



# **John C. Murphy, Jr.**

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**J**ohn C. Murphy, Jr., of Longview passed away unexpectedly at his residence early Monday morning, December 22, 2008.

Memorial services will be 2 PM Saturday, December 27, 2008 at Trinity Episcopal Church with Rev. Kevin Wittmayer officiating under direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview.

The only child of John Coffey Murphy and his wife, the former Edith Bott, John was born in

Shreveport on November 5, 1930. Four months later, the family moved to Longview, where John's dad

established John C. Murphy Paint and Glass Company in 1937-first located downtown, and later on

Mobberly Avenue. John excelled in football at Longview High School, graduating in 1948, and then at

the junior college of Kemper Military School in Boonville, Missouri, where he earned an associate

degree in 1950. After studying business administration at the University of Texas at Austin, where

he was enrolled in the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps, he was commissioned as a U. S. Army

officer. He served a combat tour in Korea and completed his military obligation in 1954 with the

rank of First Lieutenant. Returning to Longview, John began a career in the family business, in

which he continued as proprietor after the death of his father. He married Betty Ann



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Jouett of Shreveport on May 14, 1955, and they reared three sons. Apart from his livelihood and family, John's life was one of service to his city, his fellow man, and the church in which he was reared, Trinity Episcopal Church of Longview. While serving on the city commission in 1966, he was elected as chairman, a post carrying the honorary title of Mayor-the youngest in the city's history. At the same time, he was elected as a director of the Longview Chamber of Commerce and as president of the Rotary Club of Longview, in which he continued active participation from 1961 until his death. In addition, he was president of the Longview Jaycees, co-chairman of the Gregg County Fair organization, president of Cherokee Water Company, a director of the LeTourneau University Associates, and a member of the Masonic Order. An avid sportsman, John was a member of Longview Hunting Club and Delta Fishing Club. At Trinity Episcopal Church, John served many years in various leadership capacities: vestryman, junior and senior warden, president of the endowment board and Men of Trinity association, parish delegate to the annual diocesan council, licensed eucharistic minister, and member of several diocesan boards. Upon retirement from the family business in 1994, John commenced a second career as parish vergger, acting as master of ceremonies and assistant to the rector chief pastor, continuing in that position until his death. John was predeceased by his parents and by his and Betty's eldest son, John Coffey



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Murphy III. He

is survived by his wife Betty, their sons Michael Ray Murphy of Longview and Robert Christopher

Murphy residing in Russia on an extended work assignment, and by their grandchildren, all residing

in Katy, Texas: Chelsea Ann Murphy and her mother Cathy; and Laura Elizabeth

Murphy and Robert

Christopher Murphy, Jr., and their mother Andrea.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, 906 Padon Street, Longview, TX

75601.



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**Anonymous** posted:

John was always someone that I could go to for inspiration and direction when I was going thru my period of chaos with my wife and her addiction. Returning to Longview this past November I was able to rekindle that relationship at Trinity Church and we have lost a pillar in our church community. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Leo R Butter##imported-end##

January 3 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Betty,I am so sorry to hear of the loss of John C. He was such a warm, friendly man of God and I always loved seeing him and getting a hug. He was such a good friend to Jerome. I can truly empathize with you in the loss you must endure. I am out of town and unable to attend John's service, but my sincere thoughts of love and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##mabelle henderson##imported-end##

December 27 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

John was a great personal friend to me and my family. He was a source of strength in tough times and also of God given wisdom. He helped us many times over many years. It was an honor and privilege to have known him. John, rest in a well deserved peace. God has prepared an extra special large room for you in his mansion to receive your extra large heart. We'll miss you here on earth but rejoice in the knowlege of you being in Heaven.##imported-begin##Thomas J. Devon##imported-end##

December 27 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Betty and Family,Our deepest sympathy goes out toyou at this time of great loss.John C. will be greatly missed.Jimmie and Pam Bagley##imported-begin##Jimmie and Pam Bagley##imported-end##

