



## Pastor William "Bill" F. Murr Sr.

December 15, 1933 - March 27, 2021

Pastor William "Bill" Franklin Murr, age 87, of Newport, passed away Saturday March 27, 2021.

He was a foundering member of Newport Rescue Squad and Shrines for over 50 years, school board member for 18 years, help found ARC, he pastored for over 50 years and was Pastor at Piney Grove Baptist Church for 40 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Mary Murr, sisters, Dora Lee (Bill) Greer, Francis (Carrol) Marshall, Della (Connie) McNabb, Edna (Lemmie) Wilson, brothers, Fred Murr, Charles Murr, brothers-in-law, Bob Strange, Jerry Balch and Herb Thacker.

He is survived by his wife, Marlene Murr, daughter, Regenia Murr, son, Bill Murr Jr. (Sara), granddaughter, Lauren Chandley (Hayden), great-granddaughter, Ellie Mae Chandley, sister, Mary Ellen Strange, brothers-in-law, Jeff Balch (Vickie) Jerome Balch, David Balch (Sheila) and Dennis Balch (Anne), sisters-in-law, Mary Esther Williams, (Sammy), Annette Parks (Jack) Carolyn Balch, Brenda Newsome (Dennis) and Sandy Thacker, several nieces, nephews, and a host of other family and friends.

Funeral services will be held 7:00 pm Friday, April 2, 2021 at Piney Grove Baptist Church, with Rev. Fred Cagle and Rev. Ben Whitted officiating. The family will receive friends at the church from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Friday prior to the funeral service.

Burial will be held 2:00 pm Saturday, April 3, 2021 in Union Cemetery.

Per CDC guidelines, please follow safe social distancing and face masks are

highly recommended.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Piney Grove Baptist Church  
1200 Punkton Road  
Del Rio, TN 37727

## Funeral service

APR 2. 7:00 PM (ET)

Piney Grove Baptist Church  
1200 Punkton Road  
Del Rio, TN 37727

## Burial

APR 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Union Cemetery Inc  
420 Mineral St  
Newport, TN 37821-3900  
(423) 623-6918

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor William "Bill" F. Murr Sr.*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Bill was a good man he will be missed.*

**Rick Ferguson** - August 07, 2021 at 03:37 PM



“ *I will always hold a special place in my heart for Preacher Bill and his family. He was my pastor for most of my life, and he married Andy and I. I know he's finally home with Jesus and that his rewards are countless. I love you Marlene and Gina* ❤️

*Love,  
Andy Blevins  
& Jennifer Shelton Blevins*

**Jennifer Blevins** - May 11, 2021 at 10:47 PM



“ *My heart is broken for you all. You are in my heart and prayers. Regina, you are and will always be my much loved and very special friend! You need to take care of your sweet Mama, now. And I know you will! Love to you all.*

**Becky Boggan** - April 05, 2021 at 01:05 PM

SH

“ I was so sorry to hear of the loss of Bill he was a dear friend and Preacher I had known him for several years. He was a friend to many of my family members. My Prayers are with Marlene, Regina, Billy and the rest of the family.

Love and Prayers  
Benny and Sharon (Cody) Hensley  
Greeneville Tn

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**Sharon Hensley** - April 04, 2021 at 09:17 PM

JS

“ Our Deepest Sympathy  
Doug & Joyce Shoemaker

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**Joyce Shoemaker** - April 04, 2021 at 08:53 PM

CT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Charlotte & George Tweed

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**Charlotte B Tweed** - April 04, 2021 at 10:51 AM

PJ

“ I was so very sorry to learn of Bill's passing. You all have been in my prayers since all of this began. I am not able to be with you all for the services but please know I'm there in thought and prayer. May God hold each of you in His loving arms and give you peace, rest and comfort. Love to all of you.

