

Going Home Celebration Service  
for  
**Leroy Murphy, Sr.**

**Sunrise**  
*February 16, 1936*

**Sunset**  
*July 22, 2013*

*"In my Father's house there are many mansions:  
...I go to prepare a place for you." John 14:2*

**Service**

Tuesday, July 30, 2013 - 12:00 Noon

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street  
Newark, New Jersey

**Pastor Kenneth L. Pearmen, Officiating**

*Reaching Out For Jesus Ministries*

## Obituary

**Leroy Murphy, Sr.** was born February 16, 1936 to the late Mr. Fred and Mrs. Sally Murphy of Union County, South Carolina.

Leroy attended middle and high school in Union County, South Carolina. While in high school he met his sweetheart Isabel. In his younger days, Leroy sang tenor in a singing group along with his brother, Clarence Murphy.

Years later Leroy and Isabel relocated to Newark, NJ from South Carolina. In 1957, they got married and from their union they had five children.

Leroy's last job he worked on was at the Newark Board of Education as a truck driver for ten years. He was a hard and dedicated worker. Rarely ever took a day off. Coworkers gave him the nickname "Papa Smurf" because of the dedication he put into his job. He also worked diligently in and around his home. He had gifted hands to build and fix anything.

Leroy became a faithful member at Reaching Out For Jesus Christian Center in Brodheadsville, PA under the shepherd of Pastor Kenneth L. Pearmen. Later, he joined Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church in Newark where he participated in the men's choir. His final church home had become Faith Fellowship Outreach Ministries in Sayreville, NJ under the shepherd of Pastor David T. Demola. Leroy loved the Lord. He meditated on the scriptures and prayed daily. He was a man after God's own heart.

Leroy had a passion for collecting different items to name one of many, he loved collecting miniature late model cars. He even had some dated back as far as the early 50's. Leroy was also a music lover. Gospel being his number one collection.

In his spare time he was always recording old gospel hymns and many quarters. Leroy loved taking pictures which created many photo albums with lots of memories to cherish. He was a very quiet, but soft spoken person. He was a good provider to his children and loved his grandchildren as well. He enjoyed spending time with his family.

Leroy was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. Fred and Sally Murphy; four sisters Iola Campbell, Elnora Glenn, Lillian Cooper and Minnie Batts, three brothers, Ed Douglas Murphy, Azola Murphy and Eguene Murphy.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Isabel Murphy; two daughters, Brenda L. Murphy and Cynthia A. Murphy; three sons, Gary, Darnell and Kenneth L. Murphy, Jr.; his grandchildren, Shaniqua Robinson, Kenyatta Murphy and Kendell Murphy; two sisters, Louise Cunningham and Lizzie Blacks; two brothers, James Murphy and Clarence Murphy; and a host of other relatives, friends, church family and former co-workers.

# Order of Service

Processional ..... Family and Friends

Presider ..... Pastor Kenneth L. Pearmen

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Dr. Milton Biggham

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Solo/Musical Selection ..... Clarethia Breedlove

Reflections (As I Knew Him) ..... (2 Minutes Please)

Reading of Obituary

Acknowledgement

Poem ..... Melinda Murphy

Eulogy ..... Pastor Kenneth L. Pearmen

Benediction..... Pastor Kenneth L. Pearmen

Recessional

**Interment**

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

The World Should Know How Special You Were  
*If I could, I'd send a message to the world today and tell it all about you, Dad I'd talk about the way you worked so hard and cared so much about your family. I'd have to brag a bit, because you're what all dads should be, I'd talk about your understanding, all the help you gave, and the good example that you set each day by how you lived...it's so extraordinary how you did all that you do, and if I could, I'd tell the world just as I told you!*  
*With much love, your wife, children and grandchildren*

## When I Must Go

*When I must leave you for a little while  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you through the years  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile  
And for my sake and in my name  
Live on and do all things the same  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways  
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you  
And hold you near  
And never, never be afraid to die  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

*-Helen Steiner Rice*

### Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece if so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.  
Respectfully submitted, the family of **Leroy Murphy, Sr.**

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