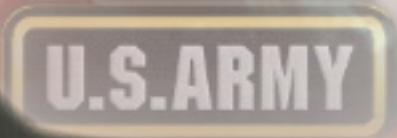


IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*James William Murphy*

*Sunrise*  
August 13, 1954

*Sunset*  
April 22, 2022



*Service*

Friday, May 6, 2022 • 11:00 a.m.

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**

256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Barry L. Graham, Officiating*

*Caanan Baptist Church • Paterson, NJ*

# *Order of Service*

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## **Processional**

### **Selection**

## **Scripture Readings**

Old Testament

New Testament

## **Prayer of Consolation**

### **Selection**

Mr. Gary Johnson

## **Acknowledgements**

### **Obituary**

### **Selection**

### **Eulogy**

Rev. Barry L. Graham  
*Canaan Baptist Church*

### **Viewing**

## **Benediction**

## **Recessional**

### *Interment*

Fairlawn Cemetery  
22-21 Maple Avenue  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

## Obituary

*Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Psalm 23:4*

**James William Murphy** was born on August 13, 1954, to the Late Sammie and Lizzie Murphy in High Point, NC. He was the second of six children.

As a young lad, James attended the Paterson Public Schools where he developed skills in carpentry and learned to play the drums. He graduated in 1975 from Passaic County Technical Institute of Wayne, NJ where his course of studies included Auto Body, Auto Mechanics, and Culinary Arts. He soon earned the nickname “jack of all trades”. He could repair almost anything, and cooking was no challenge for him. Soon, James was employed by local body shops, automotive businesses and bakeries. For several years he worked for New Jersey Transit, in Oradell, NJ and Alexander Wagner Company of Paterson.

He enjoyed love, life, and hanging with the gang around Gene’s, where they called him “Big Murph”. James’s hobbies included listening to music, working on cars, trucks and baking homemade rolls. On February 14, 1976, James enlisted into the United States Army and served 9 years. He earned honorary medals, ribbons and pins for marksmanship of the M16 rifle. He received an honorable discharge.

He relished fatherhood. In 1979 a son, James William Jr was born and in 1981, he became the father to Lorenzo Ray Murphy. He extended his family and love to Linda in 1986. He was devoted to Timothy and Catina but he was “Papa” to Calique, whom he called “Junior.” He worshipped at Canaan Baptist Church in Paterson.

He retired from the workforce in 2012 and continued to devote himself to his family, friends and community. James was friendly and would help anyone in distress.

On Friday, April 22, 2022, James transitioned from this life with members of his family by his bedside.

James was preceded in death by his parents, an uncle, Samuel Robbinson, a brother-in-law, Albert Dronette, and brother John Charles Murphy.

To cherish his memories, he leaves two sons, James Jr. and Lorenzo Murphy of Paterson, NJ. Sisters: Colleen (Dennis) Speights, of Paterson, NJ, Sandra (Kevin) Moore of Pennsylvania, and Cynthia Dronette of Paterson, NJ. One Brother: Sammie (Janice) Murphy, Jr. of Paterson, NJ. James was an uncle to a host of nieces and nephews. He was a cousin, a friend, and a good neighbor. His extended family: Linda Taylor, Timothy and Catina Jeter and grandson, Calique Varlack will miss him dearly.

# *Psalm 23*

*The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

## *Pallbearers*

*Family and Friends*

## *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

*May God Bless and Keep You!*

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