



## Fred J. Murphy

May 31, 2016

Fred J. "Murph" Murphy, a retired Gwinnett County Policeman, age 84, of Buford, GA passed away on Tuesday, May 31, 2016. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ann Murphy. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Donya and Roger Abel, Buford, GA, and son, Charles Patrick Murphy, Gainesville, GA; three grandchildren, Emma Abel McPhail and husband, Anthony McPhail, Jonathan Raleigh Abel, Hannah Katherine Abel; great-granddaughter, Everly Kate Murphy McPhail. Mr. Murphy was born October 5, 1931 in Suffolk County, Massachusetts. He was a graduate of Southeast Boston High School. He went into the Army at age 15 years, was in the 82nd Airborne Rangers Division and was sergeant in the Korean War with decorated honors. He was a retired sergeant from Gwinnett County Police Department with over twenty-six years of service. He also volunteered at North Gwinnett High School in Suwanee with the band, wrestling, football team and the Athletic Association. He volunteered with the D.N.R. (Department of Natural Resources) and taught fishing to special needs children and senior adults. He was a member of the Ham Radio Association. Mr. Murphy requested to be cremated with no formal service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Gwinnett Police Foundation, P.O. Box 602, Lawrenceville, GA 30046 in memory of Fred "Murph" Murphy. To express condolences, please sign our online guest book at [www.flaniganfuneralhome.com](http://www.flaniganfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by: Junior E. Flanigan of Flanigan Funeral Home and Crematory, Buford, GA (770) 932-1133.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Fred J. Murphy*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Sgt Murphy- I thank you for working warrants with me on night shift when I started with GCSO. You taught me a lot of things (and shared a lot of stories) I'll never forget. RIP*

**Wanda Mathias** - June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a fine fellow. He will be missed by many, and I will definitely miss him checking into the Brown Bag Lunch Bunch on the 146.76 repeater. He was always there and always in good spirits. I'm just sorry that I hadn't been on the air with the Brown Bag Lunch Bunch everyday for the last few weeks. Rest easy my friend! 73, Steve G./N4TTY*

**Steve G./N4TTY** - June 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Brother Fred was a friend on Ham radio. Will sadly miss him checking in on the 40 meter net. May the Lord comfort the family and see them thru this sad time. He will Greatly be missed. God Bless sadly to all from Terry-KC8OEX , here in Winston-Salem, N.C.*

**Terry Hendrix** - June 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ MURPH AND MARY ANN WERE DEAR FRIENDS I MISS MARY ANN SO MUCH AND WILL MISS MURPH ALSO. KIDS YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS RIP SWEET COUPLE

SHIRLEY JONES - June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ MURPH AND MARY ANN WERE DEAR FRIENDS I MISS MARY ANN SO MUCH AND WILL MISS MURPH ALSO. KIDS YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS RIP SWEET COUPLE

SHIRLEY JONES - June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Fred Murphy was the best! When I first showed up to the Police Department in 1977 I was assigned to work with Murphy and Lt. Still. They were the great taking a young guy brand new to Gwinnett County from Florida and teaching him the ropes and giving him the candid advise that you were not supposed to hear from the upper command. Murphy had a heart as big as his laugh and yes his passion to help people could not be surpassed. Celebrate his life all who knew him and Loved him.

Tom Winslett - June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Fred Murphy was the best! When I first showed up to the Police Department in 1977 I was assigned to work with Murphy and Lt. Still. They were the great taking a young guy brand new to Gwinnett County from Florida and teaching him the ropes and giving him the candid advise that you were not supposed to hear from the upper command. Murphy had a heart as big as his laugh and yes his passion to help people could not be surpassed. Celebrate his life all who knew him and Loved him.

Tom Winslett - June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Fred Murphy was the best! When I first showed up to the Police Department in 1977 I was assigned to work with Murphy and Lt. Still. They were the great taking a young guy brand new to Gwinnett County from Florida and teaching him the ropes and giving him the candid advise that you were not supposed to hear from the upper command. Murphy had a heart as big as his laugh and yes his passion to help people could not be surpassed. Celebrate his life all who knew him and Loved him.

