



Morgan Grier Murphy Obituary

July 18, 1929 - July 20, 2007

Mr. Morgan Grier Murphy, 78 of Westgate Dr. in Albany died July 20, 2007 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital. A native of Arlington, Ga., Mr. Murphy has lived in Albany since 1943 and was a member of First United Methodist Church. He had a very strong faith and loved serving his church in many capacities through the years. Survivors include his wife Jacolyn Holland Murphy of Albany, sons, Morgan Stanford Murphy (wife Gail) of Macon, GA, Mark Randall Murphy (wife Bea) and David Kelly Murphy of Albany, Ga., daughter, Cherie Murphy Holderness (husband Hayes) of Greensboro, NC, grandchildren, Morgan Deidre Murphy, Hayes Holderness, Jr., Henry Holderness, Murphy Holderness, Emily Murphy, Ashley Murphy, Mary Katherine Murphy, Kelli Murphy and Morgan Grier Murphy, II, brother, P. Melvyn Murphy (wife Mizelle) of Albany, and brother-in-law Ned Holland of Gainesville, Fla.. Mr. Murphy was devoted to his family and especially enjoyed spending time with his nine grandchildren. Mr. Murphy was an avid sportsman and was particularly passionate about hunting, fishing, and golf, and the many wonderful friendships he gained through these activities. Whether on the golf course, in hunting fields, or in a corporate boardroom, his warmth with and trust for other people enabled him to bring people together for the betterment of our community. Mr. Murphy was a graduate of Albany High School, Brevard College in Brevard, NC (recipient, Distinguished Alumni Award), and a graduate of the School of Banking at LSU. He served his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict and had an exceptional career in

banking Mr. Murphy's illustrious career began with The Bank of Albany, Albany, GA in 1949, and continued with First State Bank & Trust Co., 1950, U.S. Air Force, 1950-1954, and First State Bank & Trust Co. (FSBT) beginning in 1954. In 1972 he was named President & CEO of FSBT, and he became President & CEO of First State Corporation at the time it was organized in 1981. In 1993 he was named Chairman of the Board. When First State Corp merged with Regions Bank in 1998, Mr. Murphy was named Chairman of Regions Bank of South Georgia. Mr. Murphy served on many boards including GA Chamber of Commerce, Norfolk Southern Railroad Advisory Board, Cherokee National Life Insurance Co., CNL/Insurance America, Inc., and CNL/Resource Marketing Corporation. He loved Albany and Dougherty County and unselfishly gave of his time to numerous civic and community organizations. At the time of his death he was still involved with One Albany (a group addressing diversity issues in our community), Albany Tomorrow (a conduit to bring together the private and public sector in a Joint effort to revitalize Albany and the Flint River in the area between Chehaw Park and Radium Springs), Year Of the River Steering Committee, Albany Rotary Club (where he was a Paul Harris Fellow), Georgians for Better Transportation Exec. Committee, Metro Atlanta Water Quality Initiative, Chairman Southwest Georgia Water Resource Task Force, Chairman Drugs Don't Work State of Georgia, Ga. Bankers Assn., Bank Pac Committee, and The Secret Gridiron Society of UGA. His past civic leadership roles included Chairman Dougherty County Board of Education (12 year Board Member), Past President Albany Chamber of Commerce, Chairman Governmental Affairs Committee, Military Affairs Committee and Industrial Development Committee, Past Vice Chairman, Ga. Chamber of Commerce & Member of executive committee, Bd. of Directors & Exec. Comm., Albany Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Ga. Bankers Assn. (Chairman 1992-1993), Past President of the Albany Rotary Club, Past President Albany Jaycees and recipient of Albany's "Young Man of the Year" award, Past member administrative board at First United Methodist Church, Past member Small Business Council, U.S.

Chamber of Commerce, Albany YMCA Board Member (10 years), Public Affairs Sub Committee (dealing with interstate and intrastate ban

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“ *So sad to hear the news about one of my favorite first cousins. I have many fond memories of growing up in the deep south with Morgan and his brother Melvyn. I shall miss him greatly. India Morgan Gay, San Mateo, CA*

India Morgan Gay - August 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Morgan was one of my classmates at Albany High--1946 Graduation --- Have known since Hi School--a good friend--will be sorely missed*

Paul L. Akridge - August 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ I just wanted to let you all know I was thinking of you. I only knew your father through Cherie. She was very proud of him and his accomplishments. You all were very blessed to be a part of such a wonderful man's life. Love always,
Jeanne Twilley

Jeanne Twilley - August 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Mrs. Murphy and family--so sorry to learn of Morgan's death. He was a dead friend for many years. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Tommy Bridges

Tommy Bridges - August 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ KELLY, IM SO SORRY ABOUT YOUR DAD, I ONLY KNEW HIM AS A VERY STRONG BUSINESS MAN, I HOPE YOUR DOING WELL, I WILL SEE YOU AGAIN SOMETIME.

Michael Holland - August 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Jackie

I was really shocked when my sister, Margaret, told me that Morgsn had passed on. My thoughts were immediatly of you and your family and the tremendeous loss that you must feel. I don't know of anything Mariko and I could do to ease your pain. However if there is anything we can doe please calls us.

I have spent several hours remembering the many of wonderful experiences that we all had together.

Love,

Mariko and Cliff

Mariko and Cliff Freeman - July 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ As a Past Commander in the Georgia jaycee Rebel Corps, I will always be grateful to Morgan for bewing one of the founders of our great organization. He helped change the life of many young people. My condolences to his family.

Ray Baskette, Col.#681

Ray Baskette - July 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Deep sympathy to the family of of Morgan Murphy.*

The occasion of his passing brings wonderful memories of a long association together in the Georgia Jaycees.

Together we worked for a better Georgia as young men and continued our goals in future endeavors. We were among the original founders of the Georgia Jaycee Rebel Corps, of which Morgan was #19. God bless you all.

*Jeff Davis
Gainesville, Georgia*

*Past President, Georgia Jaycees
Past National Vice President, U. S. Jaycees
Past Vice President, Junior Chamber International
Georgia Jaycee Rebel Corps Member, #8*

Jeff Davis - July 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Mrs. Murphy & family,
Stan told last week of his Dad's passing and I wanted to pass along my family's wishes during this time. I didn't get very many chances to meet Mr. Murphy but I have heard many stories from Stan and I feel like I have known him as long as I have known Stan. If there is anything that I can do to help the family durinmg this time all you have to do is call. Sorry I am a week late but my internet has been down all of last week. Again, call if I can help.

Sincerely,
Mike Connor

Mike Connor - July 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

OS

“ So very sadden to hear of the loss of Morgan, an extraordinary man. My condolences to his family and friends and the community. We are all better for his having come into our lives. GBU.

Orson Swindle - July 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Dear Cherie, My heart goes out to you and your family and my prayers are for your strength and comfort at this time. Sincerly,
Caroline Shogry

Caroline Shogry - July 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Stan & Gail,
I am saddened to hear of your loss. Please know that you and your family are always in my prayers. Continue to do as Psalms 121 states... "Look to the hills from whence cometh your help..." and know that your help comes from the Lord. God will keep you in perfect peace if you keep your mind on Him. Please extend my deepest regards to your entire family.

Lachana Smith - July 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Cherie-We was so sorry to hear about your dad. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Julie and Lee King - July 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Kelly, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. If you need anything, dont hesitate to call me. Sincerely, Kelli Mull and family.

Kelli Mull - July 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ Dear Jacolyn and Family,
We are so sorry to hear of Morgan's passing. He was a fine person and is gone but not forgotten! I will miss receiving his emails. God Bless You All, Love Eloise

Eloise Bennett Lievrouw - July 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ *Jacolyn, It was through a couple of Morgan's email friends who notified us of Morgan's death. I hope we can stay in touch, high school "best friend"! Love Eloise & Chuck*

Eloise Lievrouw - July 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *Mrs. Murphy and family,*

We were so sorry to hear about Mr. Murphy as Cherie is one of our dearest friends. Please know that you have prayers and thoughts with you from NC as Cherie has an extended "family" here where she is one of the most thoughtful women I know.

