



## Carl Murphy

October 1, 1947 - June 22, 2025

Wade “Carl” Carlyle Murphy III, 77, of Duncan, SC—a devoted husband, father, craftsman, and advocate for others—passed away peacefully on June 22, 2025.

### A Life of Purpose

A native of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and the son of the late Wade C. Murphy Jr. and Christine Eloise Tyndall Murphy, Carl lived a life rooted in purpose, service, and love. He was devoted to God, his beloved wife Carol, his children, and—as anyone who knew him could attest—the Atlanta Braves. He is survived by his wife, Carol Zirbs Murphy of the home; his daughter, Catherine S. Murphy of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania; his son, Scott C. Murphy (Jamie) of Greenville, South Carolina; his brother, Mike Murphy of Wade, North Carolina; and his sister, Janice C. Murphy of Kent, Ohio.

### Passions and Talents

A man of many gifts, Carl’s first lifelong passion—photography—began as a young man, when he served as the lead photographer for The Foghorn, the student publication at the University of Alaska. He later earned a degree in Sociology from the University of San Francisco, drawn to a calling to help others. That calling took him across the country to East Carolina University, where he earned a master’s degree—and met the love of his life, Carol. Carl enjoyed capturing the beauty of the world through a camera lens and took special joy in documenting family life in photographs.

His second passion—woodworking—began with the birth of his first child. His

first project was a walnut swinging cradle, followed three years later by a handcrafted rocking horse. His final creations, completed before his illness, were a testament to both his craftsmanship and his love for family: custom cherry kitchen cabinets and a stunning queen-sized walnut canopy bed with matching side tables.

When not in his workshop or behind the lens, Carl could be found cheering on the Braves, reading newspapers or a good book, exploring museums and galleries, or enjoying live music and the arts with his family.

### A Legacy of Service

Carl's career in vocational rehabilitation was a natural extension of his generous spirit. He was honored three times by the South Carolina Department of Vocational Rehabilitation with the "Case of the Year" award, in recognition of his success in helping severely disabled clients return to meaningful work. These honors reflected his unwavering belief in the dignity, worth, and potential of every person he served.

A lifelong learner, Carl believed deeply in the power of education and modeled that belief for his children. He took great pride in their academic achievements—especially that both earned master's degrees, and his daughter went on to complete an Educational Specialist degree (Ed.S.).

Carl leaves behind a legacy of love, craftsmanship, humility, and hope. His steady hands built more than furniture—they built a life filled with meaning. He will be deeply missed and forever cherished by all who knew and loved him.

### Gratitude

The family extends heartfelt thanks to Lesha Tucker, Carl's devoted caregiver from First Light Caregivers of Greenville, who came without fail every day and became a much-loved member of the family. Deep gratitude also goes to the Greenville VA Homebound Primary Care team, and to Drs. Victoria Arlauskas, Sandip Jain, and Farhan Siddiqui, who compassionately supported Carl throughout his long illness.

### Service Details

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, June 28, 2025, at The Wood Mortuary Chapel, with military honors conducted by Rev. Joanne Hull.

Webcasting of the service will be available at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

Visitation will take place from 9:30 to 10:45 AM, prior to the service.

The family will be at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to:

GBS/CIDP Foundation International

375 East Elm Street, Suite 101

Conshohocken, Pennsylvania 19428

The GBS/CIDP Foundation International supports research and services related to Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) and Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP).

Online condolences may be shared at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 28. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
(864) 877-3351  
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

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# Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Carl Murphy*

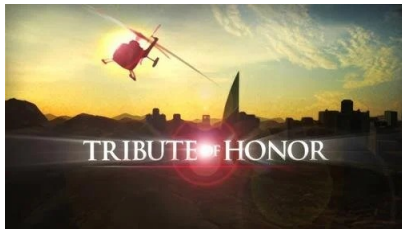


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**The Wood Mortuary** - June 26, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Carl Murphy*



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**The Wood Mortuary** - June 26, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ *Kathryn M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl Murphy.*

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**Kathryn M.** - June 28, 2025 at 10:18 AM



“ Jon and Jennifer Rice purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Carl Murphy.



Jon and Jennifer Rice - June 27, 2025 at 10:05 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Life Tributes



The Wood Mortuary - June 26, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



The Wood Mortuary - June 26, 2025 at 11:04 AM

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“ Carl always showed a keen interest in people, places and life. He was always looking for ways to help in any way he could. He enriched our lives and we will always remember his love of and pride for Carol and his daughter and son. We were privileged to have shared a part of his life's journey.

Richard S. and Wanda R. - June 25, 2025 at 02:22 PM

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“ Patricia S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl Murphy.

Patricia S. - June 25, 2025 at 09:15 AM

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“ Carol, sending blessings to you and your family. Carl's legacy will always be a life well-lived, and an example for all about what being the helper looks like.  
Love from the steadfast West Virginia mountains. ~ Gale

Gale Poe - June 24, 2025 at 07:24 PM

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“ Carol and Judy Friddle lit a candle in memory of Carl Murphy



Carol and Judy Friddle - June 23, 2025 at 10:24 PM