Tom Winslett - June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Fred Murphy was the best! When I first showed up to the Police Department in 1977 I was assigned to work with Murphy and Lt. Still. They were the great taking a young guy brand new to Gwinnett County from Florida and teaching him the ropes and giving him the candid advise that you were not supposed to hear from the upper command. Murphy had a heart as big as his laugh and yes his passion to help people could not be surpassed. Celebrate his life all who knew him and Loved him.

Tom Winslett - June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I am honored to have known and worked with Sgt. Fred "Murph" Murphy. He saved me several times from Lt. Still!!!

Mickey mauldin - June 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I am honored to have known and worked with Sgt. Fred "Murph" Murphy. He saved me several times from Lt. Still!!!

Mickey mauldin - June 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I am honored to have known and worked with Sgt. Fred "Murph" Murphy. He saved me several times from Lt. Still!!!

---

**Mickey Mauldin** - June 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ When I started at the PD in 1975 Murph was a crusty veteran. Despite a gruff exterior he was always kind and helpful to me. He had sage advice for a young kid that did not know which way was up. He loved the PD and kids and helping people. He was one who made GCDP what it is and stands for today. When I saw him after he retired he always talked about taking the kids fishing at the lake. I have no doubt he is sitting at the lake with Jesus giving him some pointers on fishing! My thoughts and prayers are with you! Dan Bruno

---

**Dan Bruno** - June 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ My condolences to Fred's family. Murph was one of a kind. I enjoyed listening to his stories while waiting for my car at the shop. He was a genuine cop who served his community well. He will be missed. R.I.P Murph..

---

**Butch Ayers** - June 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ To Pat and Donya,

*My condolences to you on the loss of Sgt. Murphy. I remember him from the 7th grade at Lanier Middle thru high school graduation. Sgt. Murphy would tell me during my senior year that he was going to get me into the G.C.P.D. Police Department and when I started the academy he came in and looked at me and said "I told you so" then he laughed. There is so much I can say about Sgt. Murphy's influence on my career at G.C.P.D. Sgt. Murphy will be greatly missed.*

---

**Sergeant R. W. (Wayne) Taylor Sr. #170 G.C.P.D.** - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *Many have already written beautiful words about the man known as Sgt. Murphy. Yes, he was affectionately called "Murph" and I can truly say that he was everything and more of what has been and will be written. To the family: Murph was a good cop and most importantly a good man! He served the community well as a law enforcement officer and enriched the lives of many children with his work with them. I am a better person as a result of having known him. R.I.P. Murph you have done well.*

---

**gloria** - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Many have already written beautiful words about the man known as Sgt. Murphy. Yes, he was affectionately called "Murph" and I can truly say that he was everything and more of what has been and will be written. To the family: Murph was a good cop and most importantly a good man! He served the community well as a law enforcement officer and enriched the lives of many children with his work with them. I am a better person as a result of having known him. R.I.P. Murph you have done well.*

---

**Mike Pearson** - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I was fortunate to know "Murph", an outstanding man who would brighten everyone's day. My sincerest condolences to his family

Joe Brewer  
GCPD Retired

---

joe brewer - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Retired in 2011, Murphy was one of the nicest guys at the Police Department. Talking to him always made my day better. Know he will be greatly missed by all.

---

Dwight Shell - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ Dear Sgt. Murphy,

When I came to GCPD in 1985, you were so kind to me. You spoke gruff, but kind words came out. You made me laugh and for that I thank you. You definitely will be missed by so many. You have left such a special mark in this world. Rest and enjoy watching us still scrambling around in our lives.

---

Maria C. Yeager - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ Dear Sgt. Murphy,

*When I came to GCPD in 1985, you were so kind to me. You spoke gruff, but kind words came out. You made me laugh and for that I thank you. You definitely will be missed by so many. You have left such a special mark in this world. Rest and enjoy watching us still scrambling around in our lives.*

---

**Maria C. Yeager** - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Fred was a special man and police officer...hard exterior but very soft heart. He will be missed.

