In Loving Memory of Robert Murphy, Sr.



Sunrise March 23, 1932 **Sunset** July 28, 2017

Sunday, August 6, 2017 - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE 130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

<u>Reflections of Life</u>

Robert (Bob) Murphy, Sr. was born March 23, 1932 in Fayetteville, GA to Minnie Mae Murphy and John Arnold. Sallie Murphy his grandmother was a midwife delivered him. He had five aunts and three uncles on his mother's side, Marnie Murphy-Bailey helped raise him. She was his favorite aunt. Robert was the oldest of six siblings: (deceased siblings) Dorothy Catlin, Betty Cofield and Timothy Jones, (living siblings) William Cofield and McKinley Jones.

Fayetteville, GA is where Robert grew up and was educated by the Fayeville Public Schools.

Robert joined the U.S. Army December 9, 1952 and transferred to Army Reserve November 27, 1954 and was honorably discharged September 10, 1958. He then went on to further his education at Carver Vocational School in Atlanta, GA, he studied Business Administration. He became employed for the company ZEP in Atlanta, GA, mastered his job and transferred to Lyndhurst, NJ to train other workers. He also worked for Leslie Company for twenty-two years. Robert retired from St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark, NJ as a Maintenance Technician where he worked for seventeen years.

On July 25, 1966, Robert married Marian R. Murphy. They met at a party in Atlanta, GA. They have three children, Peggy Davis, Robyn M. Murphy and Robert (Bobby) Murphy, Jr.

Robert attended Edgefield Baptist Church in Fayetteville, GA as a young boy. Later years, he became a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Orange, NJ.

Everyone liked and loved Robert, he was very down to earth with a since of humor. He loved to socialize in person and over the phone. Every evening after retiring, he went to Dunkin Donuts in East Orange, NJ, to tell stories of the good old days and listening to others tell their stories. Robert was a music man. He had a huge collection of records and loved his old school music and listened to them often. He loved his family very much. He put them first and provided over and beyond. He would also help others in need. He was a kind and caring man who worked hard and loved the life he built for himself and his family. He had special family members he kept in contact with on the regular basis. His first and favorite cousin, Joann Heard and a niece, Cherry Cofield.

Robert left us on July 28, 2017 at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in East Orange, NJ.

Surviving family members left to cherish his memory are: his wife, Marain R. Murphy; daughters, Peggy Davis and Robyn M. Murphy; son, Robert (Bobby) Murphy, Jr.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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