



## Rose Marie Murphy

October 11, 2019

Rose Marie Murphy (nee Duff), 76, passed away peacefully on October 11, 2019. A native of Mobile, Alabama she was preceded in death by her parents John Louis and Bessie Strachan Duff. As well as brothers John J (Jack) and F. Louis Duff and sisters Mary Elizabeth Boyes, Lois Gibson and G. Fidelis Haskins.

Rose will lovingly be remembered by the love of her life and husband of 54 years, Thomas I. Murphy, Jr. and her children Richard (Melissa) Murphy, Patricia (Glenn) Foster, Catherine (Glenn) Cooper, Tim (Lisa) Murphy & Melissa (Joel) Hasse. Also left to cherish her memory are her grandchildren, Christopher Foster, Heather (Chris) Ellison, Mason (Rebecca) Hasse, Glenn (Joelle) Foster, Megan (Cody) Crawford, Stephanie Hasse, John Thomas Naylor, Tyler Murphy, Catie Naylor, Nicholas Walton, Hannah Naylor, Seth Murphy, Ashlyn Cooper, Ethan Murphy, Ella Murphy and Austin Hasse and 6 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Patricia Dumas and sisters-in-law; Irene B. Duff, Margaret Duff, Ruth Ann Murphy, Susan (Dean) Chestnutt.

Rose retired from the City of Mobile in 2004 having worked in the Recreation Department, the Planning Department and the Urban Development Department. She served as Membership Chairperson for the Alabama Association of USA Track & Field from 1986 until 2009. She was a member of St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church. During her retirement years, she enjoyed spending time with her family and camping.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church in her name.

Visitation will be held at Serenity Funeral Home on Monday, October 14 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church with burial to follow at Serenity Gardens.

# Cemetery

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## Serenity Memorial Gardens

8891 Old Pascagoula Rd.  
Theodore, AL, 36582

# Events

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**OCT 14**   **Visitation**   04:30PM - 07:00PM

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Serenity Funeral Home  
8691 Old Pascagoula Road, Theodore, AL, US,  
36582

**OCT 15**   **A Mass of Christian Burial**   11:00AM

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St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church  
6625 Three Notch Rd, Mobile, AL, US, 36619

# Comments

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**Richard Murphy** - February 13, 2020 at 01:55 PM



“ Mom I know you would be proud of this little bundle of Joy. Archer Jack Murphy - 02/06/2020 - I sit there watching him sleep and dream. He will smile, I know that is you talking to him. Miss you! - Richard

**Richard Murphy** - February 13, 2020 at 01:58 PM

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“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



**Melissa Hasse** - November 02, 2019 at 02:14 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



**Patti Foster** - October 24, 2019 at 02:31 PM

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“ Rose Marie, Rose Marie Duff, Rose Marie Murphy, Rose, Aunt Rosie, Mom, Nana, Neena, Mama Rose, or Ms. Rose.

It doesn't matter how you knew our mother, she was a special person. Without her we would not be here or be the men and women we have become.

In 1961 two people met, fell in love and four years they married. As a result of their love their family grew....5 children, 16 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren and many, many adopted family. She loved and adored each and every one of us, even on her outspoken days.

She was a giver to her community. You could find her volunteering with the Red Cross, as an Auxiliary Volunteer Member of the Flotilla, and enlisting the entire family, plus some, to wake up early on Azalea Trail Run days to work the finish line. Along with being our biggest fan, she took on the role of our Volleyball and Basketball coach at St. Monica's. Not only did she enjoy cheering on our school sports and activities, but she was always there to support our kids at events as well. Of course, providing a dollar after the game to get a snack.

Boy that sense of humor. When I was learning the meaning of the word inundate, I couldn't grasp it. She taught me the meaning of this word in a way that I nor any of my siblings will ever forget. As I sat there pondering the meaning, my mother drug the water hose into the house and soaked me, leaving me inundated with water. Since then none of us have ever forgotten the meaning.