Polly Justus

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**Polly Justus** - April 03, 2021 at 09:24 PM

JS

“ Prayers, so sorry for your loss

John and Lisa Large Stewart - April 03, 2021 at 07:02 PM

BK

“ Brittany Kinder lit a candle in memory of  
Pastor William "Bill" F. Murr Sr.



Brittany kinder - April 03, 2021 at 04:10 PM

LR

“ We are heartbroken by your loss. Sending love, thoughts, and  
prayers to you during this difficult time.

Jerry Ray and Linda Ramsey

Linda Ramsey - April 03, 2021 at 03:37 PM

BM

“ We love you all and are praying for comfort. We know we will see  
him again!

Paul Buffy Caleb & Rachel Moore  
Charles & Shirley Henry

Buffy Moore - April 03, 2021 at 02:36 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of Preacher Bill. He was an amazing man of  
God. He will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with  
you all.

Roger and Brandy Henderson

Brandy Henderson - April 03, 2021 at 01:40 PM

BS

“ So sorry for your loss. Preacher Bill was an amazing man. Thoughts and prayers for your family.

*Bo & Amy Stewart*

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**Bo & Amy Stewart** - April 03, 2021 at 12:14 PM

LJ

“ Paster Bill Murr will dearley missed he was a great man

*Billy Lucille Jenkins*

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**Lucille Jenkins** - April 03, 2021 at 11:51 AM

JF

“ Jay and I were so sorry to hear of Bill's passing .. May God give you comfort and strength for the family during this most difficult time ....

*Love and Prayers,  
Jay & Janie France*

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**janie France** - April 02, 2021 at 08:05 PM



“ *Preacher Bill was a great Christian man and one of the kindest people I ever met.*

*He was so kind to my Grandma Clersie Messer and my Mom and Dad Lester and Betty Turner.  
And went out of his way to go see my Mom and check on her in the Nursing Home in Morristown.*

*He was a blessing to our family and so many others.*

*Our prayers go out to Marlene and his family and friends that God will comfort them as only he can.*

*The Turner family,*

*Don, Dale, Morrice and John*

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**Morris Turner** - April 02, 2021 at 04:59 PM

SH

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Preacher Bill was and forever will be a special person! He touched the hearts of everyone who knew him. Thoughts and prayers for your family. With love, John, Kathy, Shauna, and Sherry Turner*

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**Sherry** - April 02, 2021 at 03:44 PM

DM

“ *Prayers during this difficult time love from the Wilson-Sav Mor family*

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**Danielle Donley and Wilson Sav Mor** - April 02, 2021 at 01:41 PM

AW

“ *Our thoughts and pyers are with you at this time.*

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**Alvin Watts** - April 02, 2021 at 12:04 PM

SO

“ *Marlene, I am so sorry. You and family are in my prayers. Love, Susie*

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**Susie Pedigo Owenby** - April 02, 2021 at 11:49 AM

RG

“ *Eddie and I are so very sorry for your loss. We know that he will be greatly missed here on earth, but we know heaven is rejoicing because another child has come home. We know that we will see him again one day in heaven. We will be praying for the family.*

*Rev. Eddie and Gail Gray*

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**Rev. Eddie and Gail Gray** - April 02, 2021 at 11:16 AM

AH

“ *prayer for you all may God comfort you all Aggie and Evelyn Holt*

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**Aggie Holt** - April 02, 2021 at 11:06 AM

LR

“ *Pastor Bill was a wonderful man. He was a true comfort to our family at the passing of our brother. Our prayers are with his family.*

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**Linda and Randy Reed** - April 02, 2021 at 10:59 AM

LG

“ *We are so very sorry to hear about Mr Murr passing away. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if we can help in any way. He will really be missed.*

*Wilson s Sav Mor family*

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**Lisa Giles** - April 02, 2021 at 10:33 AM

JT

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Bill was always smiling and was a great man and he loved his family so much. We love y'all and prayers for all the family. Jim and Jewelene Travis

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**Jim and Jewelene Travis** - April 02, 2021 at 10:26 AM

AD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for your family. He was a great man.

