



Reverend Hugh Murphy

June 10, 1926 - August 2, 2023

Reverend Hugh Murphy

Hugh Murphy was born in Arden, WV (Barbour County) on June 10, 1926, to Charles and Goldie Wilson Murphy. His given name was Wilson McHugh Murphy after several of his relatives.

He graduated from Philippi High School in 1944 and soon after entered the US Navy. He served two years in the South Pacific during the final days of World War II. At the time of his honorable discharge, his rank was Yeoman 3rd Class.

He then enrolled in West Virginia Business College and went to work for the Kroger Company as a meat cutter. After 20 years with Kroger, he purchased a market on Main Street in Weston. He named it Murphy's Self-service Market. After five years, he sold Murphy's Self-service Market and purchased an Archway Cookies franchise. He became known as the Cookie Man.

After 17 years, he retired from Archway and enrolled in Duke University Divinity School where he became an ordained minister. He pastored four churches on the Glenville Charge during that time and retired at the age of 70.

At the age of 77, Reverend Murphy was called back into the ministry again to serve the Glenville Charge, before retiring again at age 80.

Reverend Murphy also served as chaplain for the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital.

He joined Broad Street United Methodist Church in 1956 and was a lay speaker for 40 years in the United Brethren and United Methodist Churches.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Judy Rothwell Randolph Murphy. The couple was married on June 19, 1960, at the chapel at Jackson's Mill State 4H Camp.

He has two children, Jonathan David Murphy (spouse Sheryl Lockamy Murphy) of Chesapeake, VA and Mary Elizabeth Murphy Taylor (spouse Marvin Lynn Taylor) of Charleston, WV.

He has four grandchildren, Brenna Cummings Murphy of Las Vegas, NV, Reverend Joshua Hugh Taylor (spouse Sarah Elisabeth Broom Taylor) of Sunbury, OH, Noah Lee Taylor (spouse Kate Rebekah Hartsock Taylor) of Lancaster, PA, Lieutenant Jacob Owen Murphy of Norfolk, VA, and Christopher Warren Farley (spouse Jessica S. Farley) of Chesapeake, VA. He has four great-grandchildren, Silas Hugh Taylor, Judah Aaron Taylor, and Haven Elisabeth Taylor all of Akron, OH and Christian Warren Lee Farley of Chesapeake, VA.

A memorial service will be held on August 14 at 3:00PM at Broad Street United Methodist Church (221 US-33, Weston, WV, 26452). Afterward, he will be laid to rest at Shiloh Church Cemetery in Barbour County (immediate family only).

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Pioneer Club at Broad Street United Methodist Church. Donations may be mailed to Broad Street UM Church C/O Pioneer Kids Club PO Box 1286 Weston, WV 26452.

Cemetery Details

Shiloh Cemetery

1789 Shilo Road
Moatsville, WV 26405

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG **14**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Broad Street United Methodist Church
210 Broad Street
Weston, WV 26452

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Reverend Hugh Murphy.

August 14, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Reverend Hugh Murphy.



August 14, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ I only met Hugh a few short years ago, and was only around him a handful of times, however, I knew right away he was a **WONDERFUL**, warm, one-in-a-million kind of man!!!! I am so sorry I didn't get to meet him sooner!!! My thoughts and prayers are with his family!!!

Kristie Shreeves Joyce - August 10, 2023 at 02:28 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Reverend Hugh Murphy.



August 08, 2023 at 06:25 PM

MJ

“ Mike & Jennifer Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Reverend Hugh Murphy.

Mike & Jennifer Johnson - August 08, 2023 at 07:48 AM

MJ

“ Mike & Jennifer Johnson purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Reverend Hugh Murphy.



Mike & Jennifer Johnson - August 08, 2023 at 07:48 AM

KB

“ Rev. Murphy was the pastor for both mine and my husbands family at two separate churches on the same charge in Gilmer County. Always, enjoyed visiting with he and his wife when we were there. Great people!

Kathy Black - August 05, 2023 at 10:10 PM



“ Hugh and Judy were friends for several years! Reverend Murphy and I had many funerals together all over Lewis Gilmer and upsher counties! Hugh was a special person always had a smile on his face and the lord in his heart! Rest In Peace my friend!! Pat Boyle!

Patrick Boyle - August 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM

PB

“ *Pastor Dwayne Brown lit a candle in memory of Reverend Hugh Murphy*



Pastor Dwayne Brown - August 05, 2023 at 07:14 AM

TC

“ *Thelma Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Reverend Hugh Murphy*



Thelma carpenter - August 04, 2023 at 08:12 PM

TF

“ *Tillie (Hardman) Fowler lit a candle in memory of Reverend Hugh Murphy*



Tillie (Hardman) Fowler - August 04, 2023 at 01:04 PM