David Lee Murphy



64, a resident of Prairie Grove passed away March 3, 2013 at Washington Regional Medical Center. He was born May 7, 1948 in New Orleans, Louisiana, the son of Raymond and Mary Pense Murphy.

David served in the United States Army $1^{\rm st}$ Infantry Division $18^{\rm th}$ Infantry Battalion during the Vietnam War. He retired from the United States Postal Service and was active in the American Legion and VFW.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Michelle Murphy.

Survivors include two sons, Jeremy Murphy and wife, Shavona of Prairie Grove and Willard Lee Murphy and wife, Rhonda of Barling, Arkansas; one brother, Larry Murphy and wife, Nancy of Jenks, Oklahoma; nine grandchildren, Christopher Wayne Terrill, Jesse Denney, Courtney Jackson, Aireck Miller, Nick Murphy, Hunter Murphy, Jacob Lee Murphy, Tyler Chance Murphy and Alana Faith Murphy and one great grandchild, Saphira Lynne Denney.

In Lieu of flowers family ask memorials be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Murphy family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

Luginbuel Funeral Home Prairie Grove, Arkansas

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David Lee Murphy
May 7, 1948 - March 3, 2013

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Isaiah 40:31

THE INVISIBLE WOUNDS OF A WARRIOR

His name is well known in the popular circles!

He is celebrated, admired, and talked about by many.

He is surrounded by people all the time yet no one understands the loneliness he goes through.

He seems to have many friends that claim to love him to pieces, but what he really has are fans who simply adore him. It seems like communication is a piece of cake to him yet there are really only a few who really (at least partially) understand him.

You're probably wondering that who could I possibly be talking about. Well, I am talking about the warriors in the body of Christ. They could be prayer warriors, pastors, worship leaders or cell leaders.

If there is one job that by no means is easy, it is certainly to live a life of service. It is that one job where one day you will hear "Hosanna" and another day hear the words, "Crucify!"

The wounds of a warrior are much. They are the invisible wounds of a soldier fighting for everything and everyone except for themselves. They barely find time to heal. They cannot wait. They must move on. In the process, they bleed from time to time. But it's rarely seen. Many a times, their only encouragement is the presence and life of Jesus.

One day, my pastor had to deal with a prominent preacher who had gone through a certain scandalous situation. He began to seek God for wisdom to handle it rightly. The Lord spoke to my pastor who had served in the army in the past. "The nation has Red-cross and many exclusive organizations and army hospitals to treat the wounded soldiers of war but my church has none." (Paraphrased)

We are quick to praise a man to fame and even quicker to pull him down from that pedestal. No wonder God sticks up for His prophets and men of God and says, "Do them no harm!" It was not because they were perfect. But because they were vessels that He chose to serve Him in His Kingdom. In fact:

God never chooses anyone who is perfect. We are all work-in-progress. In fact, some of the greatest warriors in the Bible had some terrible flaws. Yet they went back to God, wept before Him and acknowledged that it was not for their name but for the people that God had chosen them.

Let us also not forget that they face the highest attacks of all sorts from the enemy who knows that these men and women of God serve as high risks to the kingdom of the devil!

How do you treat the warriors of God? Are you too quick to pass judgement and look down on them? They are as human as they are. They have their own egos, strengths, weaknesses and frustrations that they put down in surrender before God for their love for Jesus and to serve you.

Today or in the future, when you find a warrior (wounded or well), would you take a minute to appreciate, encourage and show them a little of God's love? May be your email, sms, phone call or a prayer will bring healing to their invisible wounds.

Let our generation be different. I pray that you would reap the honor you sow and may the love of the Lord rest upon you and your generations to come.



CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF David Lee Murphy

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, March 8, 2013 - 10:00 A.M. Luginbuel Chapel - Prairie Grove, Arkansas

TIME & PLACE OF GRAVE SIDE SERVICE

Friday, March 8, 2013 - 1:00 P.M. National Cemetery - Fort Smith, Arkansas

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Music

Opening Remarks

Al Gebauer

Pastor - First Baptist Church - Prairie Grove, Arkansas

Prayer

Eulogy Jeremy Murphy

"Go Rest High On That Mountain"

Words of Comfort Al Gebauer

Closing Prayer

"Amazing Grace"

Family Memories Video
"God Bless The USA"
"Soldiers's Eyes"

Postlude Music "If Your Reading This"

FINAL RESTING PLACE

National Cemetery - Fort Smith, Arkansas

PALLBEARERS

Willard Lee Murphy - Jeremy Murphy - Jason Hunter Christopher Terrill - Montey Frazier - Eric Abalos

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Larry Murphy - Danny Miller - Lamond Duffin - Yancey Duffin

HONORS

Provide by the Patriot Guard and the Armed Services Honor Guard