



Irvin Murrell, Jr.

July 25, 1945 - May 31, 2014

Irvin Henry Murrell, Jr., 68, of Graceville, FL, died in an automobile accident on Saturday, May 31, 2014. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, June 4, at James & Lipford Funeral Home in Graceville, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, June 5, at Tabernacle United Methodist Church in Taylor, AL, at 10:00 a.m., with Rev. Andy Gartman and Rev. Tim Folds officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in Graceville at Marvin Chapel Cemetery. Irvin was preceded in death by his parents Irvin Henry Murrell, Sr., and Lula Mae Sullivan Murrell. He is survived by his wife Phoebe Moore Murrell, son Irvin Henry Murrell III "Trey" and wife Courtney La'Dawn Murrell, and three grandchildren: Aidan Jeremiah, Lillian Ruth and John Alexander "JohnAlex" Murrell. Irvin was born in Charlotte, NC, on July 25, 1945 and was educated at N.C. State University. He also received degrees from Louisiana State University and three Southern Baptist seminaries. He was most recently Director of Library Services at Baptist College of Florida in Graceville for 17 years before retirement. He loved music with a passion. Over the years, he sang in choirs as well as gave his service to the Lord as music minister both short term and long term in multiple churches. At the time of his death, he was the music director at Tabernacle United Methodist Church, where he served for 10 years. Irvin was an avid photographer who had a love for nature, and he could take a picture of the same waterfall 100 times while capturing it differently every single time. He also enjoyed collecting old and rare coins.

Irvin loved puns and will be remembered for his unique sense of humor. He had many students and friends who became like family to him. Memorials may be made to the Building Fund of Tabernacle United Methodist Church, the Alabama Eye Bank, the Mission Trust Fund of First Baptist Church of Graceville, or the John I. Murrell Music Scholarship Fund of Baptist College of Florida.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ I always enjoyed seeing him at the college library in Graceville. He was a great inspiration to everyone. His door was always open to any student who had a question.

Jonathan Hunt - June 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ "Sonny" and I attended school together in Charlotte from first grade through twelfth grade. I last saw him at the Harding HS 40th graduation celebration in 8/2003. He was always wearing a smile and always had something nice to say. He lit up a room with his bubbly personality. I'm saddened to hear about his sudden tragic death and send sympathy to Phoebe and his family.

Mary P Medeiros - June 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Phoebe, I am so sorry to hear about Irvin. My thoughts and prayers are with you and Trey. I remember Irvin as a man that was happy and always had a smile on his face. Elaine Munday

Elaine Munday - June 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Our hearts go out for Dr. Murrell's family. My wife, Leila, worked with Dr. Murrell in the Library while I attended BCF... We loved him and know he will be missed!

Joe & Leila Odum - June 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ I've known Irvin for over 20 years thru the TCA and the coin club I'll miss you

Wayne Murray - June 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Doc, was a true friend to me while I was at BCF and the years thereafter. When we would talk on the phone it was like talking in person and as no time had passed since the last time we had talked. I loved him as a brother. My family will miss him dearly but HE is home now with the One he loved and served. I love you Doc.

Jerry & Margie Kimbrell - June 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Offering prayers for comfort and peace for Dr Murrells family. Such an Honor to have known such a wonderful man. Loved being part of his Choir family at Tabernacle United Methodist.

John & Debbie Vargas - June 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ While I was in seminary, Irvin was always knowledgeable and helpful in assisting our research. Our prayers are with Pheobe. Trey and the family.

Bill Mallory - June 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Phoebe,*

We are so sorry to hear of Dr. Murrell's death. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Joan McKinney

Joan McKinney - June 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *I am truly sorry to hear of Mr. Murrell's passing. He would always have pleasant conversation with us when he would come in to Henry Arnold Ford to have his vehicles serviced. We will surely miss him.*

MARY LAND SMITH - June 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Tom and I would like to extend our sincere sympathy to you in the loss of one of the most special people. Mr. Murrell was a tremendous influence on everyone he met. It was a joy to visit with him every time you saw him and he will truly be missed. Rest in Peace. May God give you comfort in your memories an His love.*

Betty Sue Bruckner - June 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM