



## Charisse Washington Murphy

August 3, 1953 - June 26, 2015

Funeral services will be held at 10:35A.M. Thursday, July 2, 2015 at Starlight Baptist Church in Opelousas, LA, for Mrs. Charisse W. Murphy, 61, who entered eternal rest, Friday, June 26, 2015 at her residence in Opelousas, La.

Interment will be in Starlight Baptist Church Cemetery. Rev. Paul L. Murphy, Sr. will officiate at Mrs. Murphy's celebration on life.

Mrs. Murphy is survived by husband; Rev. Paul Murphy, Sr.; her sons, Paul (Chimira) Murphy, Jr. of Opelousas, Jawill (Myretia) Murphy, and LaDonte (Paula) Murphy all of Opelousas, LA; her daughter, Chamir Murphy of Opelousas, La; brother, Michael Washington of Brentwood, New York; sister, Muriel Risien of Richmond Virginia and her grandchildren, Cranay, Tierney, Dontre, Chimani, Daijah, and William. She was also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and special friends.

Mrs. Murphy was preceded in death by her parents, James and Mable Washington and her brother, James "Gilbert" Washington.

Visiting hours will be observed from 8:00 A.M. to 10:35 A.M. Thursday, July 2, 2015 at Starlight Baptist Church in Opelousas, LA.

Share words of comfort with the Murphy family at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com).

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Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas,  
337-942-2037

# Cemetery Details

## Starlight Baptist Church Cemetery

1522 Highway 3043  
Opelousas, LA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 2. 8:00 AM - 10:35 AM (CT)

Starlight Baptist Church  
1522 Highway 3043  
Opelousas, LA

## Service

JUL 2. 10:35 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Starlight Baptist Church  
1522 Highway 3043  
Opelousas, LA 70570

# Tribute Wall



“ *Charisse Washington Murphy*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *Thank you for allowing us to serve your family during this difficult time. May the wonderful memories of your times together bring you peace and comfort in the days ahead.*

*Sincerely, Alvin "Chubby", Vernon, Gregory, Joseph, Juan, Don, Kelly, Edna and Jacquelyn (Williams Funeral Home & Staff*



*Williams Funeral Home Owners and Staff*

**Kelly** - July 07, 2015 at 01:01 PM

RT

“*Chamir and Family....I cannot find the words to express my deepest empathy in your time of loss. Charisse always made me feel welcome, and you know she was the first person to call me, "Cali Girl." I will never forget her warmth, humor, caring, strength, generosity, inner spirit and overall loving and good natured soul. I look at her picture and her spirit just fills me with warmth and sadness. I remember when I was contemplating getting baptized, and I was speaking with Rev. Murphy. My question was how do I know God exists? And it is at times like these that I again wonder, but then I hear what Rev. Murphy told me...faith. I have to have faith and know that God is in control of all. I have to believe that she was sent home for a greater reason and purpose even though it is so hard and painful. Even though Charisse will no longer walk this world...I will see her in children and grandchildren. That beautiful all encompassing light and joy she always had around her. Charisse I love you, I appreciate you and I will truly miss you.*

*Rikki Thomas*

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**Rikki Thomas** - July 04, 2015 at 08:26 PM

JP

“ Dear Murphy Family, you have proven to be a pillow of strength during this time of bereavement for you. We pray that the Lord treat and assuage all wounds, heal you, and reveal to you an abundance of lasting peace. Amen.

*Rev. Murphy, you preached, "God is love". Let us give thanks & praise! Your sermon brings to mind a meditation by St. Francis De Sales: 'How to Face the Storms in Life'.*

*Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look o them with full hope that as they arise, God whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in his arms.*

*Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day.*

*He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.  
Be at peace, and put aside Al anxious thoughts and imaginations.*

*We pray: May God dwell in your hearts through faith, and may love be the root and foundation of your lives for all times to come. Amen.  
Alleluia! Amen.*

*Be encouraged. We love you all.*

*Joe & Cynthia Payne & family*

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**Joseph Payne** - July 02, 2015 at 10:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charisse Washington Murphy.*



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July 02, 2015 at 08:57 AM



“ *Dear LaDontae and family,  
I am so.... very sorry for your lost. Although, I did not know Charisse, her picture radiates such love and peace. I pray God to surround You and Yours with His Peace, His Comfort, and His strength during this storm in your lives.*



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**Linda Lally** - July 02, 2015 at 08:29 AM



“ *I only got to see Charisse at LaVonne Chandlers once in a while but she blessed me so very much. She was a very wonderful person and I know she loved her family very very much. My prayers are with you all.*  
*Margie Haines*

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**Margie Haines** - July 01, 2015 at 02:17 PM

PB

“*Woman of God! Filled with wisdom and knowledge!"..I have always regarded Mrs. Murphy as a "perfect" example of how God is able to "shift" situations in our lives that are of His Will, His Way, and for our good, as in the beginning of my career, God placed me under her "wings of excellence" as my Supervising Teacher at Northeast Elementary, a blessing of which I am eternally grateful! My sincere and heartfelt condolences I extend to the entire Murphy Family during this time of transition and challenge, but as the Holy Spirit is our Greatest Comforter, cling to the memory of the promise, for He is with you, always! And in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord, I lift you up in prayer. --*

*Mrs. Patsy E. Bazile*



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**Patsy Bazile** - July 01, 2015 at 01:31 PM

SR

“*She was my daughter teacher at Northeast Elementary was a nice teacher*

*Keepin the family in prayer hold on to Gods unchanging hands he will see you through*



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**sarah Robinson** - July 01, 2015 at 11:19 AM



“*Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Charisse Washington Murphy.*



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July 01, 2015 at 08:01 AM

MD

“ There is a sacredness in tears and I shed tem for my Soror Charisse (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority) and the Murphy Family. Tears because they speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are my messengers of overwhelming grief and unspeakable love.  
My prayers are with the family.  
Mary B. Dupre

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**Maryb Dup** - July 01, 2015 at 03:10 AM



“ To Rev. Paul Murphy Sr., LaDonte, Paul, Chamir, & Jawill  
My family and I send out our heartfelt prayers and condolences to each of you on the passing of the Matriarch of the Murphy Family Mrs. Charisse. I pray that GOD grants each of you peace and understanding.

*Psalm 118:17-21*

*17) I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.*

*18) The Lord hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.*

*19) Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord:*

*20) This gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter.*

*21) I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.*

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**Donald Broussard** - June 30, 2015 at 10:25 PM

DA

“ *She was never my teacher, but I knew her all my life. My prayers go to her and her family. May god bless and hold close yet another beautiful soul called home.*

D'Marcus Andrus - June 30, 2015 at 09:29 PM

BC

“ *The Bellevue Street Baptist Church is praying for the Murphy Family. We recommend to you to trust in the Lord with all your heart. He will...*

Bellevue Street Baptist Church - June 30, 2015 at 07:58 PM

KL

“ *I've known Mrs Murphy practically all my life she was my second grade teacher. She will be missed. Loved her smile. Condolences to the family.*

Kimberly Lastrapes - June 30, 2015 at 07:15 PM

KA

“ *OMG!!! I only met Ms. Murphy once, but I worked for a few years with Mr. Murphy. He was my Postmaster at the Port Barre Post Office. You have my deepest sympathy and time heels all.*

Kathy Andrus-Collins - June 30, 2015 at 06:58 PM

JJ

“ *John W. and Cecile Joseph purchased the Delicious Delights Basket for the family of Charisse Washington Murphy.*



John W. and Cecile Joseph - June 30, 2015 at 02:28 PM



“ *Syliva Seimien lit a candle in memory of Charisse Washington Murphy*



Syliva Seimien - June 30, 2015 at 02:16 PM

WS

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Williams Funeral Home Owners and Staff - June 30, 2015 at 01:17 PM

SS

“ *So sorry for your loss. asking God's comfort for you in your time of need.*

Sandra White Sam - June 30, 2015 at 09:23 AM

JT

“ *Rev, and family, I was sadden by the news of Mrs. Murphy transition! To the Murphy family please accept my condolences and hold fast to the great memories of your love one. I pray the days ahead gets easier for you guys! The Thibodeaux's*

Janice Mumsey Thibodeaux - June 30, 2015 at 09:23 AM

BP

*PAUL. praying for Family. as you all go rthrow this storm.*

bobbie perry - June 30, 2015 at 06:49 PM

CJ

*My sincere condolences to the family. Mrs. Murphy will always be remembered. Her beautiful smile, personality and spirit set her apart from the rest. She was an outstanding educator. A part of her lives on in all of her former students. A woman of class and excellence, gone from this earth but never to be forgotten.*

*Chantelle Jones  
(former student)*

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**Chantelle Jones** - June 30, 2015 at 08:22 PM

KH

*My heartfelt sympathy to the family, may the strength of the Lord be your comfort at this difficult time. Rest peacefully Mrs. Murphy.*

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**Khiela** - June 30, 2015 at 08:23 PM