



James T. "Buster" Murphy Jr.

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Dr. James Thomas Murphy, Jr., (Buster), died December 4, 2018, at Orlando Regional

Medical Center, the same hospital in which he was born nearly 89 years before.

Buster

was born on December 14, 1929, to James T. and Gladys Davis Murphy. He attended Orlando High School, and after graduating in 1948 he served four years in the United States Navy. He continued his education at the University of Florida, earning his Bachelors, Masters, and PHD in Electrical Engineering. He was an active member of Phi

Delta Theta fraternity and maintained lifelong friendships with his fraternity brothers.

Buster spent his early career in the 1950's and 60's working in the burgeoning aerospace

industry in Central Florida for Radiation, Dynatronics, and Martin - Marietta. In later years, he was a professor in the School of Engineering at the University of Virginia, he

worked at Cornell Aeronautical Labs, and he was a consultant with Bell Laboratories in

New Jersey.

He married Sue Crownover in 1958, and together they raised three daughters .

Buster's

employment opportunities took the family from Orlando , FL, to Charlottesville, VA, to

Cattaraugus, NY, and finally back to Central Florida.

In 1983, Buster married Valerie van Allen and became a loving and influential father to



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her three children. He retired from Lockheed Martin in 1993, and Buster became known

as the "Unofficial Mayor" of his neighborhood , Oakwater Pointe. Throughout his life Buster enjoyed gardening, caring for horses, and delighting in his children and grandchildren. To the mystification of his friends and family; however, his consuming

passion was always mathematics.

Buster was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Frank W. (Speedy) Murphy, and

his daughter, Michelle Murphy Donohue. He is survived by his wife Valerie, his children

Kendell Murphy, Carol (Steve) Farmer, Bryant Lee Day, Justin (Kristy) Day, and Erin Day, 14 grandchildren, and 4 great - grandchildren, a great - grand son he was thrilled to

learn would be added to the family in June, his sisters - in - law Marcia Murphy and Tamara

(Howard) Keys , and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

A graveside service will be held at Greenwood Cemetery, 1603 Greenwood Street, Orlando, FL 32801, on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at 11:00 AM, with a reception from

12 to 2 pm at Embassy Suites Hotel, 191 Pine Street, Orlando.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations in Buster's memory to Cornerstone Hospice ORMC (www.cshospice.org) and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (www.nationalmssociety.org).




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JR

Jack Rollins posted:

Valerie, Family & Friends, Sadness with regrets is what is felt. Sadness for the loss of such a wonderful man and regrets for not keeping in touch with Buster and Valerie as Mary and I moved on geographically. Would be impossible to share just one or two glimpses of our relationship, but, in whole.....Buster was a man that didn't take anything for granted....he couldn't....his intellect did not allow it. He would go to and return from Martin-Marietta and then feed the horses, cows, dogs...tend the garden, raise quail, mow the pastures, run heavy equipment and drink a beer. We had countless meals - BBQ's - fish fry's... boat rides in Mike's speed boat on the river. Remember how excited he was one evening when he told us of a woman he met that had a beautiful singing voice....Valerie. It was perfect then and onward. Well, we can't go back, but, we all can remember Buster and enjoy our love for him and the time spent in his life. Jack Rollins

March 1 at 8:27 AM

VM

Valerie Murphy April 17 at 5:14 AM

Thank you Jack and Mary for your loving words. It was a 40 year adventure that Buster and I shared and I will never regret it. Love to you both.

BV

Bonnie S Vanallen sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Murphy Jr. family.



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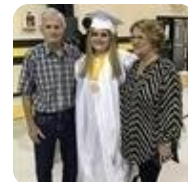
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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Murphy Jr. family.

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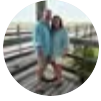




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