



## Mr. David Murray Jr.

May 19, 1930 - May 14, 2022

David “Sonny” Murray, Jr. was born in Sumter, SC on May 19, 1930, to the late David Murray, Sr. and Elena Harvin Murray. On Saturday, May 14, 2022, he heeded the Master’s call and entered eternal rest at the age of 91 at his home.

He attended the public schools of Sumter County and was a graduate of St. Michael High School. He served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War. Sonny worked for many years at Farmers Telephone Company where he rose through the ranks to become the company’s first African American supervisor many years prior to his retirement.

At an early age, he dedicated his life to Christ and joined Bethel AME Church. He faithfully served in many capacities to include Pastor’s Steward, Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent and Class Leader. He was president of the gospel choir and served as a member of the male chorus and Sons of Allen. For several years, he served on the finance committee and served as a delegate to the AME Annual Conference. Additionally, he was a Mason and member of the Eastern Star.

Sonny was the Patriarch of the Murray Family and loved his family deeply. Deliberately kind, he could always be counted on to assist anyone in need in the community whenever called upon. He loved spending time with family and friends, telling hilarious stories that always left people in stitches.

Sonny’s greatest love was manifested in marriage to the former Annie Mae

Jones on April 24, 1955. Together they shared 67 enchanted years of marriage that was only broken in death. He was a devoted husband, loving father, and grandfather.

In addition to his parents, Sonny was preceded in death by his sons, Anthony G. Murray and David Murray, III and a brother, James D. Ramsey.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife of the home; three daughters, Vanessa M. (Lagorda) Abercrombie , Sylvia L. Murray, and Valarie M. (Kenneth) Williams , all of Irmo, SC; brother, J. Raymond (Barbara)Murray ; nine grandchildren, Ricardo Abercrombie, Gary Murray, Derrick Murray, Justin Abercrombie, Jason Murray, Kenneth Williams, Sydney Abercrombie, Dashon Murray, and Kennedy Williams; two great-grandchildren, several godchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives, friends and loved ones.

ATTENTION: Please adhere to the COVID Compliant Guidelines, and thank you for wearing masks.

To access the livestream of the service, please go to Facebook.com, search for Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc., and "like" the page. The livestream video will begin at the designated time of the service.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAY 18. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel  
304 South Main St.  
Sumter, SC 29150  
(803) 773-3381

## Receiving Friends

MAY 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel  
304 South Main St.  
Sumter, SC 29150  
(803) 773-3381

## Funeral Service

MAY 19. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Orangehill AME Church  
3035 South Kings Hwy.  
Wedgefield, SC 29168

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. David Murray Jr.*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *My sincere condolences are with the Murray family. I have always enjoyed being in the company of Brother Murray. He is/was one that always carried the Spirit of God with him. He conducted himself as a caring God-fearing individual. Christendom will surely miss Brother Murray on this side, but heaven will rejoice. Thank you Brother Murray for taking time to encourage me, I will always cherish my time and conversations with you!*

*Rev. Eric Richard Dent*

**Eric Richard Dent** - May 18, 2022 at 11:08 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. David Murray Jr..*



May 18, 2022 at 09:18 PM



“ *This family are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincere condolences during this difficult time.*

*Willie Lucas*

**Willie Lucas** - May 18, 2022 at 08:56 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Mr. David Murray Jr..



May 17, 2022 at 11:16 PM



“ Tanya and Ben Dillard purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. David Murray Jr..



Tanya and Ben Dillard - May 17, 2022 at 10:09 PM



“ William "Man" Henderson & Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. David Murray Jr..



William "Man" Henderson & Family - May 17, 2022 at 02:34 PM



“ Richard and G. Delores Ellerbe purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mr. David Murray Jr..



Richard and G. Delores Ellerbe - May 17, 2022 at 01:35 PM

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“ *Carmen, Robert & Lawrence Abercrombie purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. David Murray Jr..*



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**Carmen, Robert & Lawrence Abercrombie** - May 17, 2022 at 11:09 AM

JS

“ *Jean Wright Davis Of Wedgefield SC lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Murray Jr.*



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**Jean Wright Davis of Wedgefield SC** - May 17, 2022 at 10:44 AM

OT

“ *Otis... purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. David Murray Jr..*



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**Otis...** - May 17, 2022 at 07:11 AM

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“ Poppa , UNC affectionately know by us. the love and strength you gave us all our lives. And after your Sis momma died. You & momma Annie Mae made sure we were alright. I'll love you forever! I've always told you Thank you for being there for us. You did until the end. You always had the words for healing any situation. Thank you for caring & letting me help you just a little. With joy & happiness. Thank you for your deep and binding love. Your encouraging words. You were God's Good Glue for us. Reclaiming great times with us. laughter, memories , jokes, just family loVe.. A heart of serious servant & service. Your unshakable Faith. We ( I) love you. I thank God that you have Trade your Cross for your Crown.! Sleep well in the arms of Jesus! It is well! It is well! It is well with my soul. Your niece Ida choice Fox

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**Ida choice Fox** - May 16, 2022 at 11:51 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. David Murray Jr..



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May 16, 2022 at 09:13 PM