



Carl Murphy Jr.

September 18, 1954 - August 18, 2025

Carl Murphy Jr., son of the late Carl Murphy Sr. and the late Florence (Mitchell) Murphy-Watkins, was born on Saturday, September 18, 1954, in Washington, D.C.

Affectionately known as “The Law,” Carl moved with his family to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1962, where he quickly made an impact on everyone he met. From a young age, he showed a passion for sports and a love for life that would define him for years to come.

Carl was educated in the Harrisburg School District, where he began his legendary football career as a running back. His talent and determination on the field earned him recognition and respect, culminating in his graduation from Harrisburg High School. He went on to attend Cheyney University, where he continued to pursue his love for football and had the unforgettable opportunity to play alongside greats, including Tony Dorsett.

Carl’s athletic spirit extended beyond football; he had a deep love for basketball and even founded a traveling league called Murphy’s Law. Rooted in his beloved Uptown community, the league became more than just a team—it was a family. Carl brought together peers who loved the game, offering them a space to compete, talk a little trash, and connect, all while celebrating the sport. Through Murphy’s Law, he created a legacy that reflected his

dedication to sports, camaraderie, and community.

Full of life and fun, Carl's vibrant personality, quick wit, and undeniable charm were matched only by his charismatic presence and lion's heart. He lived life fully and unapologetically, never shying away from taking risks or embracing adventure. Whether gathered around the table with family, cracking jokes that had everyone in stitches, or cheering passionately for his beloved Dallas Cowboys, Carl knew how to make every moment count. He found joy in life's simple pleasures—watching “Sanford and Son” reruns, savoring a good meal, and surrounding himself with the people he loved most. Known as the life of the party, his laughter was infectious, his stories unforgettable, and his humor had a way of brightening even the darkest days.

On Monday, August 18, 2025, Carl Murphy Jr. departed this life at seventy years of age. Along with his parents, Carl was preceded in death by loved ones who have gone before him.

Carl's light will continue to shine in the hearts of his loving companion, Sharon Washington; his children, Kisha Simmons, Elijah Murphy, Carl Murphy III, and Stephanie Jones; his brothers, Antonina Murphy (Kau) and Avilla Murphy; his sister, Patricia Towers; his 23 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, whom he adored and referred to as “no whammies!”; his honorary son and daughter, Darren Jenkins (Angela), Kyshia Jackson, and Cherrie Eubanks; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members, and friends.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

SEP 4. 8:30 AM (ET)

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Viewing

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Carl Murphy Jr.



Wallace Funeral Directors - September 04, 2025 at 10:42 AM

AT

“ Anthony Thompson lit a candle in memory of Carl Murphy Jr.



Anthony Thompson - September 11, 2025 at 09:47 PM

GF

“ Gary Flood lit a candle in memory of Carl Murphy Jr.



Gary Flood - September 07, 2025 at 03:55 PM

TS

“ Tracy Steele lit a candle in memory of Carl Murphy Jr.



Tracy Steele - September 04, 2025 at 11:52 AM

PS

“ WE THE PIPER FAMILY PRAYED FOR ALL OF YOU 🙏 ONLY GOD CAN GIVE THE STRENGTH YOU NEED IN TIMES AS THIS 😞 IF YOU CALL THE NAME JESUS IN EARNEST HE WILL BE THERE

Phyllis Miller (Piper) & SIBLINGS - September 04, 2025 at 11:44 AM

EG

“ Emmett Green lit a candle in memory of Carl Murphy Jr.



Emmett Green - September 04, 2025 at 10:56 AM

DB

“ TO THE FAMILY I SEND MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES. TO GO THROUGH SCHOOL AND TO HANG OUT WITH HIM AND DAVID WALKER WERE SOME OF MY BEST MEMORIES. R.I.P. DEAR FRIEND 💔



Deborah Ballard - September 04, 2025 at 10:12 AM

BC

“ Benj Collier lit a candle in memory of Carl Murphy Jr.



Benj Collier - September 04, 2025 at 08:57 AM

LO

“ Murrppphhh!!! One of uptown’s finest!! One thing for sure you NEVER had a problem with telling anyone, how you looked at them. You loved talking about your no whammies! When I showed your sons fight you smiled so big!!! Not when you seen him rumbering, you were more interested in your Grand daughter yelling THE CHAMP IS HERE. Elijah would come cut your hair and you would make it a point to say THATS MY SON. I would order pizza and we would sit at the nursing station eating, and talking or junk. I’m going to miss you soooo much. “If they caught you with it, they can get it” LOVE YOU ALWAYS!!!!!!! My GUY FLY HIGH! Lovey

lovey - September 03, 2025 at 09:18 PM

CA

“ Carolwarren lit a candle in memory of Carl Murphy Jr.



carolwarren - September 03, 2025 at 04:44 PM

LL

Will be truly miss. 👍❤️🙏

Lionel Lester - September 04, 2025 at 07:53 AM

WJ

“ *Condolences from the Banks family*



WINSTON A BANKS jr - September 03, 2025 at 01:05 PM

RB

“ *Rose Banks lit a candle in memory of Carl Murphy Jr.*



Rose Banks - September 03, 2025 at 11:03 AM

MP

“ *Michael E Poole lit a candle in memory of Carl Murphy Jr.*



Michael E Poole - September 03, 2025 at 10:22 AM

MB

“ *Michele Branch lit a candle in memory of Carl Murphy Jr.*



Michele Branch - September 03, 2025 at 08:38 AM

KC

“ *Kay L Carelock lit a candle in memory of Carl Murphy Jr.*



Kay L Carelock - September 02, 2025 at 11:05 PM

FW

“ *Frances Waters lit a candle in memory of Carl Murphy Jr.*



Frances Waters - September 02, 2025 at 08:15 PM