



Edward "Skip" Francis Murphy Jr.

June 12, 1939 - September 13, 2022

Edward "Skip" Francis Murphy, Jr. passed away on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. He was born in Rochester, PA on June 12, 1939 to Laura Virginia Dawson and Edward Francis Murphy, Sr. He was raised by his Grandfather, Frank Dawson, and his Aunt, Lois "Grantie" Dawson. Skip married Patricia Lynn Carothers on September 9, 1961.

He grew up in Midland, PA, and in 1959, he then ventured all the way to Siloam Springs, AR to obtain his business degree at John Brown University. There he made a home with Patty and raised two wonderful children, Scott Eric Murphy and Lesa Lynn Murphy Cross. Upon graduating, he took the office of Assistant Business Manager and Financial Aid Director. Skip had a hand in creating the financial aid system for students in the State of Arkansas. He was an avid supporter of the Golden Eagles sports teams and played a large role with The Sound Generation a musical touring group that represented John Brown University. He was the President of the Arkansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators from 1972-1973, as well as the President of the Student Loan Guarantee Foundation of Arkansas in 1982. Skip also proudly served as President of the Siloam Springs Rotary Club from 1975-1976. After retiring from John Brown University, he spent a year in Dallas as Financial Aid Director for Southern Methodist University. He then returned to Siloam Springs and used his construction skills to build and remodel homes all over Northwest Arkansas with his son, Scott, for the next

36 years.

Skip was preceded in death by his parents and step-father, Anthony DeLucio.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Lynn Carothers, son, Eric Scott Murphy (Brandi), daughter, Lesa Lynn Murphy Cross (Waco), three grandsons, Bryce Landon Murphy, Canyon Blue Cross, and Declan Samuel Murphy, as well as his bonus grandchildren, Derick Latham and Sara Ingram Mycka, and numerous other relatives and cousins.

Visitation will be 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at Wasson Funeral Home in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Graveside service will be 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022, at Oak Hill Cemetery, Siloam Springs, AR.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
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Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-5131
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

Graveside Service

SEP **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Dearest Patty, Scott & Lesa,
I posted a memory yesterday but somehow it was removed.
It doesn't matter because the memory remains the same.
The Sounds had a horrific car accident while traveling. I was
severely injured. I longed to return to school and the Sounds. My
doctor said the only way I could return to school was if I could live
with a family, not the form. Who immediately volunteered to let a
stranger in their house but Skip and Patty! They lovingly welcomed
me as one of their own. Their daughter gave up her bedroom for
me.

Every Sunday Skip would get up before us and bring back donuts!
Patty made delicious meals! We all truly grew to love each other as
a family. I thought of Patty and Skip as my second parents and me
as their daughter. Even after I graduated, Skip and Patty were so
faithful in maintaining our bond. In fact, Lesa was the flower girl and
Scott the ring bearer in my wedding.

Another sweet memory I have was when Patty and Skip hosted a
reception for the Sounds at their home and welcomed anyone that
wanted to come.

I could continue with many more stories but I'll close with this.
If one has ever been in the presence of Skip and Patty, you
witnessed Jesus; humble, loving, kind, joyful, giving and hopeful!
I love you all! We'll see you Skip bye & bye.

Debbi Feddick Clarke

Deborah Feddick Clarke - October 10, 2022 at 08:02 PM

DC

“ It is October 8, 2022 and I am just learning about the passing of my dearly loved second father Skip.

Having had an accident while traveling with the Sounds, the doctor said the only way I could return to school was if I lived in a home and not on campus. Skip and Patty willingly volunteered for me to live in their home while attending JBU. Living with them along with Scott and Lesa developed a life long relationship.

There wasn't anything Skip and Patty wouldn't do to help a student. I will love them forever!

Debbi Feddick Clarke

Deborah Feddick Clarke - October 08, 2022 at 11:49 PM

JB

“ Joe & Cheryl Burns lit a candle in memory of Edward "Skip" Francis Murphy Jr.



Joe & Cheryl Burns - September 26, 2022 at 09:51 AM

GW

“Skip and I met my freshman year at JBU. He was basketball team manager, scorebook keeper, and drove one the two Golden Eagle team vehicles. (Before the bus.) Also, I worked with Skip two summers on construction in what became Broadhurst Village. Skip had a unique combination of carpentry skills, efficiency and accuracy. He would say, “Anyone can make a mistake, it takes skill to fix one!” He was a great planner and organizer. He organized and managed our summer league softball team. He led by example. We were both transplanted “Yankees,” he from western Pennsylvania, I from eastern Ohio. He will be greatly missed by countless folks who were positively influenced by him. My prayer is for God’s peace and wisdom for Patty, Scott, and Lesa.

