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Pallbearers

**Bee Fogan
Damani Johnson
George W. Nicholas**

**David Gordon
Fred Gordon
Frank Murphy**

Acknowledgements

The Family of the late Benjamin Franklin Murphy, Jr. wishes to acknowledge and thank neighbors and friends for all expressions of sympathy. May God Bless each of you.

**Arrangements
Memorial Chapels of Buffalo
66 E. Utica St
Buffalo, N.Y. 14209**

**Interment
Forest Lawn
Buffalo, New York**

**IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE
OF**



**DR. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MURPHY, JR.
October 16, 1917 - February 13, 2000**

**Thursday, February 13, 2000
Christian Wake: 11:00A.M. - Funeral Service: 12:00 Noon**

**Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church
641 Masten Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14208**

REVEREND DR. JAMES S. WEBB, JR., PASTOR

Dr. Benjamin Franklin Murphy, Jr. was born October 16, 1917 in San Antonio, Texas; the oldest child of Benjamin F. Murphy, Sr. and Edith Lawrence Murphy. The Murphy family moved to Buffalo, New York when Dr. Murphy was six years old in order to reside in a safer environment. Dr. Murphy attended School #17 and Lafayette High School where he loved and excelled in baseball and football. As a youth Dr. Murphy and his family were active members of St. Phillip's Episcopal Church where he served as an altar boy. As a child he was very active in boy scouts and when he was old enough, he helped his family out financially as a newspaper boy delivering both the Courier Express and Buffalo Evening News. After graduation from high school Dr. Murphy enrolled at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee where he majored in chemistry and continued with his love of sports. He was a star member of his football and baseball teams throughout college. After graduation from college his father asked him what he wanted to do with himself. Dr. Murphy answered that he thought he would go to medical school despite having been recruited to play professional baseball for the Negro Baseball League. He went on to graduate from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee in the early 1940s. Dr. Murphy worked his way through both college and medical school by working summers on the railroad and on great lakes cruise ships.

Dr. Murphy met his wife to be, Clyde Wilkins Boddie, while an intern at Homer G. Phillips Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. They were married in 1944. Dr. Murphy returned with his new wife to Buffalo, New York where he remained throughout his life.

Dr. Murphy was an internist who worked long hours and maintained a private practice, served as a physician for the Buffalo Public Schools and later in his career headed the out-patient Geriatric and Methadone Clinics at Sisters' of Charity Hospital. Throughout his 50 year medical career Dr. Murphy willingly volunteered of his time whenever asked for medical services. His patients remember him as a man who made house calls and treated people with no money to pay. After his retirement in the early 1990s, Dr. Murphy volunteered his medical services at the Geneva B. Scruggs Community Health Center.

In addition to an active medical career, Dr. Murphy was active in the community serving on numerous boards including the Michigan Avenue YMCA and Baker Hall. He was a life time member of the NAACP and the American Lung Association. He was a member of the National Medical Association and the Upstate Medical Alliance. He was a charter member of the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Sigma Pi Phi fraternity and a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha fraternity. Dr. Murphy received numerous awards including the United Negro College Fund Outstanding Alumni Award, Upstate Medical Alliance Dr. of the Year Award and the NAACP Community Service Award. During his adulthood he was an active member of Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church where he served on numerous committees and donated a stained glass window in honor of his parents. Throughout his life Dr. Murphy continued to love sports, hunting, fishing and gardening.

Dr. Murphy was a good, hard-working, funny and humble man who loved his family and treated those who went to him for medical care with expertise and loving dedication. He will live on in our hearts.

Dr. Murphy is survived by his sister, Vivian Rowan; wife, Clyde Boddie; children, Clyde Edith, Pamela Elizabeth and Benjamin Franklin III; daughter-in law, Betty Jean; grandchildren, Damani Benjamin and Elizabeth Katherine; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held at noon on Thursday February 17th at Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church.

Order of Service

Rev. Dr. James S. Webb, Jr. Officiating

PRELUDE

SOLEMN PROCESSIONAL

OPENING HYMN NO. 700..... Abide with Me

INVOCATION

LORD'S PRAYER.....Organist

HOLY SCRIPTURES

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15: 42-45

Gospel: John 14: 1-4

GLORIA PATRI.....Organist

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SOLO.....Wardell Lewis
"My Task"

WORDS OF COMFORT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND OBITUARY To Be Read Silently

HYMN: NO. 77.....How Great Thou Art

EULOGYDr. Paul F. Thompson
New Hope Baptist Church

RECESSIONAL HYMN.....Organist

BENEDICTION (At The Gravesite).....Dr. Paul F. Thompson