



Ivy Murphy

July 8, 1952 - February 15, 2021

We are sad to announce the passing of Ivy on February 15th, 2021 after a lengthy illness. Ivy was born into a career military family in Winnfield, Louisiana to Dero and Lola Murphy. After she was born, the family was stationed in Munich, Germany where she lived for a few years. After living in Germany, her family returned to the United States eventually being stationed at Ft. Lewis (JBLM) where she spent many wonderful years before the family moved to Lakewood, WA. Ivy graduated from Lakes High School class of 1970. Upon graduation from Lakes High School, Ivy was accepted into Cal Poly Tech University in Southern California where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree. Ivy also received her master's degree and worked on her Ph.D. at different times even later into her life. Sadly, she was not able to complete that degree due to her illness.

While living in Southern California Ivy taught school in the City of Compton for several years, while there, Ivy was also involved in the 1984 Summer Olympics helping with various tasks including forming a partnership that provided healthy organic juices to the athletes. The partnership eventually grew into a store that provided organic juices and other products to the Los Angeles community. It was during this time that her deeply loved daughter, Yami, was born. Eventually Ivy and Yami moved back "home" to Lakewood. She served the Lakewood and Tacoma community by working and volunteering in many different efforts primarily involving youth (gang intervention, martial arts, historical activities etc.). In addition, Ivy was a dedicated member of the Baha'i Faith and was especially an advocate of race relations and education.

Proceeding her in death was her mother, father, sister Annie Blackwell and nephew Ronald "Trey" Murphy and a host of other relatives. Leaving to mourn her is her beloved daughter Yami, son-in-law Chris, grandsons; Jourdan, Jace and Jonas; sisters Donna (Willie), Dorothea; brothers Bill (Carmen), Ron (Sylvia), Michael (Debi); brother-in-law James Blackwell and many loving nieces and nephews and friends.

A very special thank you to her best friend since childhood, Akua Henderson-Brown. Thank you for loving her as much as we do.

The service is being held on March 2nd at 1:00 PM Pacific. Please click on the link below to join the live stream service at that time.

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/49059>

For those not able to join us virtually at that time, a recording can be accessed via the same link for 90 days following the service.

Due to Vaccines being distributed at Clover Park, it is recommended that guests approach Mountain View from the East or North (South Tacoma Way) to avoid possible backups and plan to arrive early in case of traffic delays.

Comments



“ I send my condolences. My favorite memory is when she quoted a line to me from Training Day. Lol I was thrown off. I love you, and so grateful for all the welcoming energy you gave me. Whenever I came over you wouldn't hesitate to make sure I was comfortable and even offered me my first vegan meal. Thank you for your energy and raising an amazing soul like Yami. You have done your part in flesh to the best of your ability, and your soul lives on. Rest

E! - March 02 at 03:52 PM



“ Thank you she was my grandma we called her coco she was so wise and smart I was devastated when she had passed

Jace Denson - June 01 at 01:43 AM



“ One of my favorite memories of Miss Ivy is when she asked me to sing at her friends funeral service. The fact that she coordinated a small service for her friend who otherwise probably would not have a memorial is very telling of who Miss Ivy was as a person. I also have fond memories of working with her in the community as well. To her loved ones I am thinking and praying for you at this time.



Celina - March 02 at 01:26 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ivy Murphy.



March 02 at 01:14 PM



“ LaRena and I along with Damien, Kina, Liv, Christopher, Anna and Tim send our love and prayers of comfort to our dear cousins and all of the family.

Donald Murphy - March 02 at 01:05 PM



“ So many fond memories of our times together in Los Angeles and West Covina. Our prayers are with Yami and the rest of our family during their times of bereavement.

Addie Glover-Johnson (Joshua)
Forney, Texas

Addie Glover-Johnson (Joshua) - March 02 at 10:24 AM



“ Addie Glover-Johnson (Joshua) lit a candle in memory of Ivy Murphy



Addie Glover-Johnson (Joshua) - March 02 at 10:19 AM



“ Sonja Woodlief-Stonework purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ivy Murphy.



Sonja Woodlief-Stonework - March 02 at 09:19 AM



“ Teresa Cummins, DeLance Britt purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Ivy Murphy.



Teresa Cummins, DeLance Britt - March 01 at 03:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ivy Murphy.



March 01 at 03:27 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ivy Murphy.



February 28 at 05:52 PM



“ Ivy still remains in my heart as the essence of a woman who lived her beliefs through her deeds. She will remain as an icon of justice, love and compassion to me. My prayers go out to her beloved daughter and family from the Locke family in Olympia.

Lonnie Locke - February 28 at 11:34 AM



“ Dear Murphy families,

Very sorry for your loss and ours ~ Ivy, a vibrant person, full of loving energy, put her individual stamp on each of our hearts ~ our own life's journey are enriched by it! She was one of my best friends in Jr. High. ... As I remember it, and being the goofy girls we were, we settled a delimma, of what to do about a forgotten packing of a toothbrush, by Ivy, on a spending the night visit ... problem solved, we decided that I'd just loan her mine!

Many prayers are sent for the family and many thanksgivings for the quality of love she lived and the 'light' shared!

God Bless each of you and you remain in our thoughts and prayers,
Nancy 'Maire' Marken

Nancy Maire Marken - February 28 at 10:57 AM



“ Ivy and I had been good friends for a time in the fourth grade, at Custer grade school in Lakewood. We have a group of girls who went to grade school together how had recently been looking for her ..
 I remember playing in her yard and all the fun we had. We both loved Barbies ;) I'm so deeply saddened to learn she left earth before we had time to reconnect. She left a beautiful place in my heart.
 She had such a memorable life and I know that everyone who crossed her path , loved her as I did.
 Your family is in my prayers. ..
 (especially her daughter who I would love to meet one day ..)
 You are in my heart

Tara Murphy Radford - February 27 at 11:01 PM



“ Oh Ivy, I loved you and your family,
 Our lives parted after high school at lakes...I remember Donna and Ron...
 You moved to California and I moved away also. I later ran into you at a grocery store in Tacoma briefly.
 You will always be apart of my heart.
 Elementary, Jr high. And High School at Lakes. May God bless your soul!

Gail Nelson - February 28 at 12:33 AM



“ Oh Ivy...I wish we could have reconnected after all these years.

At our CP reunions, everyone asks, "Where is Ivy?". Even

though you went to Lakes , you'll always be a Custer and

Hudtloff girl in our hearts.

Rest now my friend.

Jacque Vote Weather

Jacque Vote - February 28 at 07:35 PM



“ The Murphy family became our neighbors in the late 1960's. They were a fun group to live next-door to. You never knew what was going to happen, from the snowball fights, the giant black cat standing on the fish tank trying to catch a piranha or Mr. Murphy making hog head cheese and chasing us around with the leftover eyeball on a toothpick. I can still hear Mrs. Murphy calling Ivy, IVAY...Ivy was the more quiet one. I think she found her voice when she became involved in the musical Hair and listening to Curtis Mayfield. If there was a social or political cause, she might have something to say about it. Ivy you will be missed.
 Yami, know that you are loved by your Mom and all who knew Ivy!

Teresa

Teresa Cummins - March 01 at 06:00 PM



“ Light and love to the family.



Tamarsha Quarterman - February 26 at 11:40 PM



“ The Wright Family: Marvin, Larry, Fern , and James purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ivy Murphy.



The Wright Family: Marvin, Larry, Fern , and James - February 26 at 04:14 PM