



## Dolly Murphy

November 11, 1934 - June 17, 2009

DOLLY LEE MURPHY Beloved mom, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. On June 14 our precious mom left her earthly home, surrounded by her loving family, to start her eternal life in heaven, finally reuniting with her beloved Don. Dolly was born November 11, 1934 in Axton, Virginia to Minnie Belcher Rumley and James Berkley Rumley. In 1949 while selling programs and collecting gate fees for the Axton Mountaineers baseball club, mom met the love of her life Don Murphy. They were married August 6, 1953 and began their 51 year adventure together. One son Phillip was born and passed away in 1954. They were then blessed with the luckiest kids ever, Mindy, Cindy, Debbie, and Jamie. Mom followed dad around the country and overseas during his long military career, making many wonderful friends along the way. After his retirement in 1970 they moved to Huntsville where it did not take long for them to become involved in the community, especially with young people. Miss Dolly, as she was affectionately known, did so much and had a positive impact on many lives during her lifetime. In high school she was All-state basketball, All-state public speaking, Class Beauty and Most Popular at Axton High. She even modeled as a young adult in Copperas Cove, Texas. During the 1960s she was on a traveling bowling league as well as a traveling softball team. In the 1970s she was a Girl Scout leader and helped found the American Junior Bowling Congress in Huntsville. From 1975 – 1990 Don and Dolly helped reorganize the Huntsville Boys Baseball Association. Proceeds from the concession stand they operated contributed to the construction of a

new playing field. Many Sam Houston State basketball players enjoyed home cooked meals in mom's kitchen when they could not get home for the holidays. She never met a stranger and had a way of making everyone feel special with a hug, and a "hello doll baby" or "angel penny". For the last few years Dolly loved being a member of the "Young-Uns" her gospel singing group. She looked forward to the fellowship and company of everyone that attended the weekend singing events. Dolly worked part time at the Little Pizza Heaven in Riverside. The owner Wes Bartee, his family, her co-worker friends, and the loyal customers brought her much joy and satisfaction. Her desserts and chicken & dumplings will be missed by all. Dolly was dedicated to her family, living her life around her kids, grandkids and great-grand kids. She loved her church family at Dodge Baptist Church, and the Lord with all her heart. She was preceded in death by her parents, son Phillip, brothers Robert and Pedro Rumley, and her beloved husband Donald R. Murphy. Left to cherish her precious memory are daughters Mindy and husband Byron Bush of Abilene, Texas; Cindy Wells of Huntsville, Texas; Debbie and husband Mike Wells of Montgomery, Texas; son Jamie Murphy and wife Amy of Jacksboro, Texas. Grandkids, Donnie Wells and wife Meshelle, Angela Bush Miller and husband Brad, Jonathan and Amber Guzman, and Brent Nail Murphy. Great grandkids, Javon Wells, DJ Murphy, and Shawn Miller. She is also survived by sisters-in-law Jackie Heavener of Flint, MI., and Nellie Rumley Poole of Huntsville as well as many nieces and nephews. You have only been wrong once in your life Mom, it was not easier this time. We love and miss you so much. The family would like to give special thanks to everyone for their wonderful support and comfort. And special thanks to the nurses and staff of Huntsville Memorial Hospital and Lighthouse Hospice, and a very special thanks to Bro. Willey Dorman. Service will be in Huntsville, at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Wednesday, June 17, 10AM. Burial will follow at Brooke Cemetery on FM 980. Jason Bay officiating. Pallbearers; Donnie Wells, Jonathan Guzman, J.B. Rumley, Dewayne Rumley, Joe Dale Chick, Wes Bartee. Honorary Pallbearers; Bob White, Chris Prewitt, Cody

Ginsel, Joe Pervis. Memorial condolences may be made to the family online at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dolly Murphy*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *To the Murphy family: I will miss seeing Ms Dolly around town. Cindy, I can't help but remember all the times at the ballpark with Donny & David Ray playing ball with Mr. Don & Ms Dolly right there urging them on. God always has a plan and it was her time to go. God is good and will give you strength to carry on.*

**Katrina Thomson** - June 18, 2009 at 08:30 PM



“ *My prayers are with you at this time of great loss. She sounds like a wonderful woman and I know you will cherish all the great memories.*

**Deanna Wickes** - June 18, 2009 at 03:20 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you.*

*Hunt Family*

**Pete Hunt** - June 17, 2009 at 10:49 PM



“ *James and family, Just wanted to let you know we ae thinking of you and your family. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers. Love, The Drechsler family.*

**Stephanie Drechsler and family** - June 17, 2009 at 06:42 PM

HS

“ MINDY  
WE ARE THINKING OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN THE LOSS  
OF YOUR MOM. I KNOW THIS IS A HARD TIME FOR YOU AND  
YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS.

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**HAROLD AND LISA SALMON** - June 17, 2009 at 06:06 PM

JL

“ Jamie,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family; your mom  
was such a gentle kind hearted person. Even as young kids "doing  
wrong" she always seemed to have a special way of correcting us.  
She touched so many lives, she was truly an angel herself. May  
God Bless you and your family and thanks for sharing your mom.  
Jimmy Langley

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**Jimmy Langley** - June 17, 2009 at 03:50 PM

JE

“ I first met Miss Dolly when she worked at Cracker Barrel and I  
worked across the road at Champion. We were regular visitors at  
lunch time  
and she really did make the best pies and chicken  
and dumplings! Even years later, when we ran into each other  
somewhere in town, she always remembered me with a smile. She  
was a sweet, sweet lady. My prayers are with you in your loss.

