



David Murray

November 12, 1940 - December 12, 2023

David was born on November 12, 1940, in Anniston, Alabama, to the late Otis and Willie Murray.

From a young age, David found solace and strength in his faith in God. He dedicated himself to studying the Bible and was an active member of Stephen's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, MS. David's deep devotion guided him to teach Sunday School for many years sharing his knowledge and love for God with his community. He was a devout Man of God.

David was a distinguished individual who achieved great academic success throughout his life. He attended Cobb High School in Anniston, AL, where he excelled both in the classroom and on the football field. His determination and hard work earned him the honor of being named the Valedictorian of his graduating class. As the captain of the Cobb High School Panthers football team, he exhibited leadership, teamwork, and a passion for the sport.

David was known for his kindness and generosity, always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. A humble and gracious man, he served as a supportive landlord and touched the lives of many in his community and even beyond, having also lived in Pine Bluff, AR. His empathetic spirit drew people towards him, seeking his compassionate listening ear and wise advice.

David was a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff where he garnered many accolades in his football career. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in physical education. David spent years as a lifeguard as he was an outstanding swimmer. He taught his three children to swim. Throughout his professional career, David worked as a Supervisor at AkzoNobel Specialty Chemicals in Columbus, MS, where he dedicated his efforts until his well-deserved retirement. His work ethic and dedication were admired by colleagues and friends alike. David loved staying up to date with what was going on in the world, which made him a staunch news fanatic with his favorite channel being MSNBC.

David Solomon Murray, a compassionate and loving soul, peacefully departed this life on December 12, 2023, at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, MS. Once accepting his Master's call, David was reunited with his parents, Otis and Willie Murray, brothers, Otis Murray II, Darnell Murray, and Roosevelt Murray, and sisters May Murray and Mary Burt.

Beyond his professional achievements, David cherished and loved his family above all else. He leaves behind his beloved daughter, Paula Boyd of McKinney, TX, (Michael Boyd) who will forever hold the memories of her father in her heart; two loving sons, David Murray II of Whitfield, MS and Mark Murray of Riverton, Utah; his brother, Larry Murray of Chicago, IL; two sisters, Thelma Handley of Talladega, AL and Doris Lewis of Birmingham, AL. The legacy of David's love extends to his grandchildren, Rachele' Cannon, Gerrod Stevenson, Christopher Renfro (Rachel Renfro), David Murray, Mark Murray, and Gabriel Murray; two great-grandchildren Jace Cannon and Drew Brittain who were all deeply cherished by their grandfather and great-grandfather. He also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and all those whose lives he selflessly touched along his journey especially Imeka, Maleek, India, and Bubba.

David's unwavering faith, love, and compassion will forever be remembered by those fortunate enough to have known him. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy of kindness and his profound impact on the lives he touched will continue to inspire and uplift us all.

Cemetery Details

Anniston Memorial Gardens

4000 US-431
Anniston, AL 36206

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC **28**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home Chapel
217 Coosa St. East
Talladega, AL 35160

Celebration of Life

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ My uncle David I remember as a kid a big tall strong spiritual black man picking me up swinging me and he would always joke and talk with wisdom . As a man of God he has just begun another chapter in his life as he walks through the gates of paradise to be reunited with our love ones ,,so when we look up just know you will see that smile that will be shining over all of us !!!

PS

I will miss you

Uncle Duke

I Love you Uncle

From your nephew

Darnell P. Murray

Darnell P Murray - December 22, 2023 at 05:26 PM

MM

Love you Uncle Duke!

You will be missed!

Nephew

Mario Murray

Mario Murray - December 22, 2023 at 07:01 PM

LM

Sending prayers and love to my family Uncle Duke will be truly missed love u your nephew Larry jr.

Larry Murray - December 22, 2023 at 07:09 PM

PS

So sorry to know that a man of God has taken, yet he sits at the right hand of God. Truly will be missed. Your nieces Pamela and Nataya

Pamela Smith - December 22, 2023 at 07:32 PM

SM

With Love❤️You Will Be Missed..I Love You Uncle David

Sherelle Murray - December 22, 2023 at 09:51 PM

SG

☹️Uncle Duke RIP, Your Niece SanTina😭.

SanTina Woods Grant - December 23, 2023 at 10:29 PM

SH

Uncle Duke you are loved and will truly be missed! The Hicks, Woods and Mixon Families

sonya Hicks - December 25, 2023 at 02:00 PM

LD

Duke was my swimming instructor when I was a preteen at Carver Center in anniston Al. It had been years since I heard from him until his nephew gave him my number and our friendship was rekindled. My twin and I heard from him every birthday, Christmas, and Mother's Day with beautiful flowers. I'm truly going to miss him.

Levetta Davis - December 28, 2023 at 10:15 AM

SY

I never met Mr. Murray but heard great things about him from my God mother, his sister-Doris Lewis. God has a plan for him in Heaven. I'm sure he will truly be missed. Prayers to all the family. Sadie Young. God Bless.

Sadie C. Young - December 29, 2023 at 12:17 AM

YD

Mr. Murray, you always shared your kindness and wisdom toward Travis and I. You will truly be missed! Much love and prayers for the family.

Travis & Yulonda Dawkins

Yulonda Dawkins - December 29, 2023 at 01:38 PM