



## LaMar Murray

January 3, 1923 - May 8, 2006

Heading: LaMar W. Murray

Dateline: Greer

LaMar Wells Murray, 83, of 400 Waymon Drive, died May 8, 2006 at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

A native of Washington, D.C., she was the daughter of the late Blake Conway and Irma Duerfeldt Wells. In the early 1950's, she was one of the first full time ministers of music and one of the first female ministers of music in North Carolina. It was in this capacity that she met her husband of 54 years, James O. (Jim) Murray. After their marriage, she became a homemaker, but also taught piano and was active in assisting her husband in his music ministry. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Greer.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two daughters, Dr. Sharon Murray of Clinton and Denise Smith and her husband, Rev. Carl Smith of Greer; and three grandchildren, Joshua Blake Smith, Maria Leigh Smith, and Mark Jamison Smith.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church, Greer, conducted by Rev. Larry Roberts, Rev. Carl Smith, and Dr. Steve Mays. A private burial will be held at Wood Memorial Park.

Honorary escort will be the Fidelis Sunday School Class.

Visitation will be held 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Wood Mortuary. The family will also greet friends in the church parlor after the memorial service on Thursday.

The family is at the home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Missions Fund or Music Department, 202 W. Poinsett Street, Greer, S.C. 29650 or to the charity of one's choice. / Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Greer First Baptist Church  
202 W. Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC

## Visitation

MAY 11. 2:45 PM (ET)

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Greer, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Murray & Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I know it has been over 20 yrs since I have seen all of you, but I think of you often. I remember LaMar as always smiling and a dear, sweet and wonderful lady. I did not know about her passing until the day of her service. I would love to see you some day. May God bless you .....Take care of yourself.....Miriam###imported-begin###Miriam (Duncan)Thomas###imported-end##*

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May 13, 2006 at 07:16 PM



“ *Ms Denise,  
We were very sorry to hear about your mom. We have been praying since Easter for the Lord to do his will. I know he has a special job for her and her special gifts. We send you much love.*

*Terri, Trever & Tate Mansfield###imported-begin###Terri Mansfield###imported-end##*

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May 12, 2006 at 01:14 PM



“ *Sharon,  
I am so sorry about your beloved Mother. I just found out at 3:00 today.  
Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. If I can do anything for you in Clinton, please let me know. Please share my sympathy with your Father and the rest of the family.###imported-begin###Jamie Adair###imported-end##*

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May 11, 2006 at 03:56 PM



“ Sharron, My thought and prayers are with you during this time. I'm sorry I was not able to go to the service with the group in the van. Warren was going to drive it and I was going to stay home to pick up Nick, etc, but then we found out that Nick's basketball banquet was at 6 instead of 7. Warren didn't think he could be back in time since he knew the group would want to stay to visit with you after the service. I am thinking of you though. May God be very near you during this time.

With love, Jane Lineberger  
Jane Lineberger

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May 11, 2006 at 03:32 PM



“ Mr. Murray and Family,

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss.*

*Lamar always brightened my day when she walked into the store. She was always learning something new to do. I will never forget how excited she was when she learned to quilt and embroider on her new machine!*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. She will be greatly missed by me and all who knew her.*

*Sincerely,*

*Debra Currie*

*Vacuum and Sewing Center in Greer and Greenville  
Debbie Currie*

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May 11, 2006 at 11:14 AM



“ *Mr. Murray and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I know this is a tough time for you, but  
know she is now in heaven singing in that heavenly choir. I will be  
praying for you today, and days to come.##imported-begin##Rev.  
Avery Paris##imported-end##*

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May 11, 2006 at 11:09 AM



“ *Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and  
prayers.##imported-begin##Bob and Linda Landers##imported-  
end##*

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May 10, 2006 at 10:13 PM



“ *Dear Jim, Sharon and Denise,  
My heart is with each of you. Please know that you are in my  
prayers. LaMar always had the most beautiful smile ready for me. I  
know that she will continue to smile down from above over all of us.  
My love to each of you,  
Elizabeth##imported-begin##Elizabeth Williams##imported-end##*

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May 10, 2006 at 04:27 PM



“ Sharon,

*Dana and I were saddened to learn of your mother's passing. As you know, we both lost a parent recently and even though they were old and it was time, we can never be ready for such an event. Her obituary painted the picture of a classic Southern church musician lady; you were blessed to have her.*

*Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We miss you here and hope you come back for a visit soon.*

*Hank###imported-begin###Hank and Dana Packman###imported-end##*

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May 10, 2006 at 04:11 PM



“ We will greatly miss LaMar. She was one of our favorite customers. Her love for sewing always excited us and inspired us to try and keep up with her. All of us at Vacuum & Sewing Center will miss her. Our thoughts and prayers and with her family and Mr Murray. W.D., Marietta, Cleo, Joyce, Jon, Jennings, Brenda, Debbie.###imported-begin###Employee's from Vacuum & Sewing Ceter###imported-end##

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May 10, 2006 at 02:30 PM



“ We are friends of Dr. Sharon Murray from St. John's Baptist Church. To the family, we are so sorry for your loss, and will be praying for you as you go through this difficult time.###imported-begin###Michael and Lydia Farnsworth###imported-end##

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May 10, 2006 at 01:23 PM



“ *Dr Murray and Family- Words can not express the emotions you are feeling at this time. May God grant you the peace and comfort you need. We are praying for you and your family and wish you all the best.*

*Christie, Chris, & Walker Nelson##imported-begin##Christie Nelson and Family##imported-end##*

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May 10, 2006 at 11:10 AM



“ *Cliff and I are so sorry to hear of your family's loss. Lamar was a lovely, wonderful lady. I can still see her sitting in her pew at church. She always had a quick smile and never complained even through the surgeries on her feet. We and our church were blessed during your service at our church. Please let us know if there is anything we can do. Love, Cliff and Janet Price##imported-begin##Janet & Cliff Price##imported-end##*

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May 10, 2006 at 11:05 AM



“ *Sending all of my love and prayers to your entire family. Mrs. Murray was a blessing to me and to family. Words cannot express how much she meant to me.##imported-begin##Rayna SmithAbbott##imported-end##*

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May 10, 2006 at 09:32 AM



“ *My Prayers are with you and your family during your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Cynthia Langston##imported-end##*

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May 09, 2006 at 04:48 PM



“ *The Entire Murray Family is in my prayers. May You Let God Keep and Guide you thru this hour of need.##imported-begin##Angela L Mack##imported-end##*

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May 09, 2006 at 04:26 PM



“ *I am Praying for your family. I am sorry for your loss. God has a wonderful new angel. She is in heaven watching over you all.##imported-begin##Cassie Duncan##imported-end##*

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May 09, 2006 at 03:02 PM