentlox//Carrington Place/Greenbrier Regional Medical Center; over 20 years as a Licensed Notary Public; over 17 years for Global Spectrum (Event Staffing) at Old Dominion University; over 10 years at the Jackson-Hewitt Tax Center; and numerous years at WAVY TV 10 and WTAR 3.

In the community, Ellen served as an Officer of Election for the City of Portsmouth for more than 17 years, supporting the Loving Incarcerated Person's (L.I.P.S.) ministry, and supporting the Hampton Roads City Jail. Her passion was shopping for a "bargain;" making baskets; caring for the elderly; assisting the less fortunate; and supporting her beloved Dallas Cowboys.

In her neighborhood, Ellen served as the self-appointed Neighborhood Watch, where she watched over her neighbor's homes and called them when she saw anything abnormal. In addition to her familial roles, Ellen served as the host for Cowboys and NBA watch parties; one of the hosts for holiday events; the Family Motel 6; the Cheeks-Lawrence family Uber driver; the grab-n-go Avon shop; and the family tax specialists.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her son Michael A. Cheeks (Yolanda) of New Orleans, Louisiana; her daughter Charlene A. Cheeks of Portsmouth, Virginia; four granddaughters—Erica, Brittany, Cheyenne, and Scout; two grandsons—Maurice and Chad; two great grandchildren—Channing and Cassidy; four sisters—Joyce Glymph of Virginia Beach, Virginia; Brenda Lawrence and Jean Kiah of Portsmouth, Virginia; and Virginia Southhall of Baltimore, Maryland; and a host of other relatives, neighbors, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Roosevelt Memorial Park

1101 Campostella Road  
Chesapeake, Va

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 27. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

SEP 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Ellen T. Cheeks

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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - September 28, 2020 at 10:07 AM

MM

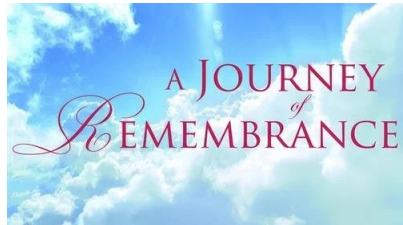
*I was blessed to have Ellen as a part of the event staff family at Chartway Arena for so many years. Ellen, you will be missed by many. Rest easy.*

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**Michael McRory** - September 28, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Ellen T. Cheeks



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - September 24, 2020 at 08:02 PM

CW

*Ms Ellen Cheeks will be truly missed. I was so sorry to hear of her passing. She had the beautiful gifts of helps and hospitality and she used them well for God's Glory!*

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**Cynthia Wright** - September 25, 2020 at 10:25 AM

MB

*I worked with Ellen at Lantdiv for many years. She always had a smile on her face. When my Dad died, she was so kind to me - I will never forget her.*

*Mary Barefield*

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**Mary Barefield** - September 25, 2020 at 01:21 PM

EB

*I worked with Ellen for many years at the Naval Air Rework Facility in Norfolk. Ellen and I remained friends over the years. We talked often and I will miss having conversations with her. She was a good person and tireless worker. To Charlene and all of the family, you have my condolences. God Bless You all.*

*Etta Bone*

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**Etta Bone** - September 26, 2020 at 09:26 AM

CW

*Mrs. Cheeks, will truly be missed. We always looked forward to her kind words and beautiful smile whenever we visited Greenbrier. God's speed enjoy your Heavenly home.*

*Walson and Christine Williams  
New Hope Baptist Church*

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**Christine Williams** - September 26, 2020 at 08:23 PM

TP

*Wonderful daughter, sister, mother, grandmother and great grandmother to her family that she loved so dearly. I know because growing up with Michael from kindergarten to high school Ms. Ellen showed and expressed the love she had for her family. She has left a beautiful strong legacy. Cheeks Family God shall continue to carry you, stay connected and know we are continuously praying for you all. 🙏❤️ With heartfelt condolences Tracy Carver Pierce and Family. Cradock Class of '79.*

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**Tracy Carver Pierce** - September 27, 2020 at 12:05 PM

CR

*To the family of ETC...May you be comforted by her love to others.*

*Roulhac*

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**Curtis & Patricia Roulhac** - September 29, 2020 at 11:03 AM

AJ

“ It is with much surprise and sadness that I learned of Ellen's Passing! Ellen worked for me more than 20 years ago at the NARF with high performance and friendship. We kept informed with each other throughout the years I was also fortunate to have known her son, Michael who followed me in the Marine Corps and succeeded very well in that career. Ellen was very proud of him as he with her! My most sincere and deep sympathy to her family for their loss.  
Colonel Albert G. Tase, Jr

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**Albert G. Tase, Jr** - September 28, 2020 at 05:39 PM

FA

“ What a wonderful, generous lady. She will be missed.  
  
Frank A.

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**Frank Annunziata** - September 28, 2020 at 10:58 AM

CJ

“ Cedrienna Jones lit a candle in memory of  
Ellen T. Cheeks



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**Cedrienna Jones** - September 27, 2020 at 08:29 PM

PG

“ Condolences to the family in the home going  
of your beloved mother, sister, aunt,  
grandmother, great grand mother and friend.  
Mrs Ellen was a beautiful living and caring  
soul she brought so much joy to others.



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**p. Green** - September 27, 2020 at 03:59 PM

PT

“ Pamela Turner lit a candle in memory of Ellen T. Cheeks



Pamela Turner - September 27, 2020 at 03:33 PM

BB

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Barry and Ivory Watford Brown

Barry and Ivory Brown - September 27, 2020 at 01:50 PM

TF

“ Tess Foye lit a candle in memory of Ellen T. Cheeks



Tess Foye - September 27, 2020 at 01:09 PM

TF

“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



Tess Foye - September 27, 2020 at 01:08 PM

HU

“ We offer our heartfelt condolences to your family at the passing of your loved one and our friend, Ellen. We had the privilege of working with Ellen at NAVFAC and knowing her for 28 years. We were friends at work and in the community. Our church served at the nursing home where she worked and it was always a pleasure to see her. Ellen was a sweet woman and she will be dearly missed. May the Lord comfort your family and may you get joy as you reflect on the wonderful memories you have of Ellen.



*With Heartfelt Sympathy,  
Pastors Steven & Maggie Pierce  
And the Entire Holy Temple Church Family  
2644 Gilmerton Road  
Chesapeake, VA 23323*

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**Holy Temple Church, UHC** - September 27, 2020 at 01:53 AM

CW

“ Christine Williams lit a candle in memory of Ellen T. Cheeks



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**Christine Williams** - September 26, 2020 at 08:29 PM

SG

“ Ellen was such a blessing to me and my family. Always helping us in one way or another. Words cannot express the sorrow I feel at this time. She will forever be missed by our family. Charlene, Brenda and the rest of the family you are in our thoughts and prayers. May the peace and comfort of God be with you in the days ahead.  
Shern Woody Godwin and Family.



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**Shern Godwin** - September 26, 2020 at 05:47 PM

BM

“ Bobbie Mason lit a candle in memory of Ellen T. Cheeks



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**Bobbie Mason** - September 26, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ellen T. Cheeks.



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September 26, 2020 at 11:47 AM

JH

“ Condolences to classmate Brenda and family. May you be comforted by your wonderful memories of Ellen and her giving spirit.

*John Hatcher*

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**John Hatcher** - September 25, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellen T. Cheeks.*



September 25, 2020 at 09:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ellen T. Cheeks.*



September 25, 2020 at 07:02 PM



“ *Dear Brenda Lawrence and Jean Kiah, the family of Esther and Ben Sessoms express our sorrow and condolences. Losing two loved ones at the same time is tragic. Please stay strong; you are in our prayers. We love you.*



**Esther and Ben Sessoms** - September 25, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ *Kay Cooper lit a candle in memory of Ellen T. Cheeks*



**Kay Cooper** - September 25, 2020 at 10:13 AM

RB

“ *My condolences to the family. Ellen was a very sweet and kind person*



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**Ronald Barnes** - September 25, 2020 at 12:13 AM

LP

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Ellen Cheeks, I remember how nice she was when I would visit family members that were at Brentwood in Chesapeake. I like to light a candle in her memory.*



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**Linnea Palmer** - September 24, 2020 at 10:05 PM

BC

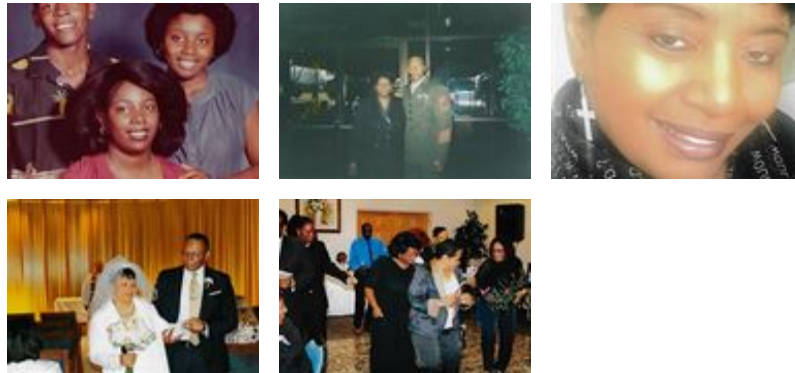
“ *My condolences to Charlene & family .Just scrolling through the obituaries and was shocked to see Ms. Cheeks . I don't know her but I would always see her sitting at the front desk at Carrington Place/ Greenbrier . So again Charlene, sorry for loss and take care. (Bertina Snipes) Cross*

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**Bertina Cross** - September 24, 2020 at 08:20 PM



“ 34 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - September 24, 2020 at 07:00 PM

JW

“ I will miss seeing Ellen Cheeks at the Receptionist Desk @Greenbrier Regional Medical Center, It feels so emptied now. I send my deepest condolences to her Family.

*Joyce Williams*

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**Joyce Williams** - September 24, 2020 at 05:28 PM

DS

“ Ellen was a true friend and made me laugh and smile all the time. Her giving nature and kind words will be missed!

*Denise Shindle*



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**Denise Shindle** - September 24, 2020 at 12:52 PM

YA

“ Your family at ODU & Chartway Arena purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ellen T. Cheeks.



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**Your family at ODU & Chartway Arena** - September 24, 2020  
at 12:11 PM

RH

“ Rhoda Harris lit a candle in memory of Ellen T. Cheeks



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**Rhoda Harris** - September 24, 2020 at 12:17 AM

RF

“ What memories flood my thoughts as I reflect on my third grade through high school and what bonds Ellen and I shared. My prayers and love are extended to the family



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**Rev. Joyce M Foster** - September 23, 2020 at 07:06 PM

BW

“ Bonita Walden will miss you



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**BONITA WALDEN** - September 23, 2020 at 03:11 PM

AR

“ *Andrew Reid lit a candle in memory of Ellen T. Cheeks*



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**Andrew Reid** - September 23, 2020 at 03:01 PM

AE

“ *Avis Eure lit a candle in memory of Ellen T. Cheeks*



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**Avis Eure** - September 23, 2020 at 01:59 PM

JS

“ *Sorry to learn of the loss of Ellen. I have worked with her for the last several years at ODU. She was a very nice Lady and will be missed. Thoughts and prayers for all of the family.*

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**John Schmitt** - September 22, 2020 at 10:03 PM

BG

“ *Brenda Garris lit a candle in memory of Ellen T. Cheeks*



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**Brenda Garris** - September 22, 2020 at 09:54 PM

FF

“ From Ellen's Traditions Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ellen T. Cheeks.



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**From Ellen's Traditions Family** - September 22, 2020 at 02:43 PM

CW

“ I extended to Charlene and entire family of Mrs Ellen Cheeks. My sincere and heartfelt condolences goes out to you, in her passing. Mrs Ellen was a dear long time friend of my parents Mr James and Betty Wilder. And my family. My continued prayers for your peace and comfort In the days and years to come. Knows that God will care for you always.

*Crystal Wilder  
Ashley Wilder*

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**Crystal Wilder** - September 22, 2020 at 01:05 PM

DJ

“ Dottie Jones lit a candle in memory of Ellen T. Cheeks



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**Dottie Jones** - September 22, 2020 at 09:57 AM

JH

“ *Always smiling and a kind word for everyone.  
She will be missed by many,*



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**Judy Hoover** - September 22, 2020 at 08:24 AM

AR

“ *Andrew Reid lit a candle in memory of Ellen T.  
Cheeks*



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**Andrew Reid** - September 22, 2020 at 07:22 AM

PS

“ *Our payers are with the family.  
Peter and Natasha Singleton*



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**Peter Singleton** - September 21, 2020 at 09:59 PM

DJ

“ *My friend. She would give all she had to help another and not  
complain or ask for help even if she needed it. A lot of things won't  
feel right without her. She was loved by many and will be very much  
missed. I am better because of her.*

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**Dottie Jones** - September 21, 2020 at 09:20 PM

EF

*Ellen was a true friend I will certainly miss her . Esther*

**Esther Forehand** - September 28, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ellen T. Cheeks.*



September 21, 2020 at 07:50 PM