



## Catherine Neoma Fisher

Jul 26, 1915 - Feb 18, 2016

### Catherine's Story

Catherine Neoma Fisher (Chatty Cathy), died Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016. Born July 26, 1915, to Clarence Melvin and Luetta Shepard Morton. Catherine was a member of Second Missionary Baptist Church since Nov. 5, 1915. She truly loved the Lord and her church. Married for 35 ½ years they had four children, Ruben, Ronald Rudolph, Irma Eugene and Kim Maurice Fisher. Catherine was a proud wife, mother and businesswomen. One of the first African American Beauty Salon Operators in Terre Haute. She graduated from Cosmetology School in 1953 and operated Fishers Beauty Shop until 1997. She was won an award from the Association of African American Stylists in recognition of her work. She worked for Russell Funeral Home as a stylist/cosmetologist for over 30 years. She loved to sew and made many of her own garments. She also loved baking; lemon meringue pies being one of her favorites. She did gardening and flower planting, often photographing much of her work. She saved cards which she had received over the years, saying that they meant a lot to her and were often meaningful. She also enjoyed crossword and board puzzles. She loved little children and served a foster grandparent for a first grade class. Catherine had some of the cutest sayings; for example if you called and asked her what she was doing, she might say "just sitting here playing Cootie Brown" or "same old 7&6" or perhaps my favorite "the sun don't shine on the same dogs .... all the time. She like watching Jeopardy, Family Feud, Wheel of Fortune and the Steve Harvey on TV. A pet peeve of hers was to never end a conversation with with a "goodbye", but would say " so long". Being a " fashionista" even in her day, she loved clothes, shoes, hats, etc., wanting to be sure that everything matched. She wanted to be looking good. She'd have you come close to inhale her fragrance, so to be sure she smelled as good as she looked; and she had wigs, wigs, wigs. She was a good mother and grandmother, whereas she insisted that her children do the right things. She believed if you spared the rod, you'd spoil the child. Upon turning 100 years old, Catherine was given recognition by both United States President Barack Obama and Indiana senator Andre Carson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Fisher; sons, Ruben and Ronald Fisher; and granddaughter, Sherri L. Shelton.

She is survived by daughter, Irma E. Shelton; son, Kim M. Fisher; grandchildren, Dawn Renee Shelton, Shawn M. Fisher, Kimberly McClean, Ashley Fisher, Carla Smith, Denise Clayton and Phillip Fisher; great-grandchildren, Danielle Roach, Shauntee Wilson, Michael Fisher, Corbin Fisher, Krya Fisher, Sydi Smith, Kennedy Smith, Brooklyn McClean, Madison McClean and Grayce'n McClean; great-great-grandsons, Keith and Jaden Roach; nephews, Johnny Shade and

Michael Worrell; nieces, Gladys Sivels and Bobbie Wiggins; a large extended family including but not necessarily limited to the Cooper family, the Shepard family, the Batton family, and the Cherry family and a host of friends.

Services are Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016, in Second Missionary Baptist Church at 12 noon with visitation at 10:30 a.m. until service time. Interment in Highland Lawn Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home assisted with the arrangements.

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