



## Dr. Paul Melvyn Murphy

September 22, 1931 - October 24, 2020

Dr. Paul Melvyn Murphy, 89, of Albany, GA died October 24, 2020 at Navicent Medical Center in Macon, GA. Born in Edison, GA, Melvyn was the son of the late Paul F. Murphy and Mildred M. Murphy and the brother of the late Morgan G. Murphy.

Melvyn grew up in Albany, GA and graduated from Albany High School in 1949. He attended South Georgia College in Douglas, GA before joining the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. After four years of service, he attended Auburn University where he met the love of his life, Mizelle Pritchard. In 1957, he and Mizelle married and moved to Atlanta, GA where attended Emory University School of Dentistry. After graduation, Melvyn and Mizelle returned to Albany where he practiced Dentistry for forty-five years before retiring.

Dr. Murphy served his profession well and in ways beyond being a practitioner: he was a member of the American Dental Association, past president of Southwest Georgia Dental Association, and an Honorable Fellow of both the Georgian Dental Association and American College of Dentists. Dr. Murphy dedicated his leadership and commitment to his community, as he served on the board of directors and as past president of the Y.M.C.A. and as past President of the Albany Rotary Club, where he was also recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. Dr. Murphy was also a charter member of Doublegate Country Club and served as past President. He was also dedicated to coaching and shaping young boy's lives, as he coached numerous Y.M.C.A. Basketball and Dixie League Baseball teams throughout the children's early

years.

Dr. Murphy is preceded in death by his wife, Mizelle Pritchard Murphy. He is survived by his three children, Michael P. Murphy (Lisa) of Gulf Breeze, FL, Rhonda Murphy Fox (Kenny) of Baconton, and Dr. Stephen A. Murphy (Devi) of New Orleans, LA. He is survived by five grandchildren, Garrett Fox, Katie Fox, Drew Murphy, Luc Murphy and Mila Murphy. He was a loving husband, father, papa, and friend and will be greatly missed by all.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and specific risk it poses with gatherings, the family will not be receiving friends. We certainly wish circumstances would allow us to visit and celebrate his life together with friends and extended family. Please know we are grateful for the continued outpouring of love and support, heartfelt thoughts, prayers, and outreach from all friends and family. A private graveside ceremony will be held with his immediate family only.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Porterfield United Methodist Church.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Paul Melvyn Murphy*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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“ *Dr. Paul Melvyn Murphy*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *My deepest condolences during this time to the family of Dr. Murphy. He was a great doctor. He also was a great Rotarian. Hilliard P. Burt*

**Hilliard Burt** - October 30, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear this. Love, peace and sympathy to Steve, Rhonda and Mike. Jan Hodges Singletary*

**Jan Singletary** - October 29, 2020 at 09:18 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Paul Melvyn Murphy.*



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October 28, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ *So thankful to have known Dr. Murphy and been his "neighbor across the street" for several years. His entire extended family has certainly meant much to this community for decades. Prayers and blessing to my friend, Rhonda, and the entire family.*

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**soraya miller** - October 28, 2020 at 09:02 AM



“ *Rest in peace old friend. We will miss you!*

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**Proctor Johnston** - October 28, 2020 at 08:41 AM



“ *To Mike, Steve and Rhonda,  
We are so saddened to hear of the loss of you father, Dr. Melvyn Murphy. Your mother and father were wonderful friends and neighbors during the years we lived next door to each other. We are keeping you and your extended family in our thoughts and prayers.*

*In our deepest sympathy,  
Scott and Vicki SPERRY  
John SPERRY*

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**Vicki Sperry** - October 27, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ *Dr Murphy and his beautiful, sweet wife, were my family’s dental team for many years!! To know him, was to Love him! Praying for, and thinking of his family! Please accept our Deepest Sympathy and Condolences, from All of Our Family! 💜🙏 Cindy Gatlin Edwards, and Michael, and all of our family! With LOVE ❤️🙏💜🕊️*



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**Cindy Gatlin Edwards, n Michael** ❤️🙏 - October 27, 2020 at 05:47 PM



“ *He was a sweetheart. He was our family dentist for many years. So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Kathy Frakes*

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**Kathy Frakes** - October 27, 2020 at 02:10 PM

TB

“ I met Melvyn at the Albany YMCA in 1964. We were part of the "Lunchtime Exercise Bunch".

We coached basketball where his young son Steve was on the team. Melvin suggested we have a weight loss contest. He won a case of good wine where myself and Bud Luckey had to buy the wine.

In the last several years we had lunch together 4 to 5 times a week. Sometimes Proctor Johnston would join us. Melvyn & Proctor both graduated from Albany High. The "Good Ole Days" made for some good stories (some I am sure were true!).

I am already missing Melvyn. Life will not be the same. My prayers go out to the family. May God bless each and every family member.

Thomas F. Borst

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Thomas F Borst - October 27, 2020 at 12:16 PM

KB

“ Sending prayers and comfort during this difficult time. Dr. Murphy was our families dentist for many years.

The Sproul Family

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Karen Sproul Bush - October 27, 2020 at 09:13 AM

JD

Steve, Rhonda, and Mike, We are saddened by the chapter of your Dad and Mizelle and all they meant to us is done. However, they will always be in our fondest family memories! . They were just awesome! They set such great examples of a good family life for us to learn from. Sending love to you three and your families, your parents lived their lives well and we will always love them for that too!

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Judy and Sonny Deriso - October 29, 2020 at 06:15 PM