



Mr. Davis Ray Murphree

May 23, 1935 - July 28, 2023

On July 28, 2023, Davis Ray Murphree passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, after a prolonged illness. He was 88 years old.

Ray was born to Amanda Josephine “Josie” Barker Murphree and William Samuel “Sam” Murphree in May 1935. He grew up in the family homeplace on the banks of Stamp Creek in Keowee Township near Salem, and he lived in the Boones Creek community for the past 56 years. He worked as a textile mill mechanic, and retired from Mayfair Mills in Pickens in 1997. He was a member of Salem Methodist Church. Having farmed from his youth, Ray loved tending his garden and spending time in nature. With his keen mechanical instinct, he also enjoyed working with his hands. He could repair almost anything, and he was a friend to all he met.

Ray is preceded in death by his mother Josie, his father Sam, and his five siblings: Tom, Esther, Lucille, Bill, and Blanche.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Sarah; his children: Catherine (John Bolton), Shaun (Kim), and Josh (Shelly); and several beloved grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Monday, July 31, 2023, at Salem Methodist Church.

A funeral service will be held at 3:00 PM, Monday, July 31, 2023, at Salem Methodist Church.

Flowers are accepted.

The family is at their respective homes.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Salem Methodist Church
320 Church St
salem, sc 29676

Funeral Service

JUL 31. 3:00 PM.

Salem Methodist Church

Burial

JUL 31.

Salem Methodist Church

Tribute Wall

RS

“ I'm sorry that I'm this late with my condolence for Ray. Thought that I had sent it, but must have not. I got to know Ray when I moved to the Fall Creek community in 1988. A super guy to talk to, and I really enjoyed his tales about fishing in Bullsluice Lake with Josh. He rescued my horse from being hung up in a wire fence and someone else told me about it. Ray never mentioned it to me. That was the kind of man that he was. RIP in peace my friend.

Richard Stewart - August 09, 2023 at 11:16 PM

RA

“ Rod & Katherine Albertson lit a candle in memory of Davis Murphree



Rod & Katherine Albertson - August 02, 2023 at 09:16 AM

LM

“ Thinking of you all. Keep your hearts filled with wonderful warm thoughts of Ray and cling to God's Promise to never leave us. Sending you Love, Eddie and Lynne Martin



Lynne Martin - August 01, 2023 at 10:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Davis Ray Murphree.



July 31, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Davis Ray Murphree.

July 31, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ Ray always greeted me with a smile and a kind word. I was always amazed at his intelligence and his ability to create things with his hands; he made me a slingshot when I was small with a stick, a piece of shoe leather and some tire tube. That meant more to me than anything he could have purchased in a store. I'm thankful he was part of my life.

Bunky Murray - July 31, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ Sandra Burrell lit a candle in memory of Davis Murphree



Sandra Burrell - July 31, 2023 at 02:28 AM

GM

“ Greta Eddie Moore lit a candle in memory of Davis Murphree



Greta and Eddie Moore - July 30, 2023 at 10:38 PM

LQ

“ With our thoughts and prayers to Sarah and family. Linda L. Quarles and Brenda L, Turner

Linda L. Quarles - July 30, 2023 at 04:58 PM

RE

“ Ralph Elliott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Davis Ray Murphree.

Ralph Elliott - July 30, 2023 at 04:41 PM

SM

“ Ray was always an entrepreneur! He created a brush that fit on his drill to remove silks after we shucked corn- and that was in 1960! He was even keeled and steady and never said a lot. But in our family, words were sometimes hard to get in. Always a smile. The world needs more like Ray!

Suzanne Merrell - July 30, 2023 at 04:33 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Davis Ray Murphree.*



July 30, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Davis Ray Murphree.*



July 30, 2023 at 03:29 PM



“ *Velvet Drive Transmissions planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Davis Ray Murphree.*

Velvet Drive Transmissions - July 30, 2023 at 03:26 PM



“ *Velvet Drive Transmissions purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Davis Ray Murphree.*



Velvet Drive Transmissions - July 30, 2023 at 03:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Davis Ray Murphree.*



July 30, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Davis Ray Murphree.*



July 30, 2023 at 03:20 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Davis Ray Murphree.*



July 30, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Davis Ray Murphree.*



July 30, 2023 at 01:11 PM

MC

“ MYRTLE\THURMAN COWARD sent a virtual gift in memory of Davis Murphree



MYRTLE\THURMAN COWARD - July 29, 2023 at 11:58 PM

LQ

“ Linda Quarles lit a candle in memory of Davis Murphree



Linda L. Quarles - July 29, 2023 at 08:10 PM

FB

“ Frankie Burrell lit a candle in memory of Davis Murphree



Frankie Burrell - July 29, 2023 at 06:52 PM

LJ

“ So sorry for your loss! Love and prayers to all of his family. Ray and all of his siblings were very special people in my life!



Linda and Charles Jackson - July 29, 2023 at 06:11 PM

JM

“ *Jesse Janice McGaha lit a candle in memory of Davis Murphree*



Jesse & Janice McGaha - July 29, 2023 at 05:14 PM

JH

“ *Judy Hines lit a candle in memory of Davis Murphree*



Judy Hines - July 29, 2023 at 04:31 PM

JB

“ *James Teresa Barker sent a virtual gift in memory of Davis Murphree*



James and Teresa Barker - July 29, 2023 at 04:30 PM

BN

“ *Billy Ralphie Nix lit a candle in memory of Davis Murphree*



Billy and Ralphie Nix - July 29, 2023 at 04:14 PM