---

**Marie Jenkins** - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Fred was a special man and police officer...hard exterior but very soft heart. He will be missed.

---

**Jenkins Marie** - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ Dear Sgt. Murphy,

*When I first came to GCPD in 1985, you were so nice to me. You spoke gruff, but kind words came out. You always made me laugh and for that I say, "Thank You". You definitely will be missed by so many. You have left such a special mark in this world. Rest and enjoy watching us still scrambling around in our lives.*

---

**Maria C. Yeager** - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ My brother, and I would like to say a heartfelt Thank You to all who have taken a moment to sign our dad's guestbook! These are the stories we need to hear so that they can help us heal. We also want to pass them on to daddy's grandchildren and his new great-granddaughter, who is named after him! Even though he didn't want a formal memorial; we feel like he would be smiling if you found yourself with a fishing pole at a lake, stream, river, or ocean and "dropped a line" while drinking a Sunkist Orange soda in his honor! Thank you again, and should you want to contact us our email is [abelsrus@charter.net](mailto:abelsrus@charter.net)

---

**Donya Abel-daughter** - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ My brother, and I would like to say a heartfelt Thank You to all who have taken a moment to sign our dad's guestbook! These are the stories we need to hear so that they can help us heal. We also want to pass them on to daddy's grandchildren and his new great-granddaughter, who is named after him! Even though he didn't want a formal memorial; we feel like he would be smiling if you found yourself with a fishing pole at a lake, stream, river, or ocean and "dropped a line" while drinking a Sunkist Orange soda in his honor! Thank you again, and should you want to contact us our email is [abelsrus@charter.net](mailto:abelsrus@charter.net)

---

**Donya Abel-daughter** - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ One of the Best. Always had a good word for you. My deepest sympathy for the family who I am sure will miss "Murph" more than all of us combined.

---

**Ray Dunlap** - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ One of the Best. Always had a good word for you. My deepest sympathy for the family who I am sure will miss "Murph" more than all of us combined.

---

**Ray Dunlap** - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I remember so many cool things about Murph. He issued our cars just before the academy started (14th). He showed and demonstrated how everything worked and then said don't touch any of it! Made all of us laugh until we saw the look on his face. We stopped laughing then he laughed and stopped and again said "don't touch any of it". Loved the guy. Heck, who didn't.

---

**Tim Smith** - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ My brother, and I would like to say a heartfelt Thank You to all who have taken a moment to sign our dad's guestbook! These are the stories we need to hear so that they can help us heal. We also want to pass them on to daddy's grandchildren and his new great-granddaughter, who is named after him! Even though he didn't want a formal memorial; we feel like he would be smiling if you found yourself with a fishing pole at a lake, stream, river, or ocean and "dropped a line" while drinking a Sunkist Orange soda in his honor! Thank you again, and should you want to contact us our email is [abelsrus@charter.net](mailto:abelsrus@charter.net)

---

**Donya Abel-daughter** - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ My brother, and I would like to say a heartfelt Thank You to all who have taken a moment to sign our dad's guestbook! These are the stories we need to hear so that they can help us heal. We also want to pass them on to daddy's grandchildren and his new great-granddaughter, who is named after him! Even though he didn't want a formal memorial; we feel like he would be smiling if you found yourself with a fishing pole at a lake, stream, river, or ocean and "dropped a line" while drinking a Sunkist Orange soda in his honor! Thank you again, and should you want to contact us our email is [abelsrus@charter.net](mailto:abelsrus@charter.net)

---

**Donya Abel-daughter** - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ My brother, and I would like to say a heartfelt Thank You to all who have taken a moment to sign our dad's guestbook! These are the stories we need to hear so that they can help us heal. We also want to pass them on to daddy's grandchildren and his new great-granddaughter, who is named after him! Even though he didn't want a formal memorial; we feel like he would be smiling if you found yourself with a fishing pole at a lake, stream, river, or ocean and "dropped a line" while drinking a Sunkist Orange soda in his honor! Thank you again, and should you want to contact us our email is [abelsrus@charter.net](mailto:abelsrus@charter.net)

