



## *Wings*

*Oh, to catch the winds of flight  
And soar where eagles go,  
To leave the woes of troubled souls  
Behind me far below.  
I'd listen to the song of birds  
And sail in endless flight,  
Then chase the sun through cloudy paths  
And play with stars at night.*

*The boundless heavens for my home,  
The breeze to lift me high,  
To rise above my mortal bonds  
And never have to die.  
Knowing I had found the way  
To trails where angels trod,  
And when my wings could fly no more –  
I'd take the hand of God.*

~ C. David Hay

In Loving Memory

*Jean Arthur Murphy*

April 28, 1931 ~ January 10, 2022

Celebrating the Life of

# Jean Arthur Murphy

on this twelfth day of January 2022  
2 p.m., Marshallberg Baptist Church

The Gathering

Words of Peace and Grace

Dr. Randy Moore

Opening Prayer

Dr. Randy Moore

Special Music

"Amazing Grace ~ My Chains Are Gone"

Soloist, Hayley Jones Greene  
Pianist, Theresa Beacham

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 31:10-31  
"A Virtuous Woman"

Dr. Randy Moore

Message

Dr. Randy Moore

Eulogy

Family Memories

The Granddaughters

Closing Prayer

Dr. Randy Moore

Closing Hymn

"Victory In Jesus"  
Pg 426 The Baptist Hymnal

Congregation

*Graveside Service to follow at Victoria Cemetery, Marshallberg.*

Please turn on bright lights and hazards in procession to the Cemetery.

*Palldbearers*

Josh Baughman  
Mike Pollard

Patrick Liebert  
Brandon Willis

Neil Styron  
Richard Arthur

*The family would to thank you all for the many  
condolences, kindnesses and prayer being sent up for us at this time.*



Alma Jean Arthur Murphy, 90, of Marshallberg, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 10, 2022, surrounded by her devoted family.

Jean was the second child born to Earl and Nannie Arthur on April 28, 1931, at their home in Bettie, NC. She graduated from Smyrna High School in 1949. She married the love of her life, Lester Gray Murphy, Sr., on Easter Sunday, April 18, 1954. The couple moved to Marshallberg raising their three children in the same home where he was born and providing devoted care to his parents and her mother in the years to come.

Jean was employed as a secretary and bookkeeper for Frye Roofing Company in the 1950's. She became a mother and homemaker, caring for her 3 children and their grandparents until she returned to the workforce in 1969. She served as the secretary and bookkeeper at Smyrna Elementary School providing 15 ½ years of dedicated service to the youth of Carteret County in the Down East Community.

Jean was baptized in the North River on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 1946 and became a member of Welcome Home Baptist Church of Bettie. After her marriage, she transferred her membership to Marshallberg Missionary Baptist Church where she assumed leadership roles in Sunday School, Children's Programs, Ladies Auxiliary, etc. She loved singing in the choir and developed lifelong friendships in service to her Lord.

Mrs. Murphy is survived by her 3 children: Cynthia Murphy Downum and husband Bill Downum of Beaufort, Lester G. Murphy, Jr. and wife Carol Daniels Murphy of Cedar Island, and Patrick Wayne Murphy and wife Billee Hancock Murphy of Marshallberg. She is also survived by 5 precious granddaughters: Kendra Murphy Baughman and husband Josh Baughman of Summerville, SC, DeLisa Murphy Styron and husband Neil Styron of Davis, Kelli Murphy Pollard and husband Mike of Beaufort, Leslie Downum Liebert and husband Patrick Liebert of Raleigh, and Rebecca Murphy Willis and husband Brandon Willis of Davis. "Granny Jean's" 10 great grandchildren include, Noah and Seth Baughman, Murphy and Neilly Styron, Brayden and Dylan Pollard, Brantley, Sutton and Colton Liebert and Beckett Willis. She is also survived by 1 sister, Mona Fay Davis; and many nieces and nephews.

Jean was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Lester G. Murphy Sr.; her parents, Earl and Nannie Arthur; siblings, Clifton and Herman Arthur; and her baby sister, Anna Lois.

Flowers are welcome or contributions in memory of Jean Murphy can be made to Marshallberg Baptist Church designated to the Benevolence Fund.

Online condolences may be made at [www.mundenfuneralhome.net](http://www.mundenfuneralhome.net)  
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