

### *Tribute to Aunt Linda*

Piney sue, Ms. Murphy, Auntie, Coach, Director, Boss, Coworker, Confidant, Teacher, Life coach, Linda D, Big Murph, God sent Angel on Earth, Sister, Guardian Angel, Leader, Room mate, rise n shine mate, shipmate, adventurer, Chef, Sous Chef, employee, Master of Peace of mind , Guidance counselor, Friend, Second Mom, My Ying to my Yang. The list goes on and on. But, the best part is you got to be that and so much more to everyone you've ever encountered. Your beautiful spirit is so radiant, your smile and that special wink you gave me reassured me I'd be okay and you'd be fine as well. I didn't want you to see my eyes swell but your Heart and Soul knew it was Well. We've shared we laughed we traveled the world I gave you a few grays along the way yet you always stayed right by my side to always help be my tour guide. Though life won't be what it once was with you. Life is better living through you. Life was better with you ,Life was easier ,life was sweeter with grandma's "famous cookies" or your apricot cake, sweet potato pies oh the soufflé with the marshmallows too I want to cry today; I will smile today, I will laugh along the way, I will pray I will remember all you've taught me to get thur my day. I just wasn't ready for this day. The day we had to say... Farewell you thanked me every chance in every way. I told you Pine that's okay. You've given words moved mountains lifted valleys lows the love you've poured the love you exude how you would always include. No matter your mood. God's love is upon you where do we go? what do we do? how do we do ? is what they ask. I say you do what she said we listen to the words spoken we grieve n hold on to all the memories n stern talking too's the laughs ups n the downs you were that Ray of Sunshine when life's darkness seemed to consume. You always were that guiding light. God gave you a special job and a strong heart. So as we have to be apart I pray to God we won't fall apart. You sure have done your part. I will hold onto your heart lord knows I don't like this part. You say God knows what's best , but how can it be. this void to fill too large to fathom you'd know what to say you'd know how to guide. Lord be with us "Listen Linda" you sure did do. I know exactly what we gonna do. Hold to what we know is true. Linda, God surely made a Perfect You. There's no Linda like you. Lord please help us do what it do my dear Piney Sue how do you do. How do We do without you. We're gonna make it through that's what you would want us to do. I love you my Dear Piney Sue!

Written by  
Carolyn Murphy "LiL Murph"

### *Our Thanks*

We wish to acknowledge with gratitude and appreciation the many comforting expressions extended to our family, by friends, family co-workers, and community during our bereavement. Your messages of sympathy and all acts of kindness expressed through prayer, visitation, cards, flowers, and other kind deeds give us strength and encouragement. A special thank you is extended to our Calvary Church family, Naomi Still, Sabrina House, "The Girls", and Blair Rose Zaid



## *Celebration of Life For*

# *Linda Darnell Murphy*

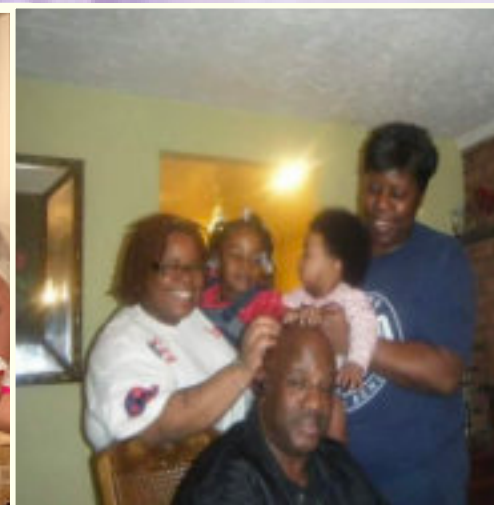
Alpha  
May 20, 1954

Omega  
November 2, 2021

Monday, November 15, 2021 - 11:00 am

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
10 Martin Luther King Avenue • Morristown, NJ  
Rev. Dr. Jerry M. Carter, Jr., Pastor





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## COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Neighborhood House Volunteer – Homework Program
- Founder and Coordinator of United for Success and Excellence 1992-1994
- College of Saint Elizabeth: 1997-1998 Advisory Committee
- Academy of Saint Elizabeth: 2014-Present Founding Member
- African American Wellness Coalition: 2014-Present
- Controlling Our Destiny: 2017-Present (Co-Chair 2018)
- Morris County Human Relations Commission - Chair
- Initiated into Pi Theta Omega Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Empower the Village, Village Strivers: 2021 - Present (Lead Consultant)

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES-MORRISTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

- 1991 – 1997 Peer Group Connection Coordinator
- 1996 – 2000 Coordinator of PACE Program
- 1995 – 2000 Coordinator of Diamonds Mentoring Program for GPU Energy/JCP&L

