

Precious Memories



Active Pallbearers

Felton "Trea" Jones
Moses Smith IV
DreVonte Starks

Willie Peters
Ahmad Ray, Jr.
Jarvis Murphy

Honorary Pallbearers

Raymond Crawford Jr.
Raymond Crawford III
Rex Murphy
Dareion Murphy

DeAnthony McGarity
Dennis Murphy
Quinton Brothers
Ronnie Jones

Charles Jones

Family Acknowledgment

The family of Mary Murphy is exceedingly grateful to each of you for your love, support, encouraging expressions, prayers, visitations, and phone calls. **Many Thanks** to St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church and Carter Taylor Williams Mortuary. From the depths of our hearts, whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much.

The Family Of Mary Murphy



Interment

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
Ft. Sam Houston, Texas
1:30 PM



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"Never place a question mark where God has placed a period."

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*Homegoing Celebration In Remembrance
Of Our Beloved*



Mary Catherine Smith-Murphy

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:8

Alpha

March 2, 1952

Omega

August 14, 2022

Thursday, The Twenty-Fifth Day Of Our Lord
Two Thousand And Twenty Two AD
Eleven-Thirty AM

St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church
1903 W. Poplar St
San Antonio, Texas

Pastor Joe E. Barber, Officiating

Life's Journey

Mary Catherine Smith-Murphy was born, the oldest child, to the union of Moses Kenneth Smith II and Catherine Hatley Smith on March 2, 1952 in San Antonio, Texas. Mary received her formal education in the San Antonio School System attending, Booker T. Washington Elementary School, Emerson Middle School and Phyllis Wheatley High School. She was lucky enough to be in the last graduation class before the school closed in 1970.

Mary continued her education attending St. Phillips College on a two-year scholarship. She furthered her education at Our Lady Of The Lake University where she graduated, receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Education. It was there where Mary met the love of her life, Carlos Murphy. Mary and Carlos were married in 1976 and to this union two daughters, Angelique Katrina Murphy and Carlyta LaCheryl Murphy were born. Carlos and Mary spent thirty-seven years together until Carlos' untimely death on January 25, 2014.

Mary was part of the workforce as a School Teacher at Inez Foster Elementary School for over thirty years. Mary educated, provided, and cared for the children she taught. She was so full of life, generous, giving, an amazing mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend to all.

Mary was preceded in death and greeted in glory by her husband, Carlos Murphy, father, Moses K. Smith II, stepfather, Floyd Smith (Smitty), grandmother, Earline Jones Davis, sister, Angela Cheryl Smith, Robert Murphy and Vincent Murphy (brothers-in-law), Alberta Taylor, Jan Starks, Tina Murphy (sisters-in-law) and best friend, Sarah Grant.

Mary leaves to cherish her memory two daughters, Angelique Katrina Crawford (husband, Raymond Jr.) and Carlyta LaCheryl McGarity (husband, DeAnthony); grandchildren, Kayla, Kiana, Kylise, Raymond III, Ramone Carlo, Desean, Trinity, Sir Ari, and Trea; great grandchildren, Royal, Romello and Ahmad III; a brother and sister, Moses Smith III (Sylvia) and Cheryl Smith (Tyrone); stepsister, Pat Tippins, Anita Harrison, Eunice Wood (sister-n-laws), Rex Murphy, Dennis Murphy (Helen), Jermaine Murphy (brother-n-laws) and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and dear close friends; Pat Dillion, Brenda Minor, Nanette Fierro, Sharon Mitchell, Romy Barros, Maxine Williams, Laura Daniels, Delores Cleveland, Terry Carter and Anita Harrison (sister-in-law) to name a few. **She was a friend to many and showered all she met with love. Her giving spirit shall continue through those who she adored.**

Order Of Celebration

Processional	Clergy, Pallbearers, Family
Scripture Old Testament	Pastor Joel Allen New Mount Pleasant
New Testament	Pastor Ronson Hall True Light Christian Fellowship
Prayer	Pastor James Cooper Greater Second Baptist Church
Solo	"What A Friend We Have In Jesus" Sis. Patrice Bratcher
Resolution	St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church
Family Tribute	Sharon Mitchell
Words of Comfort	Nanette Fierro
Reflections (Limit two minute please)	Family and Friends
Solo	Jadelle Wells
Eulogy	Pastor Joe E. Barber St. Luke Baptist Church
Parting View	"I'll Fly Away"
Recessional	Clergy, Pallbearers, Family

A Mother's Crown

Heaven lit up with a mighty presence, as the Angels all looked down.
Today the Lord was placing the jewels into my mother's crown.
He held up a golden crown, as my darling mother looked on.
He said in His gentle voice, 'I will now explain each one.'
"The first gem, He said, 'is a Ruby, and it's for endurance alone,
For all the nights you waited up for your children to come home.
For all the nights by their bedside, you stayed till the fever went down.
For nursing every little wound, I add this ruby to your crown.
An emerald, I'll place by the ruby, for leading your child in the right way.
For teaching them the lessons, that made them who they are today.
For always being right there, through all life's important events.
I give you a sapphire stone, for the time and love you spent.
For untying the strings that held them, when they grew up and left home.
I give you this one for courage. Then the Lord added a garnet stone.
I'll place a stone of amethyst, He said. For all the times you spent on your Knees,
when you asked if I'd take care of your children,
and then for having faith in Me.'
'I have a pearl for every little sacrifice that you made
Without them knowing. For all the times you went without
To keep them happy, healthy and growing.'
And last of all I have a diamond, the greatest one of all,
For sharing unconditional love whether they were big or small.
It was you love that helped them grow, feeling safe and happy and proud.
A love so strong and pure it could shift the darkest cloud.
After the Lord placed the last jewel in, He said,
'Your crown is now complete,
You've earned your place in Heaven With your children at your feet.'

Love You Mommy & Grandma

**Katrina & Carlyta, Kay-Kay, Ki-Ki, Lise, Boss, Money, Desean,
Trinity, Sir Ari, Royal, Romello and Ahmad III**

Don't Grieve

Today I left my loved ones and as I go I pray, Lord don't let them grieve too much, because I've died today. Let there be no wailing echoing the halls, the same halls that held laughter and answers to my calls. I pray they all take comfort accepting the true way and listen when I tell them these three things today. Love will be forever, a promise that will last. So love me more than ever now my time with you has passed. And last of all remember the glowing love to be, when our eyes meet once again, for all eternity.