

Acknowledgement

The family of Willie James Murphy would like to express our sincere thanks for the acts of kindness shown during his life and his death.

Your kindness was greatly appreciated.

Active Pall Bearers

Jamie Murphy
Jamaris Anderson
Jo-Wan Murphy
Marvin Polk
Preston Minter, Jr.
Edwin Sain

Honorary Pall Bearers

Marlon Williams
Andtray Stewart
Charles Woods
Alve Minter
James Jones
Tommie Cross, Sr.

Interment

Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE & LEGACY OF

Mr. Willie James Murphy
“Sampson”

Sunrise

January 7, 1944

Sunset

October 23, 2018

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018
11:00 AM

Antioch M.B. Church
Whiteville, TN
Pastor Jermaine Shaw

Mt. Salem M.B. Church
Hickory Valley, TN
Pastor Melvin Bufford
Eulogist



Celebrating the Life of Willie James "Sampson" Murphy

Mr. Willie James "Sampson" Murphy was born January 7, 1944 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Wiley and Artie Murphy in Whiteville, TN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wiley and Artie Murphy, (3) brothers, Eugene, Wilson and Jesse Murphy and (2) sisters, Emma Louise Jones and Elizabeth Murphy.

He accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of Union Springs Missionary Baptist Church in Whiteville, TN. He later in life joined the Antioch Baptist Church in Whiteville, TN where he remained a faithful member until his death. Willie attended school at Union Springs and Allen White in Whiteville, TN until he moved away to St. Louis, MO.

Upon returning home to Whiteville, Willie became employed at Kilgore Flares in Toone, TN for a few years until he gained employment at Harman Automotive in Bolivar, TN, where he remained employed until health complications prohibited him from working any longer.

"Sampson", as he was affectionately called, was a wonderful father, grandfather, and friend to his children and grandchildren. Additionally, he was a fun loving uncle to his nieces and nephews and had a way with children. Sampson had a zest for life, a gift for sharing of trips down memory lane, and a sense of humor unlike no other. He had a flare for fashion and was hardly ever seen without his brim. He enjoyed singing on the male choir at church, spending time with family and friends, and watching westerns on TV.

He leaves to cherish his memory, (5) daughters, Jeanetta Mcguire, Delphia Murphy of Nashville, TN, Quintessa (Andtray) Stewart, Catania Minter and Patrena Minter of Bolivar, TN., (2) sons, Brian Minter of Clarksville, TN and Reginald Minter of Bolivar, TN., (6) grandchildren, Rian (Josh) Wilson of Nashville, TN, Quinterrius Stewart of Hendersonville, TN., Ka'Drikus Minter and Vel'Mardris Minter of Whiteville, TN., Trayvin Stewart of Bolivar, TN., and Brian Minter, Jr. of Guam, (2) great grandchildren, Riley Rai Holford and Jace Minter, (2) brothers, Charles (Dorothy) Murphy of San Bernardino, CA., Henry Anderson of Clarksville, TN., (2) sisters Lucille Williams of Bolivar, TN., and Jeannie McNeal of Memphis, TN., (1) aunt, Daisy Cross of Bolivar, TN., (1) brother-in-law, James Jones of Whiteville, TN., (2) sisters-in-law Georgia Murphy of Whiteville, TN., and Geneva Murphy of Atlanta, GA., along with a host of nieces and nephews.



If I Am Called Before You

If I am called before you
And you're left to carry on
Some things I'd like to ask of you,
When my time here is done

I'd like to be remembered
For the kindness I once shared
I'd like to be remembered
For the way I loved and cared

To honor me, keep reaching out
Stand tall, and walk with love
Know that I'll be smiling down
As I watch from above

I know that you will miss me
And that there will be tears shed
But please remember good I've done
And how my life was led...

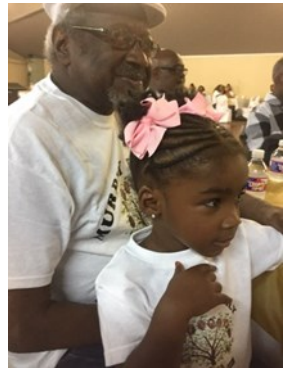
Find happiness in little things
As from grief you recover
Reach within and find some hope
Then hand it to another

To honor me, and love we shared
Just do this simple thing
Find the song within your heart
And sing my darling...sing

I wish so much for you dear one
That strength takes over your fears
That when you're sad, you persevere
That laughter takes your tears

So do your best and live your life
And know with certainty
That I am watching over you
Although you cannot see

Soon enough your day will come
We'll be together then
Remember me with love and smile
Until we meet again



For Dad

To be heard, without saying a word
To be hugged when I'm feeling blue,
To be understood, when I'm confused,
So rare was a dad like you,
Your loving smile, and gentle laugh,
Made all the difference in my day,
Your endless wisdom, and timeless advice,
Always helped me find my way,
In you there was no equal,
You were in a class all your own,
And because of all, the love you gave,
I'll never be alone,
It's an honor to have known you,
To have shared stories and dreams,
I'll always think of you smiling,
No matter how tough life seems,
You're still special beyond compare,
Your heart so kind and true,
I wish that everyone on earth,
Could have such a Dad like you!

Love,
Your Children



Order of Service

Processional & Viewing

Musical Selection.....Greg McQueen

Scriptures.....Old/New.....Pastor Jermaine Shaw
(Antioch M.B. Church)

Prayer.....Pastor Jerry Crisp
(Union Hill M.B. Church)

Solo.....Pastor Melvin Bufford
(Mt. Salem M.B. Church)

Acknowledgements.....Canedra Malena
(niece)

Obituary.....Dr. Lajuana Hamer
(niece)

Special Poem.....Rian Wilson
(granddaughter)

Selection.....Jasper Murphy
(nephew)

Eulogy.....Pastor Melvin Bufford

Selection.....Adrienne Jones

Recessional

Family

A collage of 15 photographs showing various family members. The photos include: a baby in a blue shirt with 'POL' on it; a young boy in a blue shirt with '24' on it; a man in a black jacket and a woman in a black top; a young girl in a white jacket with 'Riley' on it; a man in a red jacket and a woman in a plaid shirt; a man in a plaid shirt and a woman in a black top; a man in a black jacket and a woman in a black top; a man in a blue shirt and a woman in a red and white striped shirt; a man in a blue shirt and a woman in a white top; a man in a black jacket and a woman in a black top; a man in a white shirt and a woman in a yellow top; a man in a white shirt and a woman in a black top; a man in a white shirt and a woman in a black top; a man in a white shirt and a woman in a black top; a man in a white shirt and a woman in a black top.