---

**Donya Abel-daughter** - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ My brother, and I would like to say a heartfelt Thank You to all who have taken a moment to sign our dad's guestbook! These are the stories we need to hear so that they can help us heal. We also want to pass them on to daddy's grandchildren and his new great-granddaughter, who is named after him! Even though he didn't want a formal memorial; we feel like he would be smiling if you found yourself with a fishing pole at a lake, stream, river, or ocean and "dropped a line" while drinking a Sunkist Orange soda in his honor! Thank you again, and should you want to contact us our email is [abelsrus@charter.net](mailto:abelsrus@charter.net)

---

**Donya Abel-daughter** - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ My brother, and I would like to say a heartfelt Thank You to all who have taken a moment to sign our dad's guestbook! These are the stories we need to hear so that they can help us heal. We also want to pass them on to daddy's grandchildren and his new great-granddaughter, who is named after him! Even though he didn't want a formal memorial; we feel like he would be smiling if you found yourself with a fishing pole at a lake, stream, river, or ocean and "dropped a line" while drinking a Sunkist Orange soda in his honor! Thank you again, and should you want to contact us our email is [abelsrus@charter.net](mailto:abelsrus@charter.net)

---

**Donya Abel-daughter** - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ Murph will be missed by a lot of people. He taught me more about fishing than I thought possible. He touched the lives of many young people through his work at GCPD and I'm sure they will always remember him. I have a lot of fond memories of his friendship and offer my sympathy to his family.

---

**Winton Morgan** - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ Murph will be missed by a lot of people. He taught me more about fishing than I thought possible. He touched the lives of many young people through his work at GCPD and I'm sure they will always remember him. I have a lot of fond memories of his friendship and offer my sympathy to his family.

Winton Morgan - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ He was Santa at Christmas. He lead hundreds of children on tours of headquarters. Fred will be missed by so many whose lives he touched. My sympathies to the Murphy family.

Mary ann White - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ He was Santa at Christmas. He lead hundreds of children on tours of headquarters. Fred will be missed by so many whose lives he touched. My sympathies to the Murphy family.

Mary ann White - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ He was Santa at Christmas. He lead hundreds of children on tours of headquarters. Fred will be missed by so many whose lives he touched. My sympathies to the Murphy family.

Mary ann White - June 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of Fred. I do and will always hold a special place in my heart for him.

Dan Dacus GCPD Retired - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Fred is a special soul. Taught me a lot as a very young police officer. And to always carry 7 feet of rope. His humor and his work with children will go unmatched.

*Rest In Peace My Friend*

*Big Joe*

---

**Big Joe Markham** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ I worked with "Murph" over 19 years ago at GCPD. He was a colorful character no doubt. He brought a lot of smiles to a lot of faces with his antics. My sympathy to his family.

---

**Phil Wages** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Murph was one of the special ones.

---

**R. G. Baker GCPD/Retired** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ R.I.P. Murph. you will be missed.

---

**John Rankin** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ R.I.P. Murph. you will be missed.

---

**John Rankin** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ To the Family, you are in my prayers. I will always have fond memories of Murph. Take care, Bill Jack.

---

**Bill Jack** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

R0

“ Hi i am so sorry to hear papa murph has passed. My class in 2004 or 2005 we took a trip to lake lanier and he was our instructor. He was so friendly and always had a helping hand. He will truley be missed by his friends at the fishing spot.

Your friend, Rainey Class of 07 BHS  
RIP Papa Murph.

---

**Rainey BHS 07** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

R0

“ Hi i am so sorry to hear papa murph has passed. My class in 2004 or 2005 we took a trip to lake lanier and he was our instructor. He was so friendly and always had a helping hand. He will truley be missed by his friends at the fishing spot.

Your friend, Rainey Class of 07 BHS  
RIP Papa Murph.