December 26 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

##imported-begin##Mitzi Harris Jacobus##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Betty, So sorry for your loss. You have been in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Jacquelyn Jameson, Jacquelyn Simpson and Kelly##imported-begin##Jacquelyn Jameson Simpson##imported-end##

December 26 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Betty, Charles joins me in sending our thoughts to you. John was an outstanding man in every way. I treasure my friendship with him and you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We are sorry to miss being there. We are out of town. Linda and Charles Thomas##imported-begin##Linda Thomas##imported-end##

December 26 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Betty Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Bill and Barbara Huffman##imported-end##

December 26 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mrs. Murphy, I'm sorry to hear of your loss. Mr. Murphy will always stand out in my mind as a great man with a giant heart. When John died, it was Mr. Murphy who consoled me. What a great man. Clay Whittenberg LPD retired 1988-2008##imported-begin##Clay Whittenberg##imported-end##

December 26 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and Prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Bobby & Zella Tucker##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Betty,I was so sad to hear about John. He always put a smile on my face when I saw him walking through the church and I will always remember our conversations in the office and how he cared for others. It was an honor to know him. My prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Amber Deem##imported-end##

December 25 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Chis & The Murphy Family,Sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. Please know that we are praying for you!##imported-begin##Keith Coleman##imported-end##

December 25 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Betty and Family,Just a note to let you know that we have had you in our prayers. John was such a wonderful man and we know you will miss him dearly.May all the memories help you though the days ahead.##imported-begin##Brenda and Michael Liverman##imported-end##

December 25 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##T.D. & Betty Daniels, Beth Holdridge##imported-end##

December 25 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

John is a man of uncommon love, wisdom and understanding. His smile, laugh, and gentle manner will be dearly missed.##imported-begin##Stephen Beck and Family##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

God welcomed home one of the best! I will really miss him. God bless you, Betty and your family!Mary##imported-begin##Mary Benson##imported-end##

December 25 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our friendship goes back to when we first moved to Longview in 1969. He was not only a friend, but a wonderful supporter of our business and endeavors in Longview. His wonderful, deep voice and laughter will be missed.##imported-begin##Roland & Nancy Lindsey##imported-end##

December 25 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mr. Murphy was the heart and soul of Trinity Church, and he always spread that same love, joy, and laughter where ever you saw him.My good friend, Rusty Zorn, and I always laughed and called him "The Voice of God" when he would speak in church! We agreed that church had not officially begun until we heard his voice!Mr. Murphy was always there to give out great big hugs, a warm smile, and unconditional love and understanding. The world will not be the same without him. Thank you to his family for always sharing him!##imported-begin##Emily Paige Lindsey##imported-end##

December 25 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Betty and family,It is so sad to lose a lifelong friend and classmate. Beside being a great citizen to Longview, John C. was a devoted 1948 LHS classmate. He was always a leader in preparing for our Class Reunions making it possible for all of us tokeep in close touch throughout all of the years. He will always be remembered. Your family will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Barbara Christian Furge##imported-end##

December 24 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Betty & Family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss. John was a friend of my father's as well as mine. We will miss him. God be with you.##imported-begin##J. R. & Mary Murray##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

MURPHY FAMILY YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. CINDY JONES SKINNERS CORNER STORE LAKEPORT

December 24 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I miss my friend, dear John. He was always a bright spot wherever he was. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Betty and family.

December 23 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dearest Murphy Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mr. Murphy was a very dear friend of our father and our family. We can not imagine a Christmas or Church service without him. We are so grateful to have known him. God Bless Russell Rachel Lizzie Laura and John Rowe

December 23 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Betty and family, We would like to express our deepest condolences.

December 23 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Betty, I am deeply saddened by the news of John's death. What a wonderful ministry he provided to all he served through Trinity. I cannot imagine church without him. I will miss him, his cheerful presence, and his beautiful booming voice. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Anonymous** posted:

You all are in our prayers and we know that you will be comforted by the Lord! John C. will be missed by all of his Lobo friends. He was an important part in our lives. Sincerely, Bob & Betty Taylor

December 23 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My sincere condolence to you and your family. John was a true lion of the church, whose devotion and dedication will be missed by all of us at Trinity Episcopal. May God be with you at this time, Jim and Nancy Sawyer

December 23 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Without John C. some things can never be the same. Very sorry for your loss. Randy, Patricia, Dee and Dee Cunningham Jr.

December 23 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mrs. Murphy Unfortunately we will be out of town Friday and unable to attend John's funeral, but please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Bill & Suzanne Stoudt

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**Anonymous** posted:

John was a fine man and will be missed so much. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. God bless you.

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**Anonymous** posted:

John had been an important part of our lives. To our family he had always been the voice of GOD. With love, Blaine, David, and Clair.##imported-begin##Blaine Balliett##imported-end##

December 23 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Mike & The Murphy Family, We are saddened to learn of your loss. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. The Hudgens Family, Robert, Wendy, Grant, Pierce & Faith##imported-begin##Robert Hudgens##imported-end##

December 23 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

John and his family are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Max Clark##imported-end##

December 23 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mr. Murphy and Father Babb baptised my two children, Madilynne and Adam Hightower. John always had a great smile, the grandest, deepest, most powerful voice ever, and always made me feel so welcomed no matter how often or far in between visits. Our family will miss him deeply and will keep the Murphy family in thought and prayer.##imported-begin##Robin Hightower##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

We are so sorry for your great loss. You will always be in our prayers.##imported-begin##Tom & Diana Hayes##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Betty, my thoughts and prayer are with you and your family at this time. I hope to be with you to celebrate John's life and I know you will understand if I am not able to be in Longview. I will be with you in spirit. I hear the Heavenly Choir singing praises for the example you and John have been to so many in times like this. I send my love for the many cherished memories of time shares with Miss Edith, you and John C. Christi##imported-begin##Christi Crow##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

BETTY AND FAMILY MY PRAYERS ARE WITH AND YOUR BOYS..JOHN WILL BE MISSED. I ENJOYED MY TIME WITH HIM IN THE JAYCEES AND OTHER PROJECTS.##imported-begin##JIM BLAKELEY##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Betty, We were deeply saddened when hearing of your loss. Trinity will not be the same with out your precious husband. He will remain in our hearts forever and we will cherish our memories of him always. Love, The Wilks Family##imported-begin##Bryan & Charlotte Wilks##imported-end##

December 22 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Saddened to hear about John C.'s death. A fine man, and an old friend. Longview will miss a great citizen.##imported-begin##orric freeman##imported-end##

December 22 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this trying time. With love, â?ˆDot Maxwell â?ˆ  
ˆˆMike & Lynda Maxwell Kelly Maxwell â?ˆˆR. Blake Cammack Brittney Cammack â?ˆˆBrandon Maxwell  
Kady Maxwell â?ˆˆDylan Maxwell##imported-begin##The Maxwell Family##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

WE PRAY THE LORDS RICHES BLESSING COME TO YOU AND YOURS. GOD BLESS##imported-begin##TOBY & ELEANOR ABNEY##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Betty, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers! Love, Tom, Christy & Aryn##imported-begin##Christy Barnard##imported-end##

December 22 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Betty, We were sad to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with you! Craig & Caroline Peralli##imported-begin##Caroline Peralli##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Betty and family, We are so sad to hear of John's passing. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word for all. His service to all of us at Trinity will never be forgotten. Our prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Richard and Sherry Moore-Molpus##imported-begin##Richard and Sherry Molpus##imported-end##

December 22 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We were deeply saddened by the news of John's death. John has been with our family during every chapter of our lives. He was there for us during our wedding, being a lay reader for our wedding, the baptisms of Jana and our children, and the death of Jana's father. He was a great friend to us. He made time for each of us on Sundays, whether a kind word or a hug for our children. Trinity will never be the same without John. Chad, Jana, Erin, & Keva Jackson##imported-begin##Chad & Jana Jackson##imported-end##

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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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