



Glenn G Murphy

July 24, 1941 - March 1, 2025

Glenn Girthren Murphy, 83, died on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Harding Place in Searcy, AR.

Glenn was born on July 24, 1941, in Fulton, KY, to Kenneth Murphy and Ella Mae Barton Murphy. Their family later moved to Artesia, NM, and then on to Hayti, MO where he graduated from Ross High School in 1959. He met the love of his life, Rita Louise Johnson, in Rolla, MO. They were married on June 3, 1962 in Overland, MO.

Glenn was known first and foremost as a Christian. He was proud to be called Daddy and Pawpaw and adored his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He was a long-time song leader and elder at Pecan Grove Church in Greenville, TX, of which Glenn and Rita were charter members. Glenn never met a stranger, was kind-hearted to all, and gave selflessly of his time and resources. He was known for picking up trash, whether after church or on long walks through the neighborhood. He gave his first blood donation in 1976 when a community member was in need and over his adult life donated over 20 gallons of blood. He was also an avid hunter and loved being outdoors.

Professionally, he graduated from Missouri School of Mines & Metallurgy in January 1964 and worked for Rocketdyne as a research engineer in materials & processes. He also held this position at LTV Electrosystems/E-Systems/Raytheon in Greenville, TX, where he worked from 1968-1998. In April 2021, Glenn and Rita relocated to Searcy, AR. They moved into Harding

Place in February 2024.

Glenn was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Thomas Murphy and Talmadge "Tally" Murphy, and their wives.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Rita Johnson Murphy; daughter Sonya Clark and husband Jim of Waurika, OK; son Mike Murphy and wife Tenna of Arcadia, OK; grandchildren Brady Clark (Erin); Brandi Clark (Quinn Bolt); Taylor Murphy (Haley); Kenzie Murphy Higginbottom (Josh); Kaitlyn Murphy; Kathryn Murphy; and great-grandchildren Sammy Clark and Ruthie Clark.

In lieu of flowers, and to honor Glenn's servant heart, please consider a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN or the Hands and Feet Collective, PO Box 2132, Searcy, AR 72145. This non-profit organization seeks to strengthen community relationships by helping repair homes of those in need in the name of Jesus.

Memorial Service will be held on Friday, March 21, 2025 with visitation from 9am to 10am and service following at 10:00am at Downtown Church of Christ in Searcy.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Downtown Church of Christ
900 N Main St
Searcy, AR 72143-3712
(501) 268-5383

Memorial Service

MAR 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Glenn G Murphy.

March 10, 2025 at 06:01 PM



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“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Glenn G Murphy.



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BG

“ I never met a more caring and compassionate man as Glenn. It is my honor to preach regularly at the Pecan Grove church that Glen served as an elder for many years. He was always encouraging to me and manifested a spirit of Christ in everything that he did. His longtime marriage to Rita was a testimony to godly faithfulness in a marriage. I will miss him dearly. I look forward to seeing him again in a “new heaven and new earth.”

Barry Graham - March 07, 2025 at 07:06 PM

GW

“ Glenn was my neighbor, my supervisor and friend. We know he and wife Rita and their two children. Glenn lived a sincere Christian life and I have great respect for his service to his church and neighborhood.

Gary White - March 06, 2025 at 11:42 AM



“ Glenn was a great guy. We first met Glenn and Rita at pecan Grove Church of Christ in Greenville, Tx. They were fresh air from the more conservative churches and they helped with our kids growth. He will be missed...

John Kingsley - March 06, 2025 at 09:26 AM

BB

“ Glenn hired me to work in the Materials and Processes Test Lab at E-Systems in 1981 where I worked until I retired. He was also a great neighbor and friend. We lived in the same neighborhood. He was a great man. Sorry for your loss. Ya'll are in our prayers.

Benton Brumit - March 05, 2025 at 02:24 PM

CF

“ Charles and MaryAnn Wilson Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Glenn G Murphy.



Charles and MaryAnn Wilson Family - March 05, 2025 at 12:40 PM

TE

“ Tony and Russell Eldridge purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Glenn G Murphy.



Tony and Russell Eldridge - March 05, 2025 at 10:54 AM

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KS

“ Glen and Rita are extremely wonderful humans!! When a family member had to stay at a hospital I worked for an extended time they not only brought love, joy and sunshine to their family member, but also made a never ending impression in my heart forever!! God bless you and your extraordinary family!!

Kathi Scott - March 03, 2025 at 08:17 PM