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Hope Chest Scholarship Banquet Honoree
- Calvary Baptist Church Women's Month Honoree
- Morris County Chapter of Jack and Jill 2019 HerStory Gala Award
- 1998 Who's Who Among America's High School Teachers
- 1993 Governor's Award for Outstanding Teaching (District Level)
- 2009 Phenomenal Women Honoree – Morristown Neighborhood House
- 2010 Morris County NAACP Honoree
- 2011 Black History Month Honoree – Morris County Prosecutor
- 2012 Humanitarian Award –George Gramby Day
- Linda Murphy Day October 4, 2013-Proclamation by Timothy P. Dougherty, Mayor of the Town of Morristown on behalf of all the residents of the Town of Morristown.
- Morris County Chapter of Jack and Jill 2019 HerStory Gala Award

HYMN..... “ Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ..... Congregation

### SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament - Psalm 27 1-8; 13-14 ....Deacon Stanley Prater

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 50-58.....Deacon Ann Dowdy

PRAYER OF CONSOLATION.....Deacon Sylvester Hughey

SOLO “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”..Sister LaShone Whitfield

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

& OBITUARY.....Deacon Carolyn Hopkins

EXPRESSIONS.....Regina Bibbs-Wilkerson

“A Tribute to Aunt Linda”

Carolyn, Aaliyah, Jaylah, & Nikira (Nieces)

SOLO ..... “Total Praise” ...Sister LaKeheecsia Harrison-Vick

MESSAGE OF COMFORT .....Rev. Dr. Jerry M. Carter, Jr.

RECESSIONAL ..... “I'm Free”

#### PALLBEARERS

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|---------------|------------------|
| ANDRE DIXON   | PATRICK CALLOWAY |
| RAEKWON DIXON | ANTHONY ROGERS   |
| CARLOS PEREZ  | TOM MURPHY       |
| DEVIN FINLEY  |                  |

#### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| STEPHEN LEE STARNES | MICHAEL LEACH  |
| JARREL CARTER       | ELI SIMS       |
| MARTIN LITTLE       | MATTHEW CARMEL |

### INTERMENT

Evergreen Cemetery  
Morristown, New Jersey

### **FELLOWSHIP WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS & COMMUNITY**

Immediately following interment at the  
Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey  
60 N Jefferson Rd, Whippany, New Jersey 07981

*Linda Darnell Murphy was born May 20th, 1954 in Greenville, North Carolina to Edward Louis Sr. and Sadie Mae Murphy. The Murphy family moved to Morristown, NJ where Linda attended public schools and excelled in academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities. After graduating from high school, she obtained a degree in Psychology from Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio and a teaching certificate in mathematics and psychology. In 1996, Linda received a Master of Arts in Teaching/Human Service Leadership, emphasis in technology from the College of Saint Elizabeth's in Convent Station, New Jersey and later continued her education there and received her supervisor and principal certificates.*

*As a renowned educator, she taught mathematics to middle and high school students for over 25 years before beginning her tenure as vice principal and subsequently principal of Morristown High School. Linda received numerous accolades and awards for her teaching, leadership, and development of student advocacy and mentoring programs. Students and staff alike remember her as kind hearted and determined to empower others through thoughtfulness and care.*

*Linda's acclaimed contributions to education extended well into the community where she established strategic relationships, programs, and organizations such as the African American Wellness Coalition (AAWC). Through her position as Executive Director of Operations and Outreach of the Morristown Neighborhood House (aka the "Nabe"), she coordinated outreach initiatives across the region to identify and address the needs of the rapidly changing community. Most recently, she developed programs that assist children, families, teachers, and staff during the Covid-19 Pandemic which continue to serve the*

*city to the present day.*

*Linda's life and legacy is most exemplified through her primary focus, service to Christ. She received Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. She was a devoted and active member of Calvary Baptist Church of Morristown, NJ where she joyfully served the Lord. She was instrumental in starting the "Summer Youth Program" which helped young minds grow within the realm of church, academics, and fun. Whether as an usher or trustee, Linda welcomed members and visitors alike with open arms and a loving smile. Her ministry extended outside the church where she fed the hungry, clothed those in need and housed family and friends in need of temporary housing. Linda dedicated her life to the service of others and her family.*

*In her spare time, Linda along with "Her Girls" Sandra, Roxaynne, Charlene, Loraine, Denise, Carolyn, Sandra, Linda, and Vicki enjoyed traveling, "Movie Days" going to Broadway, and much more. Linda also enjoyed hosting cook outs for The Morristown High School Math department. Gathering with family was also a joy.*

*Linda is survived by her brother Edward Murphy (April Finley); nieces Carolyn, Aaliyah, and Jayla Murphy, special cousin Patricia Ann Murphy, Missy Scott, Michael Leach, Brooke Murphy, Loretta Murphy all of Baltimore, MD, Ann Hughey (Sylvester) Greenville, NC,. Extended family Blair Rose Zaid (Shanti), Kiluna Zaid of Lincoln, NE, Dwane (Jarrel), Andre, Jessie, Quanisha, Patrick, Kimberly, Naji, Reakwon, Nikira, Zoe, Ace, Naliah, Nai'ari of Morristown, NJ, Kiara Washington Goddaughter of Boston, MA as well as a host of family, extended family and friends throughout the community, United States and around the world.*