



Floyd Albert Murphy

January 4, 1926 - October 11, 2014

On Saturday, October 11, 2014, Floyd Albert Murphy was called from this life to join his Heavenly Father in Heaven. He was ill for several months and spent twenty days in Envoy Home, but left us from Blue Ridge Hospice Inpatient Care Center.

While remaining here on earth to continue loving Floyd's memory in Jesus Christ, in which he reflected his love for the Lord, Floyd was the husband of, the love of his life, Betty Smith Murphy for sixty-six years. He was father to five fine children; Ellen, John, Peter, Jayne and Kathleen; grandfather to Patrick, Chris, Ben, Elizabeth, Eric and Jay and great-grandfather to Jordan, Dakota, Brenna and Liam.

"We look forward to greeting you someday where we will spend eternal life with Jesus Christ. A life of wonders beyond imagination... but, my dear friend, if you don't know Jesus Christ as your Lord of life, then, please, I beg of you, received him now while you have time. Remember, not one of us is promised another day or one more heartbeat. We love you. Your timeless friends in eternity with Jesus." This loss weighs heavily on the hearts of the family. His laugh, loving conversations and warm hugs will never be replaced. The absence of him is everywhere.

A faithful servant of God, he was born in High Point, NC on January 4, 1926,

the fourth of six sons (Randall, Raymon, Warren, Floyd, Leland and Jesse Carlton "Mike") to Andrew Harvey and Manilla Burchfield Murphy.

He grew up in Brentwood, MD, graduated from Mt. Rainier High School, in 1944 was drafted into the army during the second world war and served in the Philippines and Japan during the occupation. After arriving home and attending electronics school in Kansas City, he received his F.C.C. certification license. After being married and with two children, he was called to the ministry and while serving Fowlerton United Methodist Church in Indiana, he enrolled at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana and graduated in 1956 with his degree in Biblical Literature. He faithfully served the United Methodist Church for forty-six years in Indiana, Georgia and Virginia since 1960.

A funeral service will be Saturday, November 1st at 3:00 p.m. in Stephens City United Methodist Church, Stephens City, VA.

Family and friends will gather for a time of fellowship at 2:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to Stephens City United Methodist Church, 5291 Main Street, Stephens City, VA 22655.

Arrangements are by Phelps Funeral & Cremation Service, Winchester.

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Tribute Wall

TM

“ I was very saddened to hear about Uncle Floyd's passing. He was always eager to talk about the Lord and the rapture of the church!!! I have many, many fond memories of our times together at family reunions and get-togethers. To Aunt Betty and the entire family - may God's comfort and peace abide in each of your hearts now and always. Psalm 91:1

Tim Murphy - November 10, 2014 at 08:50 PM

MM

“ Sending my love, hugs, and prayers to you all, and wishing I could join you for the celebration of life tomorrow.

Morgan Williams Mann - October 31, 2014 at 03:50 PM

LW

“ Praying for all the family and wishing you peace. Floyd was a great strength to many and will be missed.

Lynda Williams - October 29, 2014 at 09:34 AM

SE

“ See below.

Sylvia C. Ellis - October 28, 2014 at 05:20 PM

JD

“ May Jayne and family have the blessings of the community of friends and find peace.

Jan DeLap - October 23, 2014 at 05:35 PM

SE

“ Floyd was my pastor for many years in Salem and even though I was not there all the time because of my missionary service overseas, my parents were faithful members of his church and I would be there with them whenever I was home on furlough. Floyd was a wonderful preacher who did not water down the truth and always preached with fervor and conviction. He and Betty were dear friends who shared many experiences with us. We went together to Sandy Cove Bible Conference as well as other places and events. Not only was he a dedicated and faithful preacher, he was also gifted in music (a fine tenor voice). He and Betty put together a lively and inspiring program which they shared in many churches all over the country and blessed countless people with their music and testimonies. Betty served as the choir director at church and I had the privilege of singing with them on many occasions. My mother was the organist. Floyd also had a connection with my mission through his brother who was a missionary with us (and is still living). I have many happy memories of special times with Floyd and Betty and will surely miss him. I'm glad that Betty is still with us and we rejoice in the knowledge that someday, we will all be praising God together around the Throne.

Sylvia C. Ellis - October 23, 2014 at 05:27 PM

FS

“ I never knew Mr Murphy personally, but having been dear friends with his daughter Jayne for many, many years, I've heard countless stories of his good work, his love of music and family and his genuine, huge and loving heart. And if Jayne is any indication of generosity and kindness, I'm sure every story is true, and then some. I send my condolences, and love and strength to his large and wonderful family.

Felice Shays - October 19, 2014 at 05:24 AM

MS

“ *What an extraordinary man. Though I never met Mr. Murphy, I've gotten to know Jayne and am just so full of gratitude for the good life he sought to lead. His energy now lives on in grace...in his beloved children. Blessings to the entire family.*

Mary Veronica Sweeney - October 17, 2014 at 08:05 PM

GK

“ *Floyd became a second father to me early on in my Navy career while I was stationed in Washington DC in the late 1970s, and has been a close family member ever since. His clear and unwavering dedicated ministry to bring others to a personal relationship to Christ was full of grace, love, and forgiveness, and I owe my salvation to his ministry. His smile and humor was infectious, and he made you feel always at home. He and Betty took me in as one of their many military "children" and their family became my family. My heart and prayers are with Betty and family, but we rejoice in knowing Floyd is home. I miss him already.*

Gregory Kinder - October 17, 2014 at 04:52 PM

DN

“ *Both Don and I have many fond memories of our friendship with Floyd and Betty. Floyd became involved with my ministry after the death of my husband, and I could not have made it without his involvement. We thank God for faithful men like Floyd Murphy. We are praying for Betty and the family. Barb and Don*

Don Nordstrom - October 17, 2014 at 01:05 PM

MS

“ *Because of Floyd and Betty's ministry, there will be a host of souls in heaven, including me. Praise God for this faithful servant. II Timothy 4:7-8*

Marjorie Lerch Stump - October 17, 2014 at 12:35 PM

PS

“ *A condolence posting on behalf of David Rash*

Thanks be to God for Floyd and Betty. In the years of my wandering from the Wesleyan Church to the UM, you folks offered me grace and hospitality while you were in Arlington at St. Marks. Your home was an open door and we shared music and food there many times. It was a place for a misfit like me, going through a divorce and trying to find my way to a new home and there my call to ministry was renewed. I was going to come for six weeks to teach a SS class for a seminary requirement and stayed 3 years. Thank you Floyd, thank you Betty, for your love and grace. Floyd is in a place of complete peace and rest, awaiting the day when all God's people will be in the presence of the risen Lord!!

Dave Rash, Waynesboro

Phelps Funeral & Cremation Service - October 14, 2014 at 03:05 PM

PB

“ *Floyd Murphy was a wonderful influence in my early Christian life & during some difficult days. I was secretary at the church here where he was serving for a short time & it was a joy - I learned so much from him. His love for Christ shone in all he did. My prayers go out to his wife & family.*

Polly R. Bessette - October 13, 2014 at 12:50 PM

JP

“ *Floyd Murphy was a ray of grace in my life when I was young. His patience with me at a point in my journey when I needed a strong and clear path helped to support me in pursuing my calling to be a university professor. I grieve his passing and give thanks for his infinite grace and care with me. I hold all the family up to the light in the days ahead.*

Jeffrey C. Pugh - October 13, 2014 at 11:35 AM