Gary Wilt

Gary Wilt - September 24, 2022 at 08:22 PM

RN

“Skip loved John Brown University and the Sound Generation like no other. I’m sure he is enjoying his new assignment in God’s choir. Thank you my friend.

Richard Newberry - September 18, 2022 at 09:55 AM

RP

“ John,

Thank you so much for letting me know about Skip's home-going. He is more responsible than anyone else in making a way for me to come to JBU. At a time when I had no money and no direction in my life, it was Skip who told me to come on back to JBU from California and that he would find a way. And he did. With a combination of student loans and work study programs he made it possible for me to get my foot in the door. Six months later, I got into the Sounds and that took care of tuition, room and board for another year. I can't imagine what would have happened in my life without his kindness and resolve to help me out. God used him to make a way where there was no way. I look forward to the day that I can thank him face to face.

Thank you for your kindness in thinking of me and keeping me in the loop.

Ron Powell

Ron Powell - September 16, 2022 at 09:14 AM

“Where to begin on the memories surrounding my fortunate years of knowing and loving Skip and Patty Murphy. It seems they were just always there quietly caring and supporting the efforts of the Sound Generation at making music and representing JBU as we earned our way through college with scholarships administered by him.

There were the numerous evenings that Skip more than assisted the tech crew of the Sound Generation at the wood shop in the making of speaker cabinets, risers, equipment boxes, lighting cabinets, etc. all of which were necessary for the touring and performing we did. There was never a rehearsal week where Patty didn't cook dinner for all 25-30 of us in their back yard, and bring lunch to us during our noon breaks. If there was a weekend when we were in Siloam rather than on the road, there was football on Sunday afternoon at their house. He was like an older brother to the Sound Generation, always there to help us out with any need, no matter how small or large. And Patty, always a friend to the outnumbered girls in the group, strongly letting us know that we had an important and necessary part to play. They always opened their home to us, whether for an afternoon, or for a semester as they did for one of our members who because of a severe accident could not live in the dorm on campus. They, along with their beautiful children, were a huge part of the community that made up the Sound Generation. There isn't enough room here to tell of all the times they unselfishly cared for and showed their love to the ever-changing members of the group. Skip was a model employee at JBU. He stood for honesty, devotion to family, love, peace and hard work. He always had a smile on his face as he did his work as either a volunteer or as an administrator. He was loved by all of the very young college students who made up the Sound Generation during those several years. Even as we have all grown old now, we are so sincerely saddened by his passing. We send our love, and sympathy to you Patty, Scott and Lesa.

Lynda Farley Nelson

Lynda Farley Nelson - September 15, 2022 at 01:01 AM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Edward "Skip" Francis Murphy Jr..*



September 14, 2022 at 07:18 PM



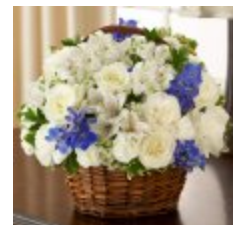
“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Edward "Skip" Francis Murphy Jr..*



September 14, 2022 at 05:35 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Edward "Skip" Francis Murphy Jr..*



September 14, 2022 at 01:43 PM

DC

“ Skip took me under wing in 1977 to build a duplex, then remodel or repair several homes and then a huge country home for James Davis. Planning and material and time management were part of the lessons I learned under his instruction. What he taught me during those two years prepared me for a career in project management in Kansas City. I will always be indebted to skip for his guidance and encouragement. I am sorry to hear of his passing, but I also know that Heaven is rejoicing.

David and Jane Comstock

David Comstock - September 14, 2022 at 11:17 AM

BK

“ Patti, Scott and Lesa, I am saddened to hear of the passing of Skip. I have such wonderful and precious memories of the years I worked for Skip. He was a hard worker, a fair, honest man and one of strong leadership and integrity. I always enjoyed his stories of JBU days and enjoyed the times I was in your home. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult journey.

Barbara Kenney - September 14, 2022 at 10:45 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Edward "Skip" Francis Murphy Jr..



September 14, 2022 at 10:32 AM

JM


“ *Patty and family*

What a privilege to be your next-door neighbor for some 47 years. Your family has been a good example of what neighbors should be. And a special thanks to Skip for his leadership in the Sound Generation and his making sure I had the financial ability to finish my studies at JBU.

Judy and I have enjoyed watching the path of his life through his work at JBU, his retirement and then his time in construction. And now he stands in the presence of God. What a glorious day for him!

John (Bart) & Judy McCullough

John McCullough - September 14, 2022 at 08:12 AM


Stephania
Russell

“ *Dear Murphy Family,*

I'm so sorry to hear of Skip's passing. He was a wonderful man with a very kind heart and I know he will be missed by so many. I will hold you all in my thoughts and prayers for comfort. Peace to you all, Stephania Russell

Stephania Russell - September 13, 2022 at 09:09 PM