*With love and sympathy,
The Reittinger Family*

Cameron Reittinger - July 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *We are thinking of you and your family at this sad time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Linda and Buddy*

Buddy and Linda Allen - July 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Mark and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. May God grant you peace and comfort.
Dona & Jack Mitchell*

Dona Mitchell - July 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Mr. Murphy will be missed, my thoughts and prayers are with the Murphy family.*

Georgia Carter Barfield - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Thinking of you Jackie. Morgan meant a lot to me and he will be missed.*

Jimmy Rigsby - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *I just heard the very sad news about Mr. Murphy. He hired me to head the marketing dept. at First State back in 1982. He was always kind to me and very thoughtful regarding my family. I count Morgan Murphy as a friend. I am a better person for having known him, but at this moment , I am truly very sad. It seems just like maybe two weeks ago that we talked. And of course I always enjoyed his e-mails. My prayers are with the family.
God Bless.*

Dan Carter - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *I have nothing but great thoughts of Morgan, and playing football with him for the Indians. Please accept my deepest sympathy at his loss*

Ralph "Foo" Flanders - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ Stan,

*Please accept my sincerest condolences on the loss of your father.
Horace Reid,
Class of '73*

Horace Reid, Jr - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *Dear Jackie, My condolences to you & your family. Morgan always held a special place in my heart. Having recently lost my husband, Dick, believe me I know how you feel. But you are strong & your family & friends will give you all the support you will need. Fondly,
Annelle*

Annelle Stem Griffin - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *We are thinking of all of you and so sorry that we are out of town. Mark is in Alaska with Eric fishing and I am in St. Simons visiting the new grandbaby. My heart aches for all of you. Morgan will always have a special place in my heart and I know how much he loved and treasured each of you. I had a wonderful visit with him in the doctor's office about 2 months ago. He was quite a special person, for sure. Hope to see you when we get back in town. I send my love to each of you. Love, Carol*

Carol Davis - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Morgan was my "boss" for 17 of the 20 years I worked at First State, and even though I knew he had been in bad health for a while I was shocked and saddened when his son Mark called me and told me about his death. I will miss him and send my love and prayers to Jackie and all the family. Even though health problems prevented my being at the service I was there in my heart and spirit. God bless and comfort you all.

Lou Murphy - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Stan, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Stay strong and let God do his will. You and your family are in my prayers. Always remember God picks his prettiest flowers first!!

Audrey Gallemore - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ Stan, Just wanted to let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God Bless! Nakina Clark

Nakina Clark - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Stan(Dad), Gail and Family my thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless. Great Lakes(IKON) Loves you

Latabatha Gary Lawrence - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Thinking of you all....Laurel

Laurel Ely - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Stan, I just want to say that I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers.

Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4.

Sibbonai Williams - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ debra & sheryl in the coumadin clinic at albany internal med would like to send our thoughts & prayers with you & the family at your time of loss,we enjoyed mr murphy's visit every time he came in,he's going to be a great loss to us as well. thinking of you, coumadin clinic/aim-deb & sheryl

sheryl nichols - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Jackie...we were so sorry to learn of your loss of Morgan....we know you and your family will miss him and he was a great friend of ours...we send our deepest sympathy and our love....

Jimmie & Joyce Buchanan - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Mr. Murphy was a very kind man. He was such a good friend to my old boss Takis A. Christo. He will be missed dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Joyce Mobley - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Murphy family through this difficult time. He was a great man and will be deeply missed.

Advanced Rehab Center/ Bob Dykes - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ *Wonderful friend*

Ferrel Harper - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *I spoke with Mr. Murphy Friday at Doublegate, as usual. He was jovial, as always and will be missed by all of us. He was a fine gentleman. DCC has lowered the flag to half-mast, in his honor.*

Michael Bunting

michael bunting - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Mark & Kelly,*

Judy and I were sad to hear this news...our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

David and Judy Hall - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *I wish I could have gone to the funeral. I always had great respect for Morgan. We both served as Chair of the GBA.*

One thing I remember is that Morgan liked to have a good time with his friends. He was a great friend.

Morgan was one of those people who would do anything for you - you, me, a customer, whomever.

*Dennis Burnette
Canton, GA*

Dennis Burnette - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ All of us at The Albany Herald extend our deepest sympathy to Morgan's entire family.

Mike Gebhart
The Albany Herald

Michael Gebhart - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I worked with Mr. Murphy at First State Bank back in the early 80's. I always had the utmost respect for him. My deepest sympathy goes out to each of you during your loss.