*Amy Burnett Dorsey*

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**Amy S Dorsey** - April 02, 2021 at 09:35 AM

TR

“ To Preacher Bill's family and friends...there is little comfort in losing earth's grip on Bill but great joy in the promise of everlasting life together in Heaven.  
With our faith that will be a grand reunion. And through the love of our Lord it will be our greatest reward.

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**Tom & Linda Rosberg** - April 02, 2021 at 07:42 AM

DP

“ We were so blessed to have had Bill as our pastor many years ago at French Broad Baptist Church. What a blessing he and Marlene have been! Our deepest sympathy to Marlene, Regina and Bill. We look forward to the day when we will see him again.  
*Daniel & Mitzi Parks*

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**Daniel Parks** - April 01, 2021 at 11:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pastor William "Bill" F. Murr Sr..*



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April 01, 2021 at 11:46 PM



“ *My thoughts on a wonderful brother-in-law: 2 Timothy 4 verses 6-8*



*6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.*

*7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:*

*8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*

*Bill was a wonderful man of God, great father and family man. Our family will miss his presence immensely. Bill thank you for taking care of my sister, Marlene and Regina and Billy. The memories you have left us with will stay with us forever.*

*Jerome Balch*

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**Jerome Balch** - April 01, 2021 at 10:41 PM

GM

“ Many memories of church services with Pastor Bill. His service to the Lord and to the people will always be remembered. Our deepest sympathy to the family. Praying for you all Paul &Gail Metcalf.



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**gail metcalf** - April 01, 2021 at 10:18 PM

WS

“ Preacher Bill will be missed by many. He was my pastor for years at Piney Grove. He was a big help to me the years I was ministering. He's been a big influence in many peoples lives. He's at rest now in his Heavenly Home. We will keep the family in prayer.

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**Willie Strange** - April 01, 2021 at 07:41 PM

MC

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. Know that our prayers and thoughts are with the family during this difficult time and the days ahead.

*Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman*

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**Mary Chrisman** - April 01, 2021 at 07:30 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor William "Bill" F. Murr Sr..



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April 01, 2021 at 05:15 PM

WS

“ *Mary (Messer) and I love Bill and his family and will miss him. Our prayers are with the family in the days ahead. We are blessed to have had him in our lives.*  
*Warren and Mary Stewart*

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**Warren Stewart** - April 01, 2021 at 04:16 PM

PW

“ *Marlene, Regenia, Bill and family we are sorry. Sending many thoughts and prayers now and in the days ahead.*

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**Parker & Nanette Wilds** - April 01, 2021 at 02:41 PM

DO

“ *Our very deepest sympathy to all. Our connection with the Murr-Balch families stretches back around 80 years or more. Bill was such a good, sincere man and blessed our community in so many ways, as has Marlene. We treasure our memory of the day Marlene came to substitute for me when Amber was born. In the coming days, we pray that God's love and hosts of angels surround you and give you strength.*

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**Duay and Kay O'Neil** - April 01, 2021 at 02:33 PM

CS

“ *Patti and I are sorry for your loss. He was an excellent school board member, he always put the children first. Charlie Seehorn*

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**charlie Seehorn** - April 01, 2021 at 02:19 PM

DH

“ *A wonderful neighbor and friend. A very good man. Thank you Bill.*

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**David J. Hill** - April 01, 2021 at 12:06 PM

SO

“ *Many many many liquid prayers for this family that I love sooooo much. Marlene, Regina, Billy and all the family and hundreds of friend, my heart breaks for you. You are in my thoughts and prayers everyday. I am sooooo sooooo sorry. Rest In Peace Bill Murr. You will sure be missed. God please be with this family and give them strength and comfort.* 🙏💔❤️



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**Susie O'Dell** - April 01, 2021 at 11:48 AM

KY

“ *He was the best person and I was always glad to see him at Walmart and will see him again*



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**Karen Yates** - April 01, 2021 at 11:31 AM