



## Harold Dean Murray Sr.

February 8, 1931 - November 23, 2023

Harold Dean Murray, Sr., age 92, passed away on Thursday, November 23, 2023. Harold was born to William Henry Murray and Bertha Pearl (Harrison) Murray on February 8, 1931, in West Virginia. He graduated from Vanderbilt University with a degree in Electronics Engineering.

Harold was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather and great grandfather. He was active in his church and community, traveling many times to Africa, Europe, Asia, and South America on mission trips. He loved the Lord and was passionate about sharing his faith with others. He served three years in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. As a civil servant, he worked for the Naval Research Laboratory, Naval Air Systems, and Naval Electronic Systems for twenty-eight years. He was an Acquisition Manager for radio communication gear and a Project Manager for radio systems of many Navy ships. The Aegis Cruiser was the last project he worked on before retirement in 1989. After this he continued to work on similar projects for Chu Associates. Harold had hobbies that kept him busy including selling real estate, camp counseling, string quartet task master, stamp collecting, and working for Joe Alexander on several city advisory boards including one housing board that named a subdivision "MurrayGate" in his honor.

Harold is survived by sons and their wives Dean (Heidi), Jack (Barb), Phil (Ruth), and Bill (Sherri); grandchildren Clayton (Shawane), Michael, Nathan,

Morgan (Mitch Hanson), Stephen (Megan), Joshua, Lauren, Josh (Payton) Hoffmann; and great-grandchildren Darwin, Luna, Hugo Hoffman, Madelyn and Margaret Hanson. He will truly be missed.

Relatives and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22315 on Thursday, November 30, 2023, from 2:00PM - 4:00PM and 6:00PM - 8:00PM. A funeral service will be held on Friday, December 1, 2023, at 1:00PM at Jefferson Funeral Chapel. Interment will take place directly after funeral service at Mt. Comfort Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Samaritan's Purse in lieu of flowers. Please view and sign the family guestbook at [www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com](http://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Comfort Cemetery

6600 South Kings Highway  
Alexandria, VA 22306

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel  
5755 Castlewellan Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22315  
(703) 971-7400  
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## Visitation

NOV 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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DEC 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

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DEC 1. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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6600 South Kings Highway  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Harold Dean Murray Sr.



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**Jefferson Funeral Chapel** - December 01, 2023 at 11:50 AM

EL

“ My sister and I were piano students of Mrs. Murray for nearly 13 years from 1981-1994. Our hearts are full knowing Mr. Murray has joined his beloved in heaven. Mrs. Murray was like a 2nd mother to me in so many ways, sharing life lessons and providing her wisdom and guidance during my formative years. I remember she once told me that Mr. Murray would keep the boys in line without ever having to raise his voice; a stern look was enough for the boys to know he meant business. While so different from how I grew up, I am reminded of that as I raise my own children. On the off chance Mr. Murray would come home early enough to be towards the end of our lessons, Mrs. Murray had us play “The All-American Hometown Band” piano duet for 4-hands because, as she said, it was one of Mr. Murray’s favorites. He would stand near the piano with a huge smile on his face and cheer us on as we performed for him. Mr. and Mrs. Murray had such an impact on so many lives, having enriched my own in more ways than I can share. Much love to the Murray family.

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**Elissa Lee** - December 01, 2023 at 07:19 PM

DH

“ *Diana Haskell lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Murray Sr.*



Diana Haskell - December 01, 2023 at 09:09 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Harold Dean Murray Sr..*



November 29, 2023 at 03:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold Dean Murray Sr..*



November 29, 2023 at 02:25 PM

ND

“ *NyTiki Day lit a candle in memory of Harold Dean Murray Sr.*



NyTiki Day - November 28, 2023 at 06:47 PM

DB

“ *Deborah Boyles lit a candle in memory of  
Harold Dean Murray Sr.*



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**Deborah Boyles** - November 27, 2023 at 10:18 PM