



Family Acknowledgement

We deeply appreciate your kind expression of sympathy in our time of great sorrow. We know our pain will decrease and what will remain will always be the love all whom you hold dear. Precious is the time you share. Do not wait for tomorrow, for tomorrow may not be.

All the wonderful gestures you have shown spell out some very meaningful words: kindness, respect, sensitivity, thoughtfulness and love. Thanks for all you have done. Most of all thanks for loving Deacon E. R. Murrell Sr. We pray that our heavenly Father will grant you all love, peace and grace.

Sincerely, The Murrell Family

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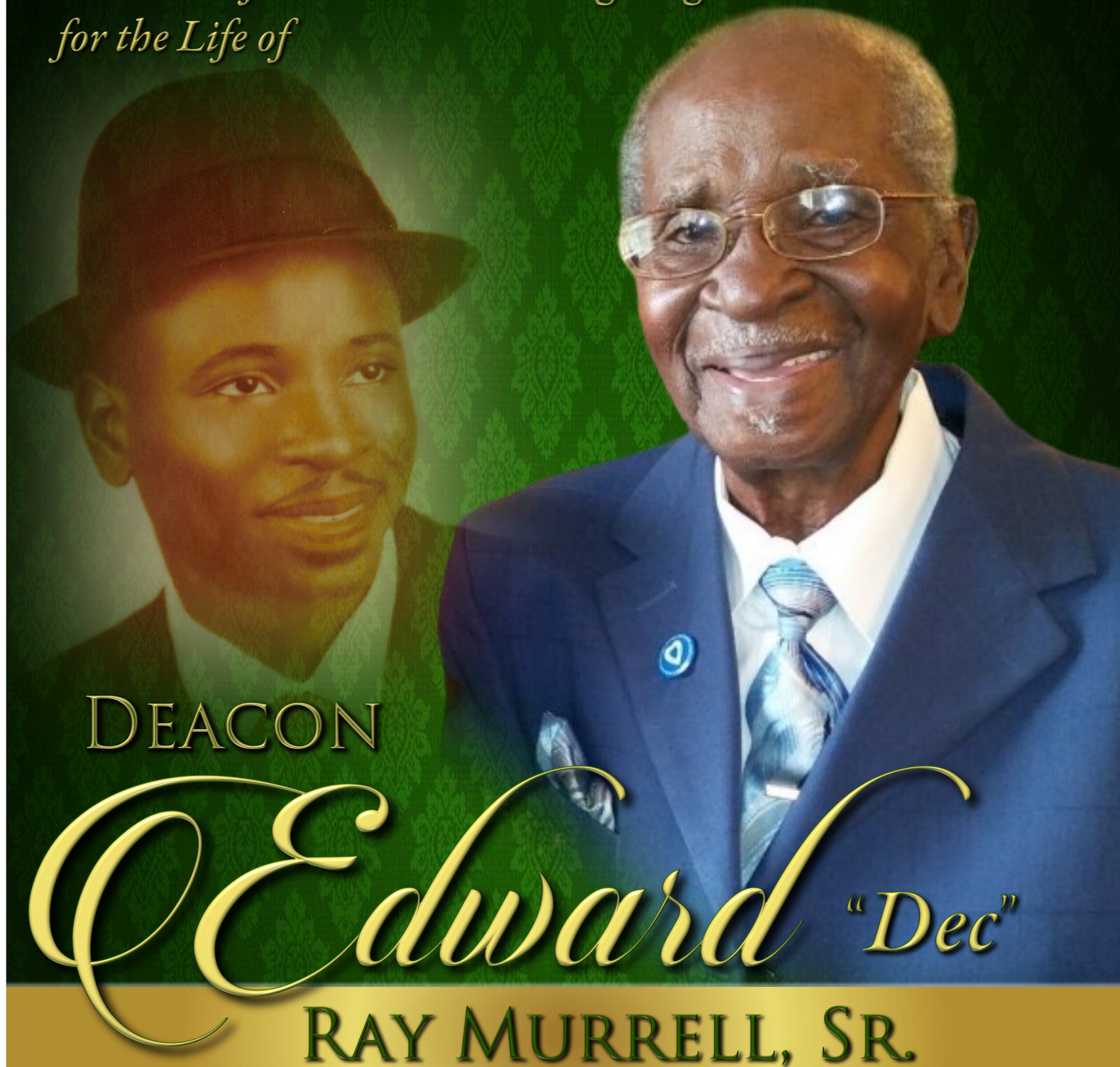
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DEACON

Edward "Dec"
RAY MURRELL, SR.

ALPHA: FEBRUARY 23, 1934

OMEGA: NOVEMBER 26, 2019

CELEBRATION SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019 | 11:00 AM

IDEAL FAMILY CHURCH

1000 E. REDBIRD LANE
DALLAS, TX 75241

BISHOP RAY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

REV. JAMES A. ERVIN, OFFICIATING
Iron Wheel Baptist Church—Nacogdoches, TX

FOOTNOTES
FROM
A
LEGACY
OF
FAITHFUL
SERVICE

LIFE REFLECTIONS OF
Deacon E. R. Murrell, Sr.

Edward Ray Murrell Sr. was born on February 23, 1934 to his parents, Monroe & Lucy Murrell. He received his formal education from Fouke Public School in the Fouke Community of Hawkins, Texas.

