



## James Edward Murphy

November 26, 1947 - November 1, 2021

James Edward (“Ben”) Murphy, age 73 years, died unexpectedly on Monday, November 1, 2021, at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

He was born November 26, 1947, in Loudon, Tenn. to Edward Benjamin Murphy and Bessie Lee Murphy McNallie. He graduated from Karns High School in 1965; served in the U.S. Army, 4th Infantry Division during the Vietnam War; and is a graduate of the University of Tennessee.

After a career with Allis Chalmers and Kubota, Jim “retired” with Jean Radovich Murphy, M.D., his beloved wife of 51 years, to an idyllic farm near Kingston, Tenn. He was incredibly proud of his boys, Jason and Justin, and cherished visits from all seven grandchildren that so loved their witty and kind “Papa.”

Jim was a man of quiet strength who led a good life – a life defined by integrity, humility and concern for others. He was well loved and will be greatly missed by those who knew him best.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and his step-sister Gail Norwood and is survived by his wife Jean; sons Jason (Amy) and Justin (Gabi); and grandchildren Sebastian and Penelope Alberdi, Keller Santiago Murphy, and Natalie, Lilly, Aidan and Annie Murphy.

The family will receive friends and family from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 6, 2021, at Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston with a memorial service to follow. In lieu of flowers, please consider supporting Tunnel to Towers Foundation ([www.t2t.org](http://www.t2t.org)). Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the Murphy Family.  
[www.kykerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kyker Funeral Homes  
OUR KINGSTON CHAPEL  
PO Box 69, 350 W Race St  
Kingston, TN 37763  
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## Memorial Service

NOV 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MB

“ Dear Jean ,  
Wishing you peace to bring you comfort, courage to face the days  
ahead,  
and loving memories to forever hold in your heart .  
With prayers ,  
Marcia Frasor Blum --SMC 1970

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**Marcia Blum** - November 07, 2021 at 05:20 PM

DW

“ David D Whitehead lit a candle in memory of  
James Edward Murphy



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**David D Whitehead** - November 06, 2021 at 08:29 AM

CJ

“ Dr. Murphy and family so sorry for your loss.  
Your in my thoughts and prayers. Praying  
God for comfort during this difficult time.



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**Candy Jones** - November 06, 2021 at 08:17 AM

CS

“ C. Zachary Smith lit a candle in memory of James Edward Murphy



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**C. Zachary Smith** - November 05, 2021 at 08:48 PM

PW

“ I have good memories of classmate Jim (Bennie) from Karns High and from Dr Jean Murphy as a patient. Please know, Dr Murphy, my heart is sharing your grief. Prayers for you and sons.



*Phyllis Wilkinson*

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**Phyllis Wilkinson** - November 04, 2021 at 07:55 PM

KR

“ Kubota Tractors of Franklin- The Rauers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Edward Murphy.



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**Kubota Tractors of Franklin- The Rauers** - November 04, 2021 at 03:33 PM

BR

“ I met Jim in 2003 when I applied for a Kubota Franchise. I could tell immediately that Jim genuinely cared and was concerned about us. He played a major role in our dealership being an early success. Jim quickly became a friend and we have stayed in touch since his retirement. He will be truly missed. Jean our prayers are with you, Justin, and Jason.

*Bryan Rauers  
Kubota Tractors of Franklin*

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**Bryan Rauers** - November 04, 2021 at 03:29 PM

DF

“ David Radovich and Family purchased the Crysta I Cross Bouquet for the family of James Edward Murphy.



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**David Radovich and Family** - November 04, 2021 at 03:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Edward Murphy.



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November 04, 2021 at 01:15 PM

CC

“ Jean, Jason, Justin and family keeping you in our heart and praying God to give you comfort. Benny was a special friend to us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Carolyn and Melissa Coley

Carolyn Coley - November 04, 2021 at 11:51 AM

FF

“ From Kevin & Ronda Padgett & family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James Edward Murphy.



From Kevin & Ronda Padgett & family - November 04, 2021 at 10:17 AM

WP

“ Washington State Transit Insurance Pool purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James Edward Murphy.



Washington State Transit Insurance Pool - November 03, 2021 at 07:13 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of James Edward Murphy.



November 03, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Edward Murphy.*



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November 03, 2021 at 04:45 PM



“ *We first met Jim when we applied to become a Kubota dealer in 2011. Not only did he guide us through this new venture he and Jean became special friends. We enjoyed every minute spent with Jim - he was one of those special people you can only hope to have in your life. After his retirement we kept in touch, it was always a pleasure to hear about his farm, family and the love of his life, Jean. To Jim, our friend:*

*May the road rise up to meet you.*

*May the wind be always at your back.*

*May the sun shine warm upon your face;*

*the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,*

*may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

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**Ron & Cheryl Krise** - November 03, 2021 at 04:19 PM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of James Edward Murphy.*



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November 03, 2021 at 03:42 PM