



Robert J Murray Jr.

February 4, 2019

Robert James Murray, Jr. 3/18/61 - 2/4/2019

On February 4, 2019, after a 28 month battle with stage 4 colorectal cancer, Robert J. Murray, Jr. "Robb" received perfect healing when he went home to his Savior.

Survived by his loving wife of 33 years Constance S. Murray (née Hare), his sons and daughters-in-law: Dr. Robert J. Murray, III & Dr. Calla Vodoor Murray of Philadelphia PA, Andrew D. Murray of Moorestown, Matthew D. Murray of Moorestown & Katherine Lodato of Cinnaminson, Anthony L. Phelps, IV & Andrea Mott Phelps of Dahlgren VA, and granddaughter Aubrey Lynn Phelps. Also survived by sister Deborah Bell (Tom) of Middletown NJ and brother Scott Murray (Nancy) of Howell NJ, brother-in-law William D.Hare (Stephanie) of Moorestown, sister-in-law Karen Hare Eder (Keith) of Riverside, father-in-law William H. Hare, Jr. of Moorestown, as well as many nieces and nephews, cousins, and close friends.

Robb was the middle child of Robert J. Murray, Sr. & Barbara L. Murray (née Dawkins). He was raised in Wall, NJ where he was a cub scout, played little league, ran track, and played HS soccer. He played the trumpet in the Wall HS band and was the chief crew member of Tice Racing at the Wall Speedway. He attended Brookdale Community College, transferred to Trenton State College and in 1985 graduated with a degree in Technology Education.

In 1986 he married his college sweetheart Conni Hare. Together they raised three boys, adding an adult child to their family after their boys had all graduated high school. A handy guy, with the help of family and friends, they completely renovated two houses - first in Maple Shade and then in Moorestown.

He worked at two schools before landing at Lenape Regional High School where he taught for 30 years. He brought the video media program to Lenape High School and it quickly grew into the studio broadcast run by students. He taught video media technology, photography, digital photography, woodworking, electronics, technology today, and CAD. He treated his students with kindness and respect. He believed every student had value and that there were no bad kids, just good kids who sometimes made bad choices.

Robb loved to hunt and target practice, but his favorite thing was spending time with his family. He coached his son's sports teams all through school spending every spare minute

with them on the soccer field, baseball field, lacrosse field, and on the side of the pool cheering them on when they swam for Sunnybrook Club as little guys. He was so proud of each and every accomplishment. He was a youth leader at church and an active teacher participant of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at school. He was a great man who considered everyone extended family.

He enjoyed woodworking and was always working on a project making furniture and home decor. In July 2015 he and Conni opened Barrel of Murray's, LLC, an online store selling home decor made from reclaimed wine and whiskey barrels and shipping pallets. As things were just starting to really take off for them, he was diagnosed with stage IV rectal cancer already metastatic to liver and lungs. The chemo caused so many side effects that his woodworking was sporadic and the business slowed. He was hoping his sons and others would help to keep his dream alive after his passing into glory.

Although Robb had always been a believer, it wasn't until faced with death that he truly understood the promise of eternity through Christ Jesus. He and his wife Conni started writing a book about the faith journey they were on. Know that the final chapter is not a sad one. Although Robb's earthly body lost the battle with cancer, he ultimately won the fight. The final chapter is a joyous one where Robb found perfect healing and ran into his Savior's arms.

Viewing Friday Eve 6 - 8 pm at the Cornerstone Church, 515 Mt. Laurel Rd. Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054. Funeral service Sat. 10 am at the church. Interment will be private.

Robb specifically asked that people do not send flowers to his viewing or service. He said flowers are pretty for a time but they do no good in the world. He wanted people to donate to the Moorestown and Lenola EMS squads or the American Cancer Society for colorectal cancer research.

Please be sure to designate your donation as a memorial contribution in his name so the family will be notified of your contribution.

Lenola EMS Squad

229 N. Lenola Rd., Moorestown, NJ 08057

Moorestown EMS Squad

261 W. Main St., Moorestown, NJ 08057

American Cancer Society <https://donate3.cancer.org/>

Cemetery

Events

Private Interment

NJ,

FEB 8 Viewing 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Cornerstone Church

515 Mt. laurel Rd., Mt. Laurel, NJ, US, 08054

FEB 9 Service 10:00AM

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Cornerstone Church

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Comments



“ Our deepest condolences to the Murray family. We will keep "Robb" and your family in our thoughts and prayers during this tough time. "Robb" was a kind and humble man and will missed by many.

Love,
The Pascal Family

Dan & Colleen Pascal - February 08 at 12:17 PM



“ I actually can not believe that I am writing this. I wish that I wasn't. I met Robert J. Murray Jr. in the halls of Armstrong Hall at Trenton State College in the early 80s. We had the same major...Industrial Arts Education...and shared some of the same classes. He was a friendly face! Our lives went in a different direction after graduation, but we met up again at Lenape High School....our home for many, many years!

While at Lenape we shared classrooms, class materials, friends and colleagues. We co-advised the TSA club, (Technology Student Association) for at least 20 years; taking many trips to TSC for officer meetings and then many trips to nationals. The trips included Orlando, Nashville, Memphis, Denver and more that I can't recall!!! However, I do remember the fun and super funny times we had with our many students, especially driving down the mountains in Denver with a van load of students and no brakes!!! I kept telling Robb to NOT take his eyes of of the road (according to Amanda) for fear we would go off the edge. Fun times!

Robb was always there for all of his students. He loved them. Thirty years x 5 or 6 classes a day with 20 or more students in each class. His loss will be felt far and wide. I know that I will miss Robb, our chats which were in the millions, and funny stories that we shared about life in and out of LHS. He was a part of my life for 30 years; a good friend. We had a wonderful department filled with a lot of heart. We genuinely loved each other, cared, shared, and covered for each other. Robb was always the first to offer help. He was kind, generous, and loved what he did on a daily basis, and had a wonderful laugh! He loved his peers, his students, his wife and kids and the parties!! Thank you for all that you did for us. We will miss you, Robb!! Godspeed.

Connie and family, I'm sorry that I will not be able to be there to say goodbye to Robb. Distance and prior obligations are keeping me from attending. You are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Linda Sande

Linda Sande - February 07 at 05:26 PM



“ I didn't have the honor to know your loved one, but upon reading about your wonderful, beloved family member, it's obvious that his light touched many lives, his light will never fade. Sending heartfelt condolences.



Vicki Pfeffer - February 07 at 11:36 AM



“ The families of Denise, Daniel, Linda and Ella purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert J Murray Jr..



The families of Denise, Daniel, Linda and Ella - February 06 at 05:14 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert J Murray Jr..



February 05 at 09:05 PM



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February 05 at 07:38 PM



“ Ralph & Barbara Palmer Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert J Murray Jr..



Ralph & Barbara Palmer Family - February 05 at 04:04 PM



“ Robb was a guy that offered his time freely, demonstrated by his agreement to join with me in taking all the family portraits for a church directory at our last church. Terrific to work with me and with the families over the many weeks of photo work.

Rest in Peace, Robb.
Bob Nichols

Robert Nichols - February 05 at 03:43 PM



“ Looking back over the years, I can't recall ever hearing an unkind word come from his lips. Robb was a true gentleman in every sense of the word. He was one of the "Good Guys".... and if you ever tasted his homemade whiskey, it was experience you will never forget... An all around Great Guy! He will be missed!

Don Scott Hare - February 05 at 03:38 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert J Murray Jr..



February 04 at 11:43 PM