---

**Rainey BHS 07** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Fred was indeed a very special fellow. While waiting for my academy class to start in 1978, I was tasked with "shadowing" Fred at HQ for several days. He was going on vacation the next week and I had to learn how to drive to the prison camp, pick up prisoners and deliver them back in the afternoon. I asked him what work I should assign them and he quickly replied that a prisoner (George) was in charge, I was just the driver. What a hoot. He was always willing to share good stories with us (Rookies). He will be missed and remembered by many.

---

**Howard Beers** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Bob "Harpo" Betancourt-GCPD ret. It was always a pleasure working with Sgt. "Murph"! He was a real cop's cop- he never kissed butt because he was too busy crushing crime and kicking butts! It was an honor serving with him.

---

**Bob Betancourt** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BY

“ B.M. Yenerall (Vern) GCPD Retired. Murphy, thanks for your service with GCPD and for the humorous reminders I have of you. You will be missed and our prayers are with your family.

---

**Bruce M. Yenerall** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BY

“ B.M. Yenerall (Vern) GCPD Retired. Murphy, thanks for your service with GCPD and for the humorous reminders I have of you. You will be missed and our prayers are with your family.

---

**Bruce M. Yenerall** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BY

“ *B.M. Yenerall (Vern) Retired GCPD. Murph, thanks for your service with the GCPD and for all the humorous reminders you left with us. Our prayers go out to your family.*

---

**Bruce Yenerall** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BY

“ *B.M. Yenerall (Vern) Retired GCPD. Murph, thanks for your service with the GCPD and for all the humorous reminders you left with us. Our prayers go out to your family.*

---

**Bruce Yenerall** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *It was an honor to have known you sir. God Bless*

---

**Sgt. Patrick Gunter** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *Fred was one of those people you never forget. He had more energy than men half his age. Whatever he was called on to do he did with all of his ability. To his family I am sure you know that Fred was one of a kind. Fred, you can finally slow down now.*

---

**Bill Dean** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *So sorry to hear about your dad's passing. When we were your neighbors on Pinedale Circle many years ago, your parents were so kind to us. Thinking of you at this sad time.*  
*Mary Ann Wood*

---

**Mary Ann Wood** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ So sorry to hear about your dad's passing. When we were your neighbors on Pinedale Circle many years ago, your parents were so kind to us. Thinking of you at this sad time.  
*Mary Ann Wood*

---

**Mary Ann Wood** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Our prayers and hearts go out to the family. It was our honor to have known "Murph" for well over 40 years. God Speed old friend!  
*Marion and Jack Burnette*

---

**Marion and Jack Burnette** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Fred was always a lot of laughs and would do anything for anyone. He was very loyal to GCPD. I enjoyed his company often over early morning coffee in the vehicle maintenance office.  
*Tony Lowe, GCPD Retired*

---

**Tony Lowe** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Sgt. Fred Murphy was a special person. Many of us never realized just how special he was until we grew up alongside him. He meant what he said and was the model of integrity, doing the right thing all the time. That he wanted no formal ceremony to mark his passing is no surprise - Fred was not about himself but about others. Having fished with him only once, but having witnessed much of his career, it was obvious that he was more interested in what others got from him than what he was about. Thanks for everything, Fred.

---

**Alan Doss** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Sergeant Murphy was a unique individual with a personality that what special. It was a pleasure to have known him and worked with him. Sorry for your loss.*

---

**Connie Chesser** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Nobody could forget Fred leading tour groups of children though headquarters, or playing Santa at Christmas. He surely will be missed. RIP Murph.*

---

**Mary Ann White** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Sgt. Murphy worked all of the North Gwinnett High basketball games when I was growing up. I remember when I was 12 years old, I was wearing my Gwinnett Sheriff Junior Deputy badge at one of the games and some of the older students made fun of me for wearing it. Sgt. Murphy walked me backed behind the concession stand and he said, "You wear that badge proudly." I turned in my junior deputy badge in 1994 for a GCPD badge and I have worn it proudly for 22 years. I had the short honor of wearing it with Sgt. Murphy for only a few of years. Rest in peace brother, you set a fine example while you were here.*

---

**Chris Medved** - June 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM