



Benjamin Joseph Murphy

February 15, 1942 - March 7, 2026

Benjamin "Ben" Joseph Murphy, 84, of Mooresville, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 7, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

Ben was born in County Cork, Ireland in 1942 to the late Dennis and Catherine Murphy. At the age of 18, he immigrated to the United States in search of opportunity and proudly served his adopted country in the United States Army.

He later settled in Queens, New York, where he met the love of his life, Esther (née O'Callaghan). The two were married for 58 wonderful years and built a beautiful life together, raising their two children, Kathryn and Kevin. In 2006, Ben and Esther relocated to Mooresville, North Carolina, where they enjoyed their retirement surrounded by family and friends.

In addition to his parents, Ben was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Murphy and brother in law, Arthur O'Callaghan.

Those left to cherish his memory include his devoted wife, Esther Murphy; his daughter, Kathryn Lavery and her husband Francis; his son, Kevin Murphy and his wife Donna; his beloved sister, Margaret; his brother Tydge & wife Mary; sister in law, Ellen & husband Norman Steele (all in Ireland) and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins here and abroad.

Ben was a proud and loving grandfather to Danny, Kelli, Frankie, Sean, Dylan, and Fiona, and an adored great-grandfather to Cora and Ella.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, March 12, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home in Mooresville. A funeral Mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 13, at St. Therese Catholic Church in Mooresville. Inurnment will follow at Glenwood Memorial Park Columbarium with military honors.

Details for LIVE access are below:

Livestream start time: 11:27am

Livestream end time: 12:50pm

The Broadcast can be accessed LIVE from this page on our website: <https://www.sainttherese.net/mass-livestream>

Viewers should scroll down the page and click the arrow in the center of the StreamSpot viewer to start watching the stream (It will say "Live" in the upper left corner beginning at 11:27am).

To access the broadcast after the funeral:

The broadcast can also be watched from the Mass Livestream page on our website for 1 week after the funeral has ended. Viewers will need to click in the StreamSpot viewer, then click the option for "Previous Broadcasts." From there, use the arrows to scroll through the broadcasts to get to the funeral and then click the picture to play the broadcast.

Event Link: <https://venue.streamspot.com/event/NjUzMjg0NQ==>

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ben's memory may be made to Iredell County Veterans Services or to the Alzheimer's Association.

"May he rest in the gentle arms of the Lord, reunited with those who went before him."

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville is proudly serving the Murphy family.
Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

MAR 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Prayer Service

MAR 12. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Mass

MAR 13. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Therese Catholic Church
217 Brawley School Road
Mooresville, NC 28117

Graveside Service

MAR 13. 12:45 PM - 1:15 PM (ET)

Glenwood Memorial Park
273 Glenwood Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

LS

“ Love Rosanna, Nick and family Sfraga purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Benjamin Joseph Murphy.



Love Rosanna, Nick and family Sfraga - March 11 at 05:47 PM

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“ Love Rosanna, Nick and family Sfraga planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Benjamin Joseph Murphy.

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“ Theresa M. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Benjamin Joseph Murphy.



Theresa M. - March 11 at 05:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Benjamin Joseph Murphy.



March 11 at 04:48 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Benjamin Joseph Murphy.



March 10 at 10:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Benjamin Joseph Murphy.

March 10 at 10:44 PM



“ *Vecchio Family* purchased the *Forever Our Angel Bouquet* for the family of Benjamin Joseph Murphy.



Vecchio Family - March 10 at 08:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Benjamin Joseph Murphy.



March 09 at 01:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Benjamin Joseph Murphy.*



March 09 at 10:31 AM



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