



## William "Bubbles" Murphy, Jr.

December 30, 1945 - March 18, 2021

William "Bubbles" Murphy, Jr., 75 of Zanesville, died 3:26 AM, Thursday, March 18, 2021, at Genesis Hospital Emergency Department following a sudden illness. He was born Sunday, December 30, 1945, in Birmingham, AL, the son of William Murphy, Sr., and Eunice (Conethan) Murphy. He married Mary E. (Kelley) Murphy on Monday, November 19, 1979, and was a member of Greater Apostolic Church of Christ.

Bubbles retired following many years of service from the American Light Company. He was known for coaching all types of sports in the Zanesville area. He loved to coach football, basketball, softball and baseball and was an inspiration to many of the youth in our area. He loved to bowl, was an avid reader who always had a book in his hand, and was a master gardener who was very proud of his yard and garden.

Bubbles is survived by six children: Terry L. Murphy, Myron L (Mary) Murphy, Michael W. Murphy, Tyrone A. "T.J." Murphy, and John A. Murphy all of Zanesville, and Shiloh Marie (Dominique) Harris of Seattle; seventeen grandchildren and many great grandchildren; five siblings: Ocie Murphy, Jim Murphy, Jack Murphy, David Murphy and Sady Murphy, and life-long friend: Dale Goins.

In addition to his parents, Bubbles was preceded in death by his wife: Mary

Murphy who died June 4, 2013; one son: Victor Charles Murphy who died October 29, 2006; one brother: Robert Murphy and long-time friend: Gary Steele.

Friends may call Monday, March 22, 2021, from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 PM, at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville. Private Family Funeral Services will be held at a later date with Elder Terrence Brown officiating. Bubbles will be laid to rest beside his beloved wife in Woodlawn Cemetery. Due to current medical conditions face masks will be required and social distancing will be observed. To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit [www.hilliscombsnestor.com](http://www.hilliscombsnestor.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

548 Pershing Road  
Zanesville, OH 43701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 22. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Hillis Combs Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bubbles" Murphy, Jr.



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - March 22, 2021 at 09:14 AM

TA

Bubbles you will be missed ❤️ 🙏 prayers for all the people you touched , God bless !

Tami Archer - March 23, 2021 at 06:01 AM

AM

So be missed! So very very kind to everyone! Go West rangers!

Angela Lamp Moore - March 26, 2021 at 10:33 AM



“ William "Bubbles" Murphy, Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM

JS

“ Randy and I are so sorry for your loss. We both thought a lot of Bubbles. He was a very special man. I'm sorry we were unable to make it to calling hours. We are thinking of and have kept your family in our prayers. Randy and Jeri Schreiber

Jeri Schreiber - March 26, 2021 at 10:39 AM

KG

“ Kerry Gannon lit a candle in memory of William "Bubbles" Murphy, Jr.



Kerry Gannon - March 24, 2021 at 12:06 PM

KG

*What a great and kind man Bubbles was. May God bless you now and always. R.I.P. my dear friend.*

Kerry Gannon - March 24, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ Red Poinsettia (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of William "Bubbles" Murphy, Jr..



March 24, 2021 at 08:43 AM

SU

“ What a great friend and neighbor! The neighborhood won't be the same. Love and prayers to the family.

*Sue Loader*

Sue - March 23, 2021 at 07:40 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bubbles" Murphy, Jr..*



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March 22, 2021 at 09:53 PM



“ *Ken & Jana Fulks lit a candle in memory of William "Bubbles" Murphy, Jr.*



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**ken & jana fulks** - March 22, 2021 at 06:30 PM



“ *Bubbles was a great guy, always with a word of encouragement for the young softball players he umpired. He will be missed.*

*Sophia Knight, Jerry Knight*

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**JERRY KNIGHT** - March 22, 2021 at 04:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William "Bubbles" Murphy, Jr..*



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March 22, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bubbles" Murphy, Jr..

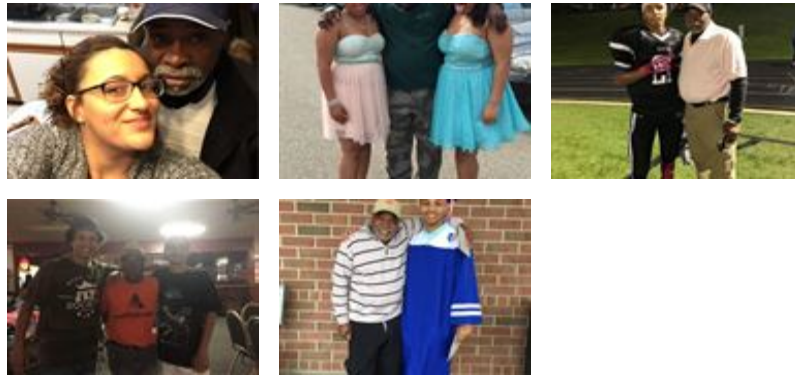


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March 22, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ 66 files added to the album Life Tributes



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Hillis Combs Funeral Home - March 22, 2021 at 09:10 AM



“ With three sons that played a lot of baseball we saw Bubbles often on the ball fields and while I have to admit I didn't agree with every call he made and may have even expressed my opinion to him, he was always gracious and kind and smiling...Zanesville has lost one of our heros, and we mourn the loss and certainly life up his family in prayer.

