

Congregational Hymn

Blessed Assurance

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

Refrain:

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

Refrain

*Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.*

Refrain

PALLBEARERS
Family and Friends

FLOWER BEARERS
Family & Friends

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of William A. Murphy, Sr., acknowledges with deep appreciation every act of kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God richly bless you; we love you all!

Services entrusted to:
Hodges and Edwards Funeral Home
Suitland, Maryland

Celebrating the Life of

William Albert Murphy, Sr.

January 12, 1940 – January 5, 2020



Monday, January 13, 2020

Viewing: 10:00 a.m.

Service: 11:00 a.m.

From the Heart Church Ministries®
4949 Allentown Road
Suitland, MD 20746
Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor

Obituary

William Albert Murphy, Sr., was born on January 12, 1940 in Pollocksville, a small town outside New Bern, North Carolina. Bill was the oldest of three sons born to the late Frank Sprunt Murphy, Jr. and Mary Sanders Murphy. Bill was affectionately known as “Huggie” to family and friends.

As a child, Bill attended Clinton Chapel Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church where he accepted Christ at a young age. He grew up on a farm and enjoyed summers with his friends, playing along the train trestle and jumping into the Trent River. Academically, Bill was an exceptional student who excelled in math and graduated valedictorian of the Jones County High School senior class of 1957.

After high school, Bill was accepted into North Carolina A&T, but enlisted in the U.S. Navy at 17 to help provide support for his family. While in the Navy, Bill served as a radioman specializing in communications technology. He travelled the globe, earning recognition for his dedication and commitment. He retired as a Chief Petty Officer after 20 years of service and began a 25-year career in the private sector.

Bill was a man of God who loved the people of God. He was a member of “*From the Heart Church Ministries*” for over twenty-nine years. During that time, he served in the Duplications Ministry.

Family was always a priority for Bill and he cherished his children. While in the military, he met and married Phyllis Owens Murphy who preceded him in death. Together they had a son, William Jr. Bill later married Edna Murphy, and together they welcomed two children, Kevin Pearson and Quinci Murphy. At the time of his death, he was married to Linda P. Murphy for over twenty-five years.

Bill loved spending time with family and friends, and his home was the place where everyone gathered. Whether it was bid whist, dominoes, or pinochle, rooting for the Redskins, or listening to music, Bill always knew how to have a good time. Watching westerns was also one of his favorite pastimes. Bill was also excellent at golf and bowling and he won multiple trophies in competitions and tournaments. Bill departed this life on January 5, 2020, surrounded by the love of his family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Bill leaves to treasure his memory and mourn his passing, his wife, Linda; children: William “Tygir” Murphy, Jr. (Karen), Quinci Murphy and Kevin Pearson; brothers, James Murphy (Marietta “Charlie”) and Reginald Murphy (Cheryl); grandchildren: Kevin, Kavon, Kamryn, Kasey, and Brielle; nieces and nephews: James “Jay” Jr. (LeShann), Toya (Ricky), Patrice, Ebonee, Jessika, Maria Morgan (George), Tammie Tutt, Alma Copeland, and Angria Cornelius (Fred); beloved cousin, Karen Strayhorn and family; step-children: Tawana, Erica and Anthony; step-grandson, Brian; and a host of grand-nieces and grand-nephews, cousins, family members and friends.

Bill’s sister, Deborah Copeland; and grandchild, Kennedy preceded him in death.



Order of Service

Invocation

Congregational Hymn “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 1:1-6
New Testament: John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Selection Mrs. Dana Yates

Acknowledgements

FTH Duplication Ministry Representative
Mr. Cardell Campbell
Ms. Hazel Brown
Mr. Robert King
Mr. Reginald Murphy

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation Mrs. Dana Yates

Message of Hope Minister Justin Young

Call to Christ

Recessional

Interment:
Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, Virginia
(Date to be Determined)