Kim Dorminey Mills - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Albany High School
Class of '46

Herbert F. Benford, Sr. - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Stan, I am so sorry to hear about your father. Stay strong and be blessed.
Matthew 11:28-30
Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Jacquelyn Phillips - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ *Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. I am sorry to hear the passing of your father. May God give you and your family peace and understanding that will comfort you through these difficult times.*

Nikki Cornelius - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *May the Spirit of the Lord comfort and keep you in your time of sorrow. May you find peace in His arms. Stan, you and your family are in my prayers.*

La Shandia Wright - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Morgan was a great ambassador for Albany. He showed a true appreciation for existing industry and would do anything in his power to assist. He was always friendly and cheerful even after all his illnesses and had a terrific sense of humour, he must have kissed the "Blarney Stone"*

His positive friendly approach and his positive interest in Albany will be sorely missed.

I will miss him but am thankful for having the opportunity to work with him in various areas over the years.

Our prayers and thoughts to the family.

Max Corner

Max Corner - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Stan and Gail, please accept my deepest sympathy in your loss. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.*

Chauncey Glover - July 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *So sorry to hear about Morgan's death. He and Sonny go way back. Our prayers are with all of the family.*

Sonny and Betty (Dunn) Logan - July 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Not long after Morgan moved to Albany and entered Albany High School we started dating. Oh, I had such a crush on him. So much for young love. He was a very polite boy and he grew to be a wonderful man. He accomplished so much in his life and for Albany. All who loved him will really miss him. It has been an honor to have known Morgan.*

Aloha Mallard Saye - July 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Dear Jackie and family,

We are so sorry to hear about Morgan. Morgan was a special person and we will all miss him. We just lost Linda Fain's daddy, so we know the emotions that you are feeling. Morgan and Dr. Fain were both the kind of people that make big impact on other people. They knew how to connect with people in all walks of life. Please know that we have you in our thoughts and prayers. We also will make a memorial gift in honor of Morgan at First United Methodist. I enjoyed working with Morgan as a director at First State and as an usher at First Methodist. He certainly made a big impact on me and we will all miss him. Please let us know, if there is anything we can do.

Earle and Linda Fain Spurlock

Earle and Linda Fain Spurlock - July 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Dear Jackie and family

Earle and Linda Fain Spurlock - July 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *I am employed at Doublegate Country Club, have worked there for 11 years, Mr. Murphy is a fine example of a southern gentleman he will be missed by me and all my coworkers at the club. God bless to all of the family.*

Becky Cotton - July 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Jackie deepest sympathy to all of you. Morgan contributed significantly to the community. He will be missed.
Tommy t.

Tom Tarpley - July 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I was in class throughout Albany School System with Morgan's brother, Melvin. Morgan was always an dol, a mentor, a leader in the school system that we all looked up to. He made the quality of life in all communities in which he served better, finer, and more wonderful. He will be missed! Jackie, you have our love and sympathy. Shirley & Jimmie Sawyer

James Sawyer - July 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Mrs. Murphy & Family
I worked with Mr. Murphy for about 10 years at First State Bank in the 60's & 70's.He was a very nice and kind man. I am so sorry for your loss. Gail Padgett

Gail Padgett - July 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Sorry to learn of Morgan's passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. May you find comfort in God's Word. God bless you and the family.

RONNIE & JACKIE BINNER - July 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HM

“Helen and I were saddened to learn of Morgan's death. He was a good friend, which is why First State was our banking home as long as we lived in Albany. He gave our son, Mike, his first banking job. His passing is a great loss to the community. We pray for his family for strength in this time of sorrow.

Helen and Paul McCorvey - July 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LB

“Dear Jackie and family, I was so sorry to hear of Morgans death. MOur thoughts and prayers are with you, God bless, Lucia and Gene

Lucia Ellis Brantley - July 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KH

“Our deepest sympathy to the family...Mr. Morgan was such a sweet man. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. The Haddock Family

Kelly, Buster and Carter Haddock - July 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CD

“Please accept our deepest sympathy and condolences. We are from Dawson. Ed worked with Morgan in various endeavors particularly the Chamber of Commerce. Particularly please let Mark know that we are thinking of him. He was out therapist both for knee and hip surgery. We often talked about Morgan and how he was getting along.

Col & Mrs Edgar W Duskin - July 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ *Such a truly good man and a friend to Albany. I am blessed to have known someone so dedicated to his family, community, church and friends.*

I am thankful that I knew him and was able to work with him, however briefly, on the Radium project.

I will miss him and think of him often and fondly.

Lynne Garrison Johnson - July 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *JACKIE AND CHILDREN. So sorry to hear the news about Morgan. Ron and Lucy*

Ron and Lucy Collins - July 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ *with sincere sympathy to the family*

Pat Norton - July 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM