



George David Murphree

October 19, 1928 - October 31, 2023

George David Murphree Sr. was born October 19, 1928, in Birmingham, Alabama and left this world surrounded by his family on October 31, 2023. He was adopted into the loving home of Oscar and Evie Murphree, where he was showered with love and began growing roots of faith.

George graduated from Hanceville High School in 1946 and soon after embarked on a 43-year journey with South Central Bell, where he had a successful career and developed lifelong friendships with his coworkers.

For over 70 years, George was a dedicated member of Central Baptist Church, where he lived out his faith in countless ways. He was a Sunday School teacher, Adult Mission Trip coordinator, choir member, Youth Camp Cook, Wednesday night supper cashier, Encourager, Chairman of the Brotherhood, van driver, and so much more, all while sharing the love of the Lord with those he met.

George enjoyed playing sports throughout his life and found great joy in watching his children and grandchildren play. He loved The University of Alabama and looked forward to going to games with his best friends and family. He learned to love gardening from his mother and often enjoyed a healthy tomato growing competition with his neighbor and friend.

George was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Evie Murphree. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary Katrene Murphree, and five children, George Murphree Jr, Janet McCool, Lyndon Churchill (Lisa), Michael Murphree (Rita), and Ann Faulk (Jasper). He leaves behind 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren who will forever carry his memory and his love for the Lord in their hearts.

George's legacy is one of love, faith, and service. He touched the lives of many, and his memory will live on through the countless people he influenced and by his unwavering love for the Lord.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, November 3, 2023 at 11:30AM at Central Baptist Church in Decatur. Visitation will be 10:30AM to 11:30AM prior to the service at the Church. Shelton Funeral Home assisted the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Central Baptist Church
2801 Hwy 31 S
Decatur, AL 35603-1509
(256) 353-5912

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Katrene and family,*

So sorry that George passed away, and that we didn't know about it until quite a while afterwards. We're so grateful for his life and influence, and our many overlapping years of knowing you all. Please know of my sympathy, prayers, and continued best wishes in the days ahead. My mother Ann and brother Tommy join me in sending their love and regards.

*Mark Ray and Family
Decatur, Alabama*

Mark Ray - November 17, 2023 at 12:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George David Murphree.*



November 02, 2023 at 10:11 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of George David Murphree.*



November 02, 2023 at 05:41 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George David Murphree.*



November 01, 2023 at 09:35 PM



“ *Amazing Grace 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of George David Murphree.*



November 01, 2023 at 02:35 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of George David Murphree.*

November 01, 2023 at 02:35 PM



“ *What a wonderful man to all those fortunate to know him. He was such a loving leader, teacher and example to many youths like me growing up at CBC. Love to all the family from the Henderson family. Tuscaloosa, AL.*

lee r henderson - November 01, 2023 at 11:24 AM

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“ *Mr. Murph as I called him was a second father to me. He was a kind and wonderful man! He lived his life as a great Christian example to his family, his friends, and all who knew him. He will be missed but never forgotten! I loved him dearly! Love to Mrs. Murph, Mike, and Ann!!*

Pierre Coggins - October 31, 2023 at 04:01 PM