She would tell us that we were very lucky we did not have to walk to school like she had to. She said she had a LONG walk from her house to St. Matthews..... Then she made the mistake of taking us to see where she grew up and we found it was only two blocks away!

Someone asked recently what the key to a long marriage is. Her response was one nothing short of a classic "Roseism." She pointed at the corner and said, "The key to a long marriage is to leave your hearing aids on the counter."

Some children fear the words "Wait till your Daddy gets home." Not us..... We feared the bathroom talk. And if you never had the pleasure of knowing what that meant, just ask Patti. She has plenty of stories to tell you.

Mom and Dad always made sure that we had fun. The Murphy Family adventures were endless. From trips to Pensacola Beach, to South Florida, and other family vacations, we always had a great time. One particular trip to South Florida, they loaded us into the back of a truck with a camper. We were kids and we didn't realize it was 100 degrees outside and even hotter inside the truck. To occupy and distract us, they gave us travel games to pass the time. We spent many hours playing those games together.

And of course, we must note her famous whistle. Come dusk we would be playing in the neighborhood and she would whistle and we would all hear no matter where we

were and come running home..... Have you ever seen 28 people at Universal Stop mid stride and turn on a dime? We have..... In 2007 we were on a family vacation and had all headed out to enjoy the park..... she whistled, we stopped, turned and looked directly at her and she had the biggest smile on her face! She turned to dad and said "it still works." This was one of many trips that will forever be labeled... as priceless.

Their nest grew as they welcomed many into their home. It didn't matter who she met: children's friends, grandchildren's friends, strangers; you name it, they were welcomed with a heart full of love into her home and life. She considered everyone she met family and treated them as such. My niece told me she heard this quote, "In a world full of roses, be a sunflower." Somehow, our mother, our Rose, managed to be both. She radiated joy and Christ to everyone she encountered.

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**Richard J. Murphy** - October 22, 2019 at 03:10 PM



“ Continued form above:

While we were growing up, Mom warned us that we could not get away with anything because we were kin to half of Mobile, and the other half, she knew. At this time, I would like to ask all who are family to please stand... Now I would like for those who had the delight of knowing my mother to stand. Well I be, she was right. It also tells us that she was loved well by many and that she loved many well. Thank you all for being here. I'm confident she is rejoicing in Heaven at this sight. Neena you will always be our sunshine. Pawpaw said it best, "Jesus knock at the door and mom answered." Please continue to stand for the closing prayer.

This was written by Patti, Cathy, Tim, Missy, other family members and me.

We love you Mom!

**Richard J. Murphy** - October 22, 2019 at 03:12 PM



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**Melissa Hasse** - November 02, 2019 at 02:06 PM

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“ Tommie C Major lit a candle in memory of Rose Marie Murphy



**Tommie C Major** - October 15, 2019 at 09:25 AM



“ My heartfelt prayers and sympathy in the loss of a wonderful lady. May your memories bring you peace in the future.

**Tommie C Major** - October 15, 2019 at 09:28 AM

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“ Terri Turner lit a candle in memory of Rose Marie Murphy



**Terri Turner** - October 14, 2019 at 10:43 AM

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“ Christopher Laird lit a candle in memory of Rose Marie Murphy



**Christopher Laird** - October 14, 2019 at 08:05 AM

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“ Miss Rose you will be missed dearly. You were a lovely lady that I'm am so glad we were blessed to know.



**Kelly and Jerry Breceda** - October 12, 2019 at 04:54 PM

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“ Peggy And Joe Hock lit a candle in memory of Rose Marie Murphy



**Peggy and Joe Hock** - October 12, 2019 at 04:03 PM



“ We are sorry for the loss of Ms Rose she was a very special person

**Peggy and Joe Hock** - October 12, 2019 at 04:05 PM



“ My condolences to Rose's family. I was good friends with Rose when our kids were in school at St. Monica's. We coached the girls volleyball and basketball teams for a couple of years. Well she did more coaching and I stood by and helped. She was a very special person with a kind heart. She will be greatly missed. My prayers are with the family.

Mary Kennedy

**Mary Kennedy** - October 16, 2019 at 11:35 AM