



Acknowledgment

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to the loving care given to

Lee N. Murphy, Jr.

by the doctors and staff at the Cancer Treatment
Centers of America, Newnan, GA,
Dr. Alfred Wyatt and the Metropolitan Atlanta
Community Band for allowing him to perform his
beloved 'Carnival of Venice', Mrs. Ronnie Bryant
and the late Kenneth Wynn for nurturing his
musical ability, and Friendship Baptist Church for
their continuous love and support.

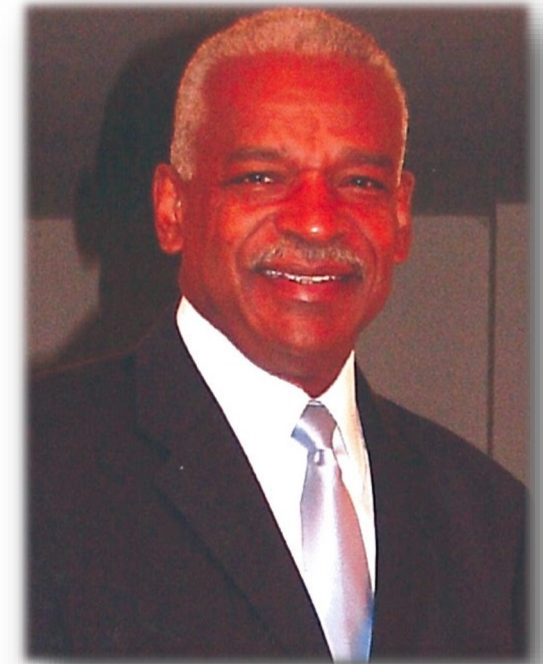
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In Loving Memory of

Lee Nidus Murphy, Jr.



Thursday, April 20, 2017
One O'clock in the Afternoon

Providence Missionary Baptist Church
2295 Benjamin E. Mays Drive, Southwest
Atlanta, Georgia

The Reverend Dr. Richard W. Wills, Sr., *Eulogist*
Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church



Obituary

Lee Nidus Murphy, Jr. was born October 2, 1948 in Atlanta, Georgia. He was the second of three children born to Lee Nidus and Mabel Bronson Murphy.

Lee, along with his sisters, grew up in Friendship Baptist church where he joined the church at the age of 10 and was baptized at eleven on Thanksgiving Day by Rev. Samuel Williams. He participated in Sunday school, the children's and youth choirs, Christmas and Easter plays and summer vacation Bible school. He was educated in the Atlanta Public Schools. In the fourth grade, his parents allowed him to participate in the Herndon Elementary School Band. He wanted to play the guitar, but his father wanted him to play the trumpet like Louis Armstrong. This instrument became the love of his life and he never regretted that decision.

In high school, he played in the Henry McNeal Turner High School Band and played the third trumpet solo part in 'Bugler's Holiday'. During those years, Lee bought albums featuring great trumpeters and would play along with them matching their sound and musicianship. He loved music and had a deep appreciation for all genres. To live with Lee was to be exposed to classical music, jazz, rhythm and blues, and rock. He fancied himself a music trivia buff and loved challenging questions concerning music.

After high school, Lee was employed by the Atlanta Police Department. Later, he was drafted and joined the Marines. After returning home, he left the Atlanta

Police Department and began working for the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority. He, also, enrolled and graduated from Morehouse College, fulfilling his father's wish. In an effort to broaden his horizons, he obtained a real estate license and worked for his friend at Jon Browne and Associates. Lee retired from MARTA as the Claims Manager with 30 plus years of service.

God allowed Lee to live a good life. He traveled, ran the Peachtree Road Race several times, spoke at local school career day activities, performed with the Friendship Baptist Church Retirees Choir, and supported his high school and college reunions. He continued his love of playing music by actively participating in the Atlanta Metropolitan Community Band, the African American Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Peachtree Wind Ensemble. He enjoyed live concerts featuring great artists and it was at one of these that he met his idol, trumpeter Wynton Marsalis. He loved his family, his friends, his church, his co-workers, MSNBC, movies, reading, Muhammad Ali and the Dallas Cowboys.

Lee is survived by his son, Damani; daughter, Andria; adored granddaughter, DèLa; sisters, Mabel (Joe) and Gail; nephews, Joseph and Samuel Oden; niece, Cheryl Bryant and grand niece, Kinsley Oden. He leaves to mourn him a host of cousins and many dear loving friends, neighbors, prayer warriors, and former co-workers.



Order of Service

The Reverend Dr. Richard W. Wills, Sr.
Officiating

Prelude Ms. Bernice H. Hall

Processional

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

InvocationThe Reverend Dr. Richard W. Wills, Sr.

*Congregational Hymn TNBH, No. 27
"Blessed Assurance"

Scripture

The Old Testament . . . The Reverend Angela Sutton
Psalm 23

The New Testament . . .The Reverend Kevin Calhoun
Mark 8:34-37

SoloMrs. Ann Pope
"It is Well with my Soul" Spafford

Reflections

Family DeaconDeacon Charles Hawk, Jr.

Family MemberMrs. Wendolyn Harding

Former SupervisorMrs. Donna Jennings

Family FriendMr. Samuel H. Smith

Musical SelectionHymnal Choir
"There's Something About His Name — Jesus Love Me"

EulogyThe Reverend Dr. Richard W. Wills, Sr.

Piano MedleyMs. Hall
"Dear Old Morehouse" (The Morehouse Hymn)

BenedictionDr. Wills

RecessionalThe Hymnal Choir
"When We All Get To Heaven" TNBH, No. 429

**Please Stand*