



Randall S Murch

November 18, 1952 - May 28, 2025

Dr. Randall Steven Murch, age 72, passed away peacefully in his home on Wednesday, May 28th, 2025, in Manassas, VA. He was born on November 18th, 1952, in San Diego, CA. He was raised in a military family and had the opportunity to live in various locations around the world and United States, but eventually settled in Ewa Beach, Hawaii. He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Liane Murch, and children: daughter Janele Turner of Bristow, VA, sons Jacob Murch of Nashville, TN, Andrew Murch and daughter in law, Robin Murch of Centreville, VA and grandchildren, Jayden Turner, Cameron Turner, and Juliana Murch. He was preceded in death by his parents Roy and Winona Murch of Ewa Beach, HI, brother, Douglas Murch of Santa Ana, CA and sister Cheryl Murch of Denver, CO.

Randy retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in 2002 and continued his second career with Virginia Tech in 2004 until 2024 as a Cyber-Bio Research Lead. As a Senior Executive Services Member with the FBI, Randy was recognized for his multitude of contributions to the U.S. Government's first-ever Weapons of Mass Destruction forensic investigative program. Throughout his career, he made numerous contributions to biological and national security efforts for the US Government. He was passionate about golf, hiking and spending time with his family and will be forever remembered for kindness, work ethic, and willingness to help anyone that he met.

The family will be receiving family and friends on Monday, June 23rd, 2025, from 5-8 p.m. followed by a celebration of life service on Tuesday, June 24th, 2025, from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Pierce Funeral Home at 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA 20110. A reception celebrating the life of Randy will immediately follow for those that would like to join us. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Willing Warriors in his memory via their website at <https://www.willingwarriors.org/donate> (please add Randy Murch's name in the Comments section).

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **23**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Memorial Service

JUN **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
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Reception

JUN **24**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home Celebration Room
9609 Center Street
Manassas, VA 20110
<https://www.piercefh.com/who-we-are/celebration-room>

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Randall S Murch.*



June 19, 2025 at 03:35 PM



“ *I only knew Randy for a few years during our Billiards Phase. We had a great albeit short friendship but we bonded on so many levels. So warm and friendly. My condolences to the family.*

Mike Perez - June 09, 2025 at 01:02 PM



“ *I was fortunate to take Dr. Murch's class on Homeland Security Policy at VT in 2012. He was a down to earth kind of guy, a great professor... and I enjoyed listening to his experiences in the FBI. He is one of the few that made a positive impact on my learning at VT. Be thou at peace.*

Benjamin Henry - June 09, 2025 at 10:52 AM



“ *I worked with Dr. Murch for years at the FBI, Engineering Section, OTD. He made such a difference with his work. I send my sincere condolences to his family. Jackie Silvrants*

Jacqueline Silvrants - June 08, 2025 at 05:40 PM

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“ Randy and I attended college together at UPS in Tacoma, WA. Because, at that time I had begun dating a young lady from Hawaii, I too, had become part of the Hawaiiin clan and became a part of the Hawaii Club. Consequently, I got to know Randy very well, and he was a person that I immediately liked. Randy taught me how to play the ukulele, and we both participated in Hawaiiin club activities. Randy and I also learned Isshinryu Karate and attended evening classes on campus at UPS. Whatever Randy did, he always did a great job. He was impressive!!! I kept in touch with Randy over the years, and it was also so nice to hear from him (e-mail, and Facebook). He will be missed, and he is a person that made a positive difference in my life!!! Randy, thanks for everything!!!

Don Wasielