



Nell Roselaine Murphy

August 16, 1930 - April 4, 2021

Nell Roselaine Murphy of Gainesville, VA passed away at the age of 90 on April 4, 2021. She was born on August 16, 1930 in Hopewell, VA a daughter of the late Marvin T. and Nellie M. Broyhill. She moved to Arlington Virginia in her youth, where she lived the majority of her adult life and raised her four children. Later in life, she moved to Gainesville, VA where she lived for 20 years.

Nell attended The Warrenton Country School where she boarded for three years before graduating in 1948. She attended Mount Vernon College as well as American University in Washington, D.C.

One of Nell's Junior High School friends gave her the nickname, "Cookie", which all her friends called her for the rest of her life. With the birth of her oldest grandson, she acquired a new name, "Kee Coo"! The name was much loved by Nell, and she gladly used it as her e-mail address and personalized license plate. She became simply Kee Coo to her grandchildren and many members of her family.

Nell spent her earlier years selling real estate in her family's building business and raising her family. She was a part of several organizations to include The Potomac's Women's Club, which her mother founded, The Capitol Speaker's Club, volunteering for The Red Cross, and volunteering alongside her sister

for the Prince William Hospital Auxiliary. She enjoyed playing bridge, spending time with family at her beach home, crocheting beautiful blankets and was a voracious reader. Nell was a prolific poet. On special occasions she would bless the honoree with a poem she composed and personalized for the occasion and the individual. Family members and friends looked forward with great anticipation to her latest creation.

Nell loved the Constitution of the United States and the liberties and promises provided to the citizens of our great country. She was an enthusiastic supporter of military veterans and the individuals serving in maintaining the safety of our communities.

Throughout her life, her focus never left service and devotion to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was a charter member of Memorial Baptist Church, co-founded by her parents in 1947. Later in life she attended McLean Bible (Prince William County campus). After being unable to attend church in person for the last year due to the pandemic, her desire was to start attending in person. She was able to attend for the first time on Easter Sunday and the sermon she heard taught that our lives will begin once we leave this earthly abode. Although we all mourn her departure from our presence, we rejoice that she is now united with God in her permanent home.

Nell was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph P. Murphy, and three older brothers, Marvin, Joel and Herbert. She is survived by her sister, best friend Vivian Joy Price; her four children, John Murphy (Lynne), Joel Murphy (Xiaoshi), Lorena Van Hulle (Larry), and Seana Reece (Rick); eleven grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and numerous nephews and nieces.

There will be a celebration of life on Saturday April 10th at 11:00 AM at the Prince William County campus of McLean Bible Church. The graveside service will follow at Columbia Gardens Cemetery in Arlington, VA. Due to

Covid restrictions, the reception will be held later in the afternoon and limited to the family.

Cemetery Details

Columbia Gardens Cemetery

3411 Arlington Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22201

Previous Events

funeral

APR 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

McLean Bible Church
10002 Battleview Parkway
Manassas, VA 20109

Burial

APR 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

Columbia Gardens Cemetery
3411 Arlington Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22201

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sandra Salkco lit a candle in memory of Nell Roselaine Murphy*



sandra salkco - April 16, 2021 at 06:28 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Nell Roselaine Murphy.*



April 09, 2021 at 04:55 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nell Roselaine Murphy.*



April 09, 2021 at 01:15 PM

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“ *Presley Laurent salon&spa purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Nell Roselaine Murphy.*



Presley Laurent salon&spa - April 09, 2021 at 12:51 PM

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“ *To Cookie's family.
I knew her when she and Joy were volunteers working in the gift shop at Prince William Hospital on the same shift that I was on the information desk. When we found out that we were all "Hopewell born", we had an instant bond. She and Joy were great to work with and greeting the customers with a smile and kind word. She will be missed by all who knew her. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at her passing. I know she will be missed by everyone who knew her.*

*Dave Button
Manassas*

Dave Button - April 09, 2021 at 08:47 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Nell Roselaine Murphy.*



April 08, 2021 at 10:57 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nell Roselaine Murphy.*



April 07, 2021 at 04:39 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Nell
Roselaine Murphy.*



April 07, 2021 at 02:01 PM