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**Judy Ellington** - June 17, 2009 at 01:15 PM

JB

“Mindy, Cindy, Debbie & the Murphy Family,  
I was so sad when I heard about the passing of your Mom. She was always smiling and always had such a happy disposition. I used to watch her at the ballpark concession stands & wonder how in the world she could tolerate the way some of those kids acted! She had to have had a heart made of love and a LOT of patience! She was always a lot of fun to bowl with, also!! Your family is in our thoughts & prayers.

*Jamie Brinegar & Family*

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**Jamie Ellisor Brinegar** - June 17, 2009 at 01:02 PM

MM

“Murphy family - I am so sorry about your mother. I have thought so much about her over the years and so sorry to have been too late to see her. Just last Sunday I was speaking to someone from Huntsville asking about Dolly.

*God bless each of you and we know your mom is up there watching over all of us. She was certainly a wonderful woman and friend.*

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**mildred irvin martin** - June 17, 2009 at 10:18 AM

SD

“TO THE FAMILY OF "MISS DOLLY";

*THIS GOOD TRUE CHRISTIAN LADY WAS MY FRIEND. WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF GOOD TIMES TOGETHER. I WILL REALLY MISS SEEING HER IN CHURCH. WE ALL KNOW SHE HAS A BIG SMILE ON HER FACE NOW! I WONDER IF SHE IS WALKING BEAR-FOOT ON THOSE STREETS OF GOLD? HER AND DON ARE HAPPY TOGETHER NOW. I AM SAD FOR YOU ALL; BUT I'M SO HAPPY FOR DOLLY. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL. LOVE, SUE & NORMAN DIEHL.*

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**SUE BARTEE DIEHL** - June 16, 2009 at 04:26 PM

LG

“ With deepest sympathy on your loss. Your mother was one of the best individuals we have ever had the opportunity to know. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Larry & Martha Grisham** - June 16, 2009 at 02:00 PM

MF

“ There will come a day when the tears of sorrow will softly flow into tears of remembrance...and your heart will begin healing itself...and grieving will be interrupted by episodes of joy...and you will hear the whisper of hope. There will come a day when you will welcome the tears of remembrance...as a sun shower of the soul... a turning of the tide...a promise of peace. There will come a day when you will...risk loving...go on believing...and treasure the tears of remembrance. I have fought the fine fight, I have run the course to the finish, I have observed the faith.-2Timothy 4:7. As for me, I will lie down that I may sleep; I shall certainly awake, for Jehovah himself keeps supporting me. -Psalms 3:5

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**Magallon family** - June 16, 2009 at 11:39 AM

HO

“ Dear Mindy & Family,  
I met Miss Dolly nearly 40 years ago when I worked as a Girl Scout leader with she and Ruth Moss. Dolly was a strong, courageous, and Christian woman. She did not meet any strangers and was a good Samaritan to all. May the Lord's choicest blessings be with you always.

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**Hattye P. Owens** - June 16, 2009 at 10:43 AM

BK

“ We met Dolly & Don about 27 years ago in the concession stand at Kate Barr Ross. What a joy Dolly was to all the boys and girls of little league/softball (and the parents too). They always knew when Miss Dolly was in the stand that they would get the best snowcone ever! Her love for everyone showed in everything she did. Even when she was having treatments you would get that beautiful smile that we all loved so much.

Our hearts and prayers go out to you all as we know how you will miss her, but she is Home now with her Lord and Savior and with Don.

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**Bob & Phyllis Kennedy** - June 16, 2009 at 09:13 AM

JM

“ Murphy and family, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Your mother was a beautiful, strong woman. We are thankful that she was able to see Murphy so very happy before she passed.

You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you here at home.

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**Jon and Sara Mathis** - June 16, 2009 at 09:01 AM

RO

“ Our aunt Dolly will be missed so so much. I will very very much miss the phone calls we laughed and cried. She is a angel penny and a doll aways in our hearts.she held the family link that i hope is never broken.

love u doll goodnight as she would tell me

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**Roger&Judy** - June 15, 2009 at 08:28 PM

CW

“ *Debbie and family,*

*Please know that you are in our prayers!*

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**Carl & Sarah Woods** - June 15, 2009 at 04:07 PM

JS

“ *Mindy and family. My prayers are with you at this difficult time. Just treasure the many blessings your Mom brought to you.*

*Love and Prayers*

*Janice*

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**Janice Smith** - June 15, 2009 at 04:05 PM

MM

“ *Mindy and Byron, I'm so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time and the days to come.*

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**Mary McMillon** - June 15, 2009 at 03:49 PM

LL

“ *James and family,*

*I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*OFS employees*

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**Linda Lee** - June 15, 2009 at 09:46 AM

BT

“ Dolly will be missed so much. She called everyone angel penny and she is the most precious angel penny of all. She blessed everyone she met. I know GOD was jealous because we all enjoyed her "Dolly Murphy angel penny strawberry delight" so much and HE wanted some. So HE called her HOME to be HIS master chef. All of us from First Baptist Church of Glendale loved her. She and the Younguns blessed us with song. Ms Dolly Blessed us with her presence. Dolly's sweet spirit will reign on in our hearts. She will always be with us and we will be with her again eating "Dolly Murphy angel penny strawberry delight"

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**Brian & Phyllis Trimmier** - June 15, 2009 at 09:21 AM