



William R. Murphy Obituary

April 26, 1927 - December 6, 2006

William R. "Pat" Murphy, 79, of Lee County, died Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at his residence. The memorial service will be held at 1 PM Monday, December 11, 2006 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Mike McAfee and Dr. Donald M. Kea officiating. A native of Bartow, GA, Mr. Murphy had lived in the Albany area since 1953. In 1949, he graduated from the University of Georgia and was always an avid Bulldog fan. Mr. Murphy served during World War II in the U.S. Navy. He was the Broker/Owner of Century 21 Realty, Pat Murphy Agency. Mr. Murphy then worked as a Bailiff for the Dougherty County Sheriff's office. He was a member of First United Methodist Church where he was also a member of the Fellowship Sunday School Class. Mr. Murphy was very involved in the Church Missions Committee and the Disaster Relief Ministry. He had been very active in the Jaycees for over 15 years and was a past president. Mr. Murphy is survived by his son, Ridge Murphy; Lou Murphy, his wife of 42 years; two sisters, Maybess "Sue" Cone and her husband Louis of Tucker, and Isabel "Bibble" Gurley and her husband Bill of Americus; and several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends at First United Methodist Church following the service. You may sign the online guestbook and share your own special thoughts and memories with the family of Mr. Murphy by visiting Kimbrell-Stern's website at www.kimbrellstern.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, Missions Committee, 307 Flint Ave., Albany, GA 31701, American Cancer Society, Dougherty-Lee Unit, P.O. Box 1201, Albany, GA

31702, or to the charity of your choice. Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dougherty County Sheriff Jamil Saba, Dougherty County Police Chief Don Cheek & Randolph County Sheriff Eddie Fairbanks*

Dougherty County Police Chief Don Cheek - November 19, 2025 at 07:54 PM



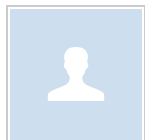
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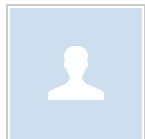
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“ *PAT WAS A TRUE SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN NO MATTER WHERE YOU MET HIM MAY GOD BE WITH YOU DOING THIS TIME*

TRUDY BIRCHFIELD - December 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ hey pretty girl i no u are with the babys now just wont to say merry christmas and we miss u alot but i no you are happy till we see each other agian i love and miss u

aunt pam - December 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Dear Lou ? Please know that I have been thinking of you during this sad and arduous time. I have fond memories of working with you at First State Bank. Whenever Pat would stop by the bank, he always warmly greeted all of us on the platform. As I reviewed the many messages of condolence, I can tell Pat had an encouraging and enriching effect on the lives of many people. Fondly, Cora Brettel

Cora Brettel - December 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Uncle Pat (my father's baby brother) will always have a cherished place in my heart and in my memories. Pat and Lou always welcomed me and my sisters into their beautiful home with warm smiles, good food and lots of family stories. As I matured, I began to appreciate Pat as "a person" in addition to being my uncle. His sense of humor, his kindness, his faith and his generosity are the traits that remain in my mind; traits I respected very much in him. He will certainly be missed. My sympathy is with ALL of us who knew him, but especially to my dear Aunt Lou and to my cousin, Ridge. Marilyn Murphy Schooling

Marilyn Schooling - December 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Pat was our first friend when we moved to Albany almost 40 years ago, he remained a true friend until the end. Through him we met our dear friend Lou and we have many happy memories of times with them--dinners, trips, Bulldog games. Pat was a real gentleman, in every sense of the word. He did so many thoughtful things for us through the years. We will miss him so very much.

Jack and Carolyn

Jack and Carolyn Duclos - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Our dear Lou, words seem so inadequate at this time, but please know we love you and are praying God's peace and strength during these days.

Dub & Carleen

Carleen & Dub Flowers - December 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Mr. Murphy worked with me at the airport, and was a very nice man. He will be missed.

Rachel Critchfield - December 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Mr. Murphy was a good man, and we will miss his good nature. We live in the same neighborhood, and Mr. Murphy worked with me (Wendy) at the airport.

Patrick and Wendy McConnell - December 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ Our hearts and prayers are with you in this time of profound grief. You will remain in our thoughts as you continue to cope with such a distressing tragedy.

Eddie and Ives Ort - December 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Mr. Pat Murphy was a fine man and will be missed. He was a long time friend of our family.

Heartfelt sympathy to your family.

The Hall Family - December 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Dear Lou, I am praying that God will give you and yours the strength and peace you so need now. God bless, Lucia

Lucia Ellis Brantley - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Pat was a dear friend to us. He always spoke to us at church and at Wednesday night supper. He was responsible for Chimene and her husband our daughter buying their first home. He would ride with them on week-end looking for the perfect house for a young married couple. We are blessed that Pat was part of our lives for so many years. Paul remembers fishing trip with Pat and Bridges that were an adventure. We shall miss seeing Pat at the church.
Paul and Nan

Paul and Nan Jones - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Dear Lou and Ridge:
Words cannot express the grief we share with you in this time of loss. We wish we could be with you at the memorial service to give you a "hug" in person. Pat was a dear friend for almost 30 years and we know his gentle spirit and kind manner endeared him to hundreds with whom he came in contact. Please know that we care about Pat and the two of you. We are praying for you during these dark and busy days. If we can be of any help please do not hesitate to call upon us. We would consider it a privilege to be of assistance.
Love Clayton & Jan Smith

Clayton & Jan Smith - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ I am praying for God's special comfort for you all during this incredibly sad time.

