



Mr. John W. Murray

November 5, 1946 - July 19, 2010

Mr. John Murray, age 63, of Utica, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 19, 2010 at the Canandaigua Veterans Medical Center with the love and support of his children, his brothers, and his sisters.

Born in Utica on November 5, 1946, Johnny was the son of the late John and Berte Petkovsek Murray. A veteran of the Vietnam War, Johnny served his country in the United States Army as a heroic infantryman. He was one of the local military men who received the highest award for service in Vietnam. His citation reads as follows: "For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Private First Class Murray distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on May 12, 1968 while serving as an automatic rifleman for Company B, 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry. On that date, while occupying a section of the battalion-size perimeter, his position came under intense hostile mortar, rocket, and automatic weapons fire. When an incoming mortar round hit a position next to his, Pfc. Murray unhesitatingly left the relative safety of his position and ran through a hail of enemy fire to reach and treat his fallen comrades. When a large enemy force made a driving assault on a weakened portion of the perimeter, he rushed across 100 meters of open area under intense hostile fire in an effort to reach and reinforce the weakened perimeter."

Johnny is survived by his family, Kathleen and Juan Veris, Denise and George Contreras, Kevin Murray; and their mother, Kathy Zambrano; John Murray, James Murray, Randy Bullock; and their mother, Deborah Murray; Jessica

Murray-Lewis, Erica Murray, Stephen Murray, and their mother, Debra Foley; his grandchildren, Jada, Alexandra, Nicole, Monique, George, Justin, Joshua, Johnny, Morgan, Jessica, Gianna, and Kyler; several great-grandchildren; sisters, Jeanne M. Christopher, and Joannie Grande; brothers and sisters-in-law, Ret. UPD James and Marcia (Debbold) Murray, Jeffrey and JoAnn (Cardone) Murray, Joseph and Sue (Kaye) Murray, and Ret. UPD Jerome and Cheryl (Michel) Murray; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; his uncle, Robert Petkovsek; his aunts, Therese Boehlert, Frances McCann; and his great-aunt, Lala "Alice" Paulsen. He was predeceased by his brother-in-law, Paul F. Christopher, Sr.

The family is extremely grateful to the nurses and staff of building 3A of the Canandaigua VA Medical Center. Their level of service was exceptionally compassionate and their kindness and consideration unparalleled. The care of Johnny and his entire family will remain in the family's hearts which will heal better knowing that he was so well cared for.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Canandaigua VA Medical Center in lieu of flowers; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Johnny's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday morning at 8:30 from the funeral home and at 9:30 at Our Lady of the Rosary Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Committal prayers and interment will take place graveside in Mt. Olivet Cemetery with military honors.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery with military honors

Wood Road
Whitesboro, NY 13492

Previous Events

Service

JUL 23. 9:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Rosary Church
1736 Burrstone Road
New Hartford, NY

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. John W. Murray



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - July 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Xoxo big John

Erica Lyn - July 16, 2013 at 11:43 PM



“ I love and miss you dad.

Jessica Murray - July 09, 2013 at 03:38 PM



“ Miss you everyday dad. We finally met the rest of our family!! Just like you wanted. I know you are so proud. I love you with all of my heart. Until we meet again someday. XOXO

Jessica Murray - June 13, 2013 at 04:35 PM



“ Xoxo dad <3

Erica M - March 25, 2013 at 02:21 PM

BB

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time & may God continue to bless & comfort you all.

Bill & Carol

Bill & Carol Bramer - July 25, 2010 at 03:51 PM



“ Dear cousins,
I was so sorry to hear of John's death. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May he live on forever in your memories.

Love the Ritzel family

mary ritzel - July 25, 2010 at 12:09 PM



“ Dear Family of John,
I was so sorry to read of John's passing. Please know that he and you his loved ones are in my prayers.

*Sincerely,
Michele Simmen*

Michele Simmen - July 23, 2010 at 10:33 AM



“ This is Barbara Cornell Duff--I was so sorry to hear about John-----
-I remember John growing up on wall street-----love u and rest in
peace---the last time i saw you was when i was coming out of
school on second street-----you got out of the car and gave me a
hug-----love to your family

Barbara Duff - July 22, 2010 at 03:53 PM



“ *To the Family of Johnny Murray,
It has been a number of years since I've seen Johnny while
returnning from Vietnam in '68,
I shared my memories while we grew up together which are very
fond to me and I will cherish forever.
Now, you are at rest with the Lord and peace is finally yours!
I wish to remember John in my own way while cherishing all our
younger years of growing up in the cornhill area.
My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Johnny.*

*May God rest your soul and may you rest in peace with all the
faithful departed.*

Your friend forever,

Mike Hickey

Michael Hickey - July 22, 2010 at 10:42 AM



“ *Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory
no one can steal. ~From a headstone in Ireland*

*Our deepest sympathy and our prayers are with you. We have
many fond memories of Johnny from the old neighborhood. Can't
think of him without smiling. God Bless.*

The Moylan Family

Karen Moylan - July 22, 2010 at 10:29 AM



“ *To all my cousins,
so sorry to hear about Johnny. My thoughts and prayers are with
you all.*
Love,
Barb George

Barb George - July 21, 2010 at 08:27 AM