*Bobbi and Jim Lepi*

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Roberta Lepi - March 21, 2021 at 11:08 PM

RH

“ *Our deepest condolences and prayers for the family*

*Rodney and Chris Hollins*

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**Rodney and Chris Hollins** - March 21, 2021 at 07:41 PM

PP

“ *My sympathy goes out to the Murphy family Bubbles was a wonderful person he will be missed by so many people prayers for the family Paul and Linda Pitcock*

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**Paul and Linda Pitcock** - March 21, 2021 at 12:26 PM

KM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Murphy family in the passing of this great man Bubbles. So very sorry for your loss.*

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**kelly mclean** - March 21, 2021 at 09:16 AM

JM

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. Bubbles was one of the finest men I have ever known and I am proud to be included as a friend for nearly 40 years. I met him through Y-City Little League where Bubbles inspired me and several others to do whatever we could to help youths. He was also a tax client of mine for almost 35 years. I will truly miss all the great conversations we had. There are very few people who did or will ever do all the selfless things Bubbles did for the youth of our community. Rest in peace my friend.*

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**Jim Michaels** - March 21, 2021 at 08:29 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bubbles" Murphy, Jr..*



March 20, 2021 at 08:49 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Murphy Family, remember Bubbles as the nicest person that I knew!*

**Diane Collins** - March 20, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William "Bubbles" Murphy, Jr..*



March 20, 2021 at 07:15 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss ! Bubbles will surely be missed ! He was so involved with the youth of this town coached my son years ago for football . Great guy ! Our condolences to your family! The pierce and Mc Henry family.*



**Donna Pierce** - March 20, 2021 at 07:08 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William "Bubbles" Murphy, Jr..*



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March 20, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ *Bubbles will be greatly missed. He was just in our flower shop last week and we always talked umpiring and sports of all sorts. I remember when he use to come to our greenhouse and pick out just the right plants for in front of American Light. Our condolences to his family ... Zanesville has lost a great guy! We are so sorry Fondly Greg and Laura Orofino*

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**Greg Orofino** - March 20, 2021 at 06:13 PM



“ *To the entire Murphy family, I send my deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to you all. Bubbles was like a big brother , growing up in Coshocton. I will always remember his kindness and his smooth dance moves. Rest well in heaven, my friend.*

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**Patty Spencer Corley** - March 20, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ *To the family of bubbles,  
He will be missed greatly, it was a pleasure knowing him and bowling with him. The youth will miss him also,as a umpire of baseball and a mentor.  
May your memories get you through this time. May God bless you all 🙏*

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**Bruce Geese** - March 20, 2021 at 04:31 PM

ES

“ To the Murphy family my deepest condolences for your lost.Bubbles was my childhood friend.Sending my love to the entire family.

Ethel Spencer-Murray-Barlow - March 20, 2021 at 03:17 PM

KH

“ Kathy Hollins lit a candle in memory of William "Bubbles" Murphy, Jr.



kathy hollins - March 20, 2021 at 01:48 PM

BS

“ To the Murphy family so sorry to hear this Bubbles was a great man i just know him from bowling and we had alot of fun I will miss my hug on Wednesday RIP Bubbles!

Billie jo Smith - March 20, 2021 at 01:44 PM

VM

“ Shiloh and family, sending my deepest sympathy for your loss. Bubbles touched countless lives through his dedication to the area youth. Prayers for all of you.  
Vickie MacLaine

Vickie MacLaine - March 20, 2021 at 12:35 PM

RL

“ To the Murphy family sorry to read of your loss. Your family are in our prayers. I always enjoyed watching Bubbles play fast pitch softball, he was a very good lead off hitter. When Bubbles enters Heaven, their will be many people there to welcome him in and choose him for their fast pitch softball team to. Randy Lincicome



Randy and Joyce Lincicome - March 20, 2021 at 12:10 PM

JR

I only knew Bubbles as an opposing player of his Little League teams nearly 30 years ago. Although I was only 10 or 11 he left a huge impression on me. He was passionate, energetic, and complimentary in victory and defeat. I always wished I could play for him. To the family, I am so sorry for your loss. We lost a good man. Heaven gained a great leader.

Jon Rex - March 20, 2021 at 02:23 PM

JR

Th the Murphy family, our deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved Dad, grandfather and sibling! Bubbles was so full of life and laughter and a friend to all. He truly loved sports and loved to umpire! The Wednesday and Thursday senior bowling 🎳 leagues will certainly miss his contagious smile and laugh! The heavenly gates are open and a game is ready for you to umpire! Rest In Peace dear friend....you left an amazing legacy behind!

Joe and Shelley Riggs 🏈 ⚾️ 🏀 🎳

Joe and Shekkey Riggs - March 21, 2021 at 06:25 PM

KE

So very sorry for your loss. Keep good memories close. Prayers for strength and Peace 💜

Kimberly Edwards - March 21, 2021 at 09:11 PM

RC

*To Bubbles' family: When a great man dies, it is a great loss to his family & friends. Bubbles was one of those special individuals who never met a stranger & had the best interests of all those whose lives he touched at heart. I first met & quickly became good friends with him when we both played flag football for the old Muskingum Merchants team, shortly after the league first started in Zanesville. He was a fierce competitor & a true team player, one of the finest linebackers I ever played with. Opposing teams tended to run plays "away" from him! Off the field he was one of the kindest, gentlest persons you'd ever meet, but when the whistle blew, & the game began, he was very intense & totally focused on defending his territory. Over the years, we only saw each other occasionally, on the street, or at a ball game. But, where ever it was, It was always a pleasure to see & talk to him & renew our friendship. He is one of those people that will never be truly gone, because he lives on in the memories & hearts of so many, including me. The Murphy family is truly Blessed to have had Bubbles as a member, as are several generations of young ballplayers who benefited from his guidance, tutelage & inspiration. A life well-lived by a small giant of a man, with a lot of heart & soul thrown in for good measure. Rest well, Bubbles, & enjoy eternal life & peace, to be certain, you deserve all of that, & more!*

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**Randy W Cunningham** - March 23, 2021 at 10:17 AM