Edward Murrell Sr. accepted Christ at an early age at New Zion Baptist Church of Hawkins under the pastorate of Rev. J. J. Johnson. After moving to Dallas, he joined with the Forest Avenue Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. E.A. Greer. In 1970, he united with the Greater New Hope Baptist Church where he was guided under the leadership of Rev. J. G. Mackey where he became a Sunday School teacher, and later was ordained as a deacon. He served as a leader of the Bus Ministry, and Young Men's Ministry where he organized baseball and basketball teams. He was very much involved with the youth not only in the church, but also throughout the community - where he was a great mentor.

Deacon Edward Murrell Sr. also served on the local, state, and national conventions for the Brotherhood Union as president on the state level and was the 3rd vice-president on the national level. He would ALWAYS wear his cowboy boots at the convention - and the brothers could be heard saying, "There goes that fellow from Texas!" Serving with the Brotherhood was a great joy for Deacon Murrell. So much so, he was awarded Brotherhood Man of the Year twice, in 1996 and again in 2017.

Edward Murrell Sr. enjoyed working with his hands. He put this to work while employed with Texas Meat Packing and Super Affiliated Foods - where he was a supervisor. He was the co-founder of J & S Custom Chemical. He then went on to own E & F Handywork. While he was a hard worker, he also enjoyed playing dominoes and being a jokester.

In the year of 1969, he married the love of his life, Frances on December 27 and they shared a bond like no other until his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Monroe & Lucy Murrell; his sons, Dewayne Burns and Armondo Crow; his grandson, E. R. "El-Ray" Murrell III; his siblings, Robert Murrell, Annie V. Torrance, Dennis Murrell, Elberta Riley, Eldora Marry, George Murrell, Nellie Brown, and Bertha Wood; and his in-laws, Rev. John and Opal Mackey.

Surviving his transition is his wife, Frances Murrell, and children Michael (Wanda) Murrell, Rev. Edward "Junior" (Lawanna) Murrell, Jr., Debra (Rushel) Hawley, Michelle (Michael) Morgan, Belinda Murrell, Clinton (Brenda) Murrell, Kevin Crow, Damon Crow and Valerie "Tootie" (Aaron) Bailey; siblings, Betty Sterling, Helen Jones, Rev. C.C. Murrell, Lue'l Lindsey and M.J. Murrell.

Edward R. Murrell Sr. leaves a living legacy of 35 grandchildren and over 40 great-grandchildren. His memory will be cherished by them and a host of extended family and friends.

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS
"DEC"



ISAIAH 40:28-31

"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."



LOVE AND LEGACY OF OUR BELOVED
E. R. Murrell, Sr. 1934-2019

Remembering Our Daddy & Grandpa

Those special memories of you will always bring a smile. If only we could have you back for just a little while then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do. You always meant so very much and always will! The fact that you're no longer here will always cause us pain but you're forever in our hearts until we meet again.

Love, Your Children

Our love for our Grandpa will always be alive.
Although he is gone, his legacy will survive.
In the things he taught us and love he would show,
We are forever grateful, and it's to him we owe.
From the rain, to the dust, to the stars, and the sand,
You will be among us daily, holding our hand.
Your smile will always be etched in our mind.
Another Grandpa like you would be impossible to find.
We know your trip of life was fulfilled and long,
For that makes this easier and helps keep us strong.
Your life was a blessing to all you knew,
But we know you're up there now, making your big debut.
You know that we love you and you left too soon,
But to us, you'll always be the guy who hung the moon.

Love, Your Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren



CELEBRATING THE LIFE, I
Edward

The Order of Celebration

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HYMN OF COMFORT Congregation

SCRIPTURE READINGS
OLD TESTAMENT Reverend Glen Boyd
Greater Grace Temple Baptist Church—Dallas, TX

NEW TESTAMENT..... Reverend Charles R. Terry Sr.
Greater New Birth Baptist Church—Plano, TX

PRAYER OF COMFORT Elder Michael Morgan
Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church—Dallas, TX

SELECTION Steven Scypion and Ben Washington Male Chorus

RESOLUTIONS
Greater New Hope Baptist Church
Freedom Missionary Baptist Church
Greater New Birth Baptist Church

SPECIAL REMARKS
Rev. C. C. Murrell (Brother), Greater New Hope Baptist Church, Dallas, TX
Issac Newton, President of National Missionary Baptist Brotherhood
Leroy Gant, President of Citywide Brotherhood

SELECTION Steven Scypion and Ben Washington Male Chorus

APPRECIATION FROM THE FAMILY..... Michael Murrell (Son)

REFLECTIONS Dr. M. T. Flemmings
Freedom Missionary Baptist Church— Dallas, TX

SOLO Clinton C. Murrell (Son)

MESSAGE OF COMFORT Reverend E. R. Murrell, II (Son)
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Flint, TX

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"Husband"

To my precious husband
each day I miss you more
as I picture you at the kitchen table
or coming through the front door.

I miss our talks and the special way
That you would always understand
I miss the closeness that we shared
And how you'd hold my hand.

My love is always with you
even though you went away
I find myself looking back daily
to so many happy days.

But I have been a real trooper
trying to get by the best I can
just know that even from Heaven
you'll always be my man.



Edward & Frances "40 Years of Holy Matrimony"

"He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord."
-Proverbs 18:22

Remembering My Edward