Frances (Thornton) Potter - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ I'm thankful I new Pat and will miss him.

Wally Binns - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I have always known Pat to be a man who served his community, his church and God with great enthusiasm. He was a blessing to all who knew him and I will miss his sweet face at church.

Margaret G Brannan - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Lou,

Words can not express how I feel for the loss of Pat. I have ushered with him for years and will miss him being there every Sunday. I hope to see you at the visitation after the service to personally express my sorrow. Linda Fain and I will make a memorial gift to the church in his honor. May God and your good friends help you in this time of sorrow.

Earle

Earle and Linda Fain Spurlock - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Mr. Pat was as genteel and kind a gentleman as I can recall. He lived a good life and will not be forgotten. I wish that we were able to be there today to express this to his family in person. God bless.*
Judy and Sonny Deriso

Judy Deriso - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Dear Lou and Ridge, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We know that God will give you the peace that transcends all understanding. We love ya?ll and are with you in hart and mind today. Love, Troy, Karrie, and the kids.*

Troy and Karrie Haskett - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ To the family of "Pat".

When I came to Lee County back in 2002 I was not known. I was running for the Senate seat for the Lee county area. Mr. Pat was one of the first people I ran into and he made me fill like I was a home town boy. He always had a kind word and a smile. Since we both were in the Real Estate business, we could always talk shop. He help me carry Lee County when the election came and I will miss his bright smile and kindness. Lastly, as a Veteran he holds a special place in my heart. My Dad is gone and he to was a WWII veteran. So to the family of "Pat" I say - you were truly blessed to have William R. "Pat" Murphy and we - his friends were also greatly blessed.

May GOD Bless! Caden Summers

Carden H Summers - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *Pat was a very kind and generous man. When we moved from here in 1994, He sold our house during our transfer to Cincinnati. When we came back he was still the same Christian man.*

Tim & Beth Krake - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *My prayers are with you.*

Peggy Leslie - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ *Lou and Ridge: We love you and are praying for you.*

Nell & Tommy Donnelly & Family - December 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Lou, Ridge, and other family,
Like everyone else, I was truly shocked and saddened to hear of Pat's tragic death last week. I have attended FUMC with Pat for many years, but of course had known all of you since I was "just a kid", since Mary and I were such buddies when we were growing up. My heart goes out to all of you in this terrible time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Marilyn Whitman Maxey

Marilyn Whitman Maxey - December 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I worked with Pat at Thrifty car rental. Found him to have a very gentle spirit and am saddened at your loss. You have been in my prayers and on my mind.

Julie Webb - December 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Lou, My love and prayers go out to you.
I have only special memories of staying with you and Pat. As a young girl I thought Pat the most handsome man I knew and the two of you were the most romantic couple. He was so kind and tolerant of our family. He remains a special part of my childhood. Much love,
Jane

Jane Bozeman Simpson - December 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ We knew Pat for several years. We only have wonderful thoughts of this man. Don't believe a word of what was said. He was a kind and gentle man. We will miss you driving by the house everyday and honking and waving. We know you are in heaven and looking down on us. We are so sorry that your passing wasn't a gentle one. God bless Pat Murphy. We are so fortunate to have known him and called him friend.

Paul and Jodi Dover - December 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ Pat taught me so much about kindness and love. He was such an inspiration to me on mission trips and in life. I will miss his smiling face, sweet words, and big hugs. I feel blessed to have had him in my life and honored to call him my friend. My prayers are with him, his family, and everyone who was lucky enough to know him.

Hope Gresham - December 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To Pat's family, I have been a friend of Pat's for over fifty years and knew him to be one of the kindest, most thoughtful caring men I've ever known. I am deeply saddened by our loss. Pat will be missed by many. God bless you all.

Janice McLendon - December 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Pat Murphy was a kind and gentle man. May he be blessed with eternal life and love.
In time, Pat will surely be remembered for the admirable life he lived in Albany and not for the senseless tragedy which cut short his life. I send my heartfelt sympathy to Ridge, Lou, and to Pat's family and community. It is never easy for those left behind, but when you lose someone so senselessly and unexpectedly, we all feel the shock. May it help too know how many people share your sorrow and stand with you in your time of sadness. Many share your grief.

Joe Hall - December 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Dear Lou & family, Mr. Pat was a special person & friend. He would drop by my office to visit. Praying for you & the tremendous loss of a very special person.

Jill Willingham - December 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ We want to express our deepest sympathy to Lou and the rest of the family as you all recover from this tragic loss. May you all feel the comfort of the Lord's arms around you.

Jody & Lori Ross - December 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Lou- my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jo Murphy - December 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Pat and I were in the Jaycees together and have been good friends for many years.
With Sympathy,
Jimmy Andros Family

Jimmy Andros - December 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ To the Murphy family: Please know how deeply saddened we were to learn of this tragic loss. Pat was such a wonderful man and had been such a good friend of ours for many years. He will be missed by so many but remembered for the kind and gentle human that he was. You are in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. God Bless You!

John and Gloria Verenakis - December 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Lou:
We all morn this tragedy...
Pat was a good man and did not
deserve this.....please know
how much we are remembering all of you in thought and
prayer.....Patsy and Russell Martin

Patsy Martin - December 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Rani Bailey - December 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM