

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION  
for  
**Deacon Monteze Murphy**

**Sunrise:**  
December 1, 1918

**Sunset:**  
January 5, 2002



~Service~

Wednesday, January 9, 2002  
11:00 a.m.

South Union Missionary Baptist Church  
3550 Lydia Street  
Houston, Texas 77021

Reverend Michael V. Smith, Pastor Officiating

# REFLECTIONS OF A LIFE

Mose Monteze Murphy was born December 1, 1918 in Groveton, Texas to the late Mose and Lillie Murphy. He confessed Christ at an early age. Monteze was the second of ten children, and preceded in death by Ludwell, Alzada, Eva, Geneva, Valmenette and two unnamed boys.

He received his education in the Groveton public schools until entering the C.C. Camps, where he worked until entering the United States Army. During his military days, he experienced combat in the Philippines and was honorably discharged.

He returned to Houston, Texas where he met and married the love of his life Esther B. Yancy on September 16, 1950.

Monteze joined the South Union Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend P.B. Bryant, where he served faithfully on the Usher Board, Director of the Baptist Training Union, and was later ordained as Deacon under the leadership of Reverend S.C. Watkins.. He served as leader of Division 12 until his recent ill health.

His civic involvement included serving as Assistant Precinct Judge for Precinct #240 a number of years, and as Precinct Judge following the demise of Mr. Knight, Precinct Judge.

Monteze was employed at the Good Year Rubber Plant from 1955 until his retirement in 1984.

He was a very dedicated husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great great-grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and a very family-oriented man.

He leaves to mourn his memory a loving wife of 51 years, Esther B. Murphy; one son, Reverend John L. Mathis, Sr. (Clementene) of Abilene, Texas; one Goddaughter, Rena Garrett (Robert) of Nacogdoches, Texas; one sister, Brunette Tubbs and one brother, Earl Murphy both of Houston, Texas; four granddaughters, Simone Williams and Mavolyn Rankins, Shauna Williams (Norris) of Houston, Texas, and Sheila Bradford of Memphis, Tennessee; three grandsons, Bennie Jingles (Regina) of Bronx, New York, Kevin Mathis (Jolie) of Jefferson City, Missouri, John L. Mathis, Jr. (Shervonda) of Ft. Worth, Texas; five great-granddaughters, Melanie Guillory, LaToya Williams, Jada Williams and MayaSade Jingles of Houston, Texas, and Lenzie Rankins of New Orleans, Louisiana; three great grandsons, William Gibson, Montrell and Michael Bradford of Fort Worth, Texas; three great great-granddaughters, Brea, Destiny and Ariel Guillory of Houston, Texas; one great great-grandson, Malik Williams; four sisters-in-law, Jessie Jammer (Sammie), Veola Yancy, and Gladys Yancy of Houston, Texas and Marie Murphy of Atlanta, Georgia; and a number of cousins and other relatives, as well as his many friends.



## A TRIBUTE TO MY HUSBAND

To My Dear Husband:

*It is wonderful to have shared so many years together with you. The love companionship, and understanding that you brought into my life will always be treasured. I thank God for lending you to me for 51 wonderful years. Thinking of the precious memories we shared, the ups and downs, smiles and joy. We must now part for a while. I loved you so dearly, but God loved you best. You have now gone home to rest in peace. The Lord has left me with precious memories.*

*Love always,  
Your Loving Wife*

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## A TRIBUTE TO MY DAD

*For all the things you've done, I thank you. You were my father figure and close friend. We shared a special bond. You seemed to know just when I needed to talk or seek advice. I truly thank God for the years you were in my life. For all the special times, you were there. Now take your rest, no more pain, no more suffering. I'm not going to say good-bye, I'll just say good-night because I'll see you when I get there.*

*Love ya,  
John*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional ..... Clergy & Family

Selection - *Hold 2 Gods Unchanging Hand*

Scripture Readings

Old Testament *Ps* ..... Reverend C. Wheat

New Testament *John 11* ..... Reverend Edward C. Yancy

Prayer ..... Reverend W.D. Yancy

Polo *There's not a friend*

Resolutions

Selection

Remarks ..... Three Minutes, Please

Polo *I Keep on Watching*

Eulogy. .... *John 11* ..... Reverend Michael Smith

*Stand with Courage  
March with Conviction*

Funeral Directors in Charge

Recessional ..... Clergy & Family

**Please turn on headlights while driving in cortege.**

## **ACTIVE PALLBEARERS**

Deacons  
of  
South Union Missionary Baptist Church

## **HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Grandsons and Nephews

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

As we mourn the homegoing of our beloved husband, father and grandfather, we treasure the many loving and kind expressions of concern that you've extended to us. By your caring and sharing, our burden has been made lighter. When we are all alone, sweet memories of your love and kindness shall be of each of you. May God bless you in His own special way for helping so graciously.

*~The Murphy Family~*

Dinner will be served at the church immediately following the Interment.

## **INTERMENT**

Houston National Cemetery

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# Poem of Comfort

*“To Those I Love  
and  
Those Who Love Me”*

When I am gone, release me, let me go;  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears;  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess;  
How much you gave to me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have shown;  
But now it's time I traveled on alone.  
So grieve a while for me, if you must;  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part;  
So keep the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away; for life goes on;  
So if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near;  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear,  
All of my love around you soft and dear;  
And then when you must come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and say

**“Welcome Home!”**