



Vonn Ray Murrell

March 1, 1938 - February 25, 2015

Vonn Ray Murrell of Newport left this life peacefully Wednesday, February 25, 2015 surrounded by his family.

Mr. Murrell was born in Newport on March 1, 1938. He graduated from Coker County High School in 1956 and from Carson Newman College in 1960. As a young man he served in the Air National Guard.

At sixteen he became an avid ham radio operator and was known by the ham community throughout Tennessee and across the country by call sign K4HHA. Always interested in technology Mr. Murrell was instrumental in developing the television ministry at First Baptist Church of Newport.

He began working as purchasing manager at Electro-Voice in 1964 and in retirement enjoyed road trips on his Gold Wing motorcycle and geocaching with his wife and family. He also served as treasurer, trustee, and deacon of First Baptist Church where he was a lifelong member.

Mr. Murrell was preceded in death by his parents Conn and Estalena Williams Murrell and aunt Ada Rutledge.

Left to treasure his memory are his wife of more than 50 years Hazel Belcher Murrell, children Lisa and Rob Myers, David and Shawna Coggins Murrell, and Amy and Joey Bradshaw, grandchildren Beth Murrell, Jonathan Bradshaw, and Sarah Bradshaw, beloved extended family and countless friends.

The family will receive friends Sunday, March 1, 2015 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm, at Manes Funeral Home in Newport. A celebration of his life will follow at

7:00 pm. Burial will take place Monday at 1:00 pm in Union Cemetery. Dr. Rich Lloyd and Rob Myers will officiate.

Honorary pallbearers are the First Baptist Church Television Ministry crew.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund.

The family would like to thank the wonderful caregivers at Newport Health and Rehab and Tennova Newport Medical Center for the care they gave Vonn Ray.

Family and friends may sign the guest register on line at: www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Manes Funeral Home in charge.

Tribute Wall



“ *Vonn Ray Murrell*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *I JUST RECENTLY HEARD OF THE DEATH OF VONN RAY. I AM VERY SORRY TO HEAR OF HIS DEATH. HE AND I HAD WONDERFUL TIMES AT CARSON NEWMAN COLLEGE, MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY. JESS*

JESS FISHER - April 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Helen and family, My condolences, I just saw in QST magazine Vonn is a silent key. It has been so many years since I saw him. My family visited yours after we met at a local hamfest. I saw and talked with him on the air often and we met at hamfests. Goo*

Robert Scott - November 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *May his memory always be a blessing for all of you.*

Bill Hicks & Diana Steinfeld Hicks - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. What an incredible legacy he has left! You have my deepest sympathy and my prayers that God will comfort your family.*

Mitzi Satterfield - March 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I am also sorry I had to work and was unable to attend his funeral. I always enjoyed talking about Mt. LeConte with him on Wednesday nights. Please know you and your family are thought about daily.

Amy LaVonne Williams Pitts - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Hazel and children - You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your dear husband and father. May God grant you peace and comfort at this time.

Debbie Hommel - March 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I miss seeing you all at Seay' Resturant. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Vickie Turner - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, MAY THE LORD COMFORT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME, GOD BLESS.

MRS. CHARLIE TAYLOR - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ You are in our thoughts & prayers. Jimmy & Sharon Styles Evelyn Smith

sharon styles - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jody Weems - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Vonn Ray Murrell*

Janice Seay - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Vonn Ray Murrell*

Louise & Jimmy Hux - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. May God give you peace and comfort during this time. Our family's thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Chris, Lynna, Logan, and Claire Holt*

Lynna Holt - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Vonn Ray Murrell*

Mr.& Mrs. Gerald W.Taylor & Family - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Dear Family, We send deepest sympathies to all of you. Von Ray was respected in every part of his life. Bill & Charlotte Leibrock*

Bill & Charlotte Leibrock - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Vonn Ray Murrell*

Johnny Mitchell - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Vonn Ray Murrell*

Charlie and Lana williamson - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We will hold your family in our prayers.*

Emma & Shane Allen - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Sending our prayers to your family. With love, The Bells*

John, Vida, Luke and Meredith Bell - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *We are so sorry about Vonn Ray's passing. He will be greatly missed by so many who loved him. Our prayers are with Hazel and all the family. Love you Randy and Lib*

Randy and Libby Clevenger - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Betty Breeden - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ *Please know that you all are in the thoughts and prayers of our entire family. We are so sorry for your loss. Wendy, Eric, Emma, Ryan, and Elaina Ball*

Wendy Ball - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Please accept my condolences. I know this experience will change you forever. Just remember all the good times you shared with your father and all the love he gave you throughout the years. He is not gone. He will live in your heart forever. May the won

Debbie Michaels - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Lisa and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I know you all are such a close family. Your in my thoughts and prayers.

CINDY wise - March 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Our sincerest and deepest sympathy!

Bettye & Jay Carver - February 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Vonn Ray Murrell

Keva Shorter - February 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss family in our prayers

Jeff & Sherrie Weeks - February 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Vonn Ray Murrell

Samir McMillan - February 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Sorry for your loss. I will remember you in my prayers.*

Delmer Taylor - February 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Vonn Ray Murrell*

Dale and Nancy Raines - February 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ *Vonn Ray Murrell*

Gary S. Kyker - February 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Vonn Ray Murrell*

Mike & LeAnna Beeler - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *Truly an original*

Abby Balch - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ *Vonn Ray Murrell*

Hal Brown - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for you all.*

Amy Dorsey - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *All my love and prayers...*

Terryl Denton - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

woody and Tura Lawson - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ *Vonn Ray Murrell*

Earl & Ila Ruth Edmonds - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *Wiley and I send our heartfelt sympathies to Vonn Ray's wife, Hazel , and family. We share many memories of our growing up years on Woodlawn Ave. Wiley learned to ride a bicycle that belonged to Vonn Ray but V.R. told me that no girl was going to ride his*

Wiley and Betty Shaver Morgan - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *So sorry to hear of VonnRay's passing. Praying for you. June and family and Mary Lou Watts*

June Holt Russell - February 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Vonn Ray Murrell*

Don and Ella Mae Large - February 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ Vonn Ray Murrell

Fred & Peggy Giles - February 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Judy and I regret your loss, your family has our thoughts and prayers

george & judy calfee - February 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Vonn Ray will be missed.

LuAnn & Doug Grant - February 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ Vonn Ray Murrell

Faye Melton - February 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Vonn Ray Murrell

Parker and Nanette Wilds - February 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Vonn Ray Murrell

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman - February 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Hazel and family, I'm so sorry for your loss . You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Carolyne Maloy Fox - February 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *Vonn Ray Murrell*

Roy & Jeanenne Ownby - February 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM