



Jimmie "Jim" Murphy

September 26, 1951 - October 9, 2021

Jimmie "Jim" Murphy, 70, former Miami resident, now Cleora area resident passed away at his home on Saturday, October 9, 2021. Jim was born on September 26, 1951 in Miami to James Woodrow "Woodie" and Verga Helen (Mitchell) Murphy. At the age of sixteen Jim had started his first Scuba Shop in his family's garage, by eighteen he had his first store front scuba store/gas station. Jim married Kay Lynn Birkes on May 29, 1971 in Miami. Mr. Murphy would continue to be a scuba instructor for many years. During that time, he worked at B.F. Goodrich until its closing. In 1985, Jim opened NEO SCUBA Center in Miami, and eventually relocated the store to Joplin, MO with a name change to Dive Masters. From the time he was 16 until his health no longer allowed, Jim had taught at least a thousand people to SCUBA dive including Search and Rescue teams in the four-state area. In the following years, Jim worked at Radio Shack and then managed Express Cellular and Satellite in Miami. He ended his working career as a custodian at Nichols Elementary in Miami before taking a medical retirement. Jim was a faithful servant at Northwest Baptist Church in Miami. He had attended there since his birth. He was known over the years for always being involved with the youth at his church. He also was the sound and audio video tech as well as a deacon and friend/father figure to many. Jim and Kay had recently joined Lake Center Baptist Church on Monkey Island where they were able to attend church with their kids, grandkids, and extended family. Jim was preceded in passing by his parents Woodie and Verga Murphy.

Those left to share in Jim's legacy are his wife of fifty years, Kay Murphy, his sons Chad Murphy and his wife Sarah of Afton and Tyson Murphy and his wife Brianne of Monkey Island, a brother Woodie Murphy of Tulsa and three grandchildren Sade Murphy, Conner Murphy and Kylee Murphy.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the missions fund at Lake Center Baptist Church, 29020 S. Hwy 125, Monkey Island, OK 74331. The family also asks, that if you have not signed up to be an organ donor, to please consider doing so.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Jim on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 10:00 AM at Northwest Baptist Church in Miami with Reverend Michael Knight officiating.

Services have been placed in the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

Friends and family may send the family notes and videos of encouragement by viewing Mr. Murphy's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

Northwest Baptist Church
1030 H Street NW
Miami, OK 74354

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Jimmie "Jim" Murphy*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - October 12, 2021 at 05:26 PM

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“ *I miss Jim's sweet smile when he came thru the door at church. He was always so kind and dearly loved our Lord.*

Winnie Hunt - November 03, 2021 at 12:03 AM

JM

“ I grew up with Jimmie and Kay at Northwest Baptist Church in Miami. I figured that Kay and Jimmie would grow up and get married and live happily ever after. I have found myself cherishing the memories of youth choir and summer camps with these special people. In the last few years I have enjoyed seeing their posts on facebook. It made me feel as if I was getting to visit and kind of catch up with them. Both Kay and Jimmie were very special to my mom. I remember Jimmie being there to help with my mom's funeral.

I am so sorry for the earthly loss of Jimmie. I can only imagine how difficult this loss is for Kay and the family. It is comforting to know that Jimmie will be joining our Lord for his rewards and heavenly comfort.

Love you Kay!

Jan Myers

Jan Long Myers - October 12, 2021 at 11:01 PM

JM

“ Jan Long Myers lit a candle in memory of Jimmie "Jim" Murphy



Jan Long Myers - October 12, 2021 at 10:46 PM

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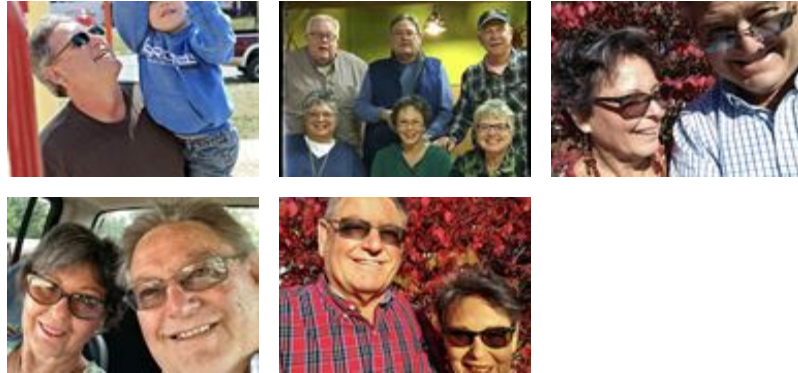
“ So sorry to hear about Jim's passing. We pray for comfort and strength for the family during this difficult time 🙏

Terry & Linda Klaus

terry klaus - October 12, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ 98 files added to the album LifeTributes



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - October 12, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ From Deb, Justin & Jared Weston purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Jimmie "Jim" Murphy.



From Deb, Justin & Jared Weston - October 12, 2021 at 02:29 PM



“ Thinking of you, Kay, Chad, Tyson and families.

Merith Cowden - October 12, 2021 at 09:06 AM

SA

“ We met Jimmie at his dive shop. He had a group going on a dive trip to Roatan, so we signed up for classes. We made many more dive trips with Jim and his family. Great memories! Jim made learning to dive so much fun! I will always remember being underwater and seeing his eyes behind his dive mask smiling and making me feel confident in the skills he taught me. Rest In Peace Jim, you will always be remembered! Sue and Gene Anderson

Sue & Gene Anderson - October 11, 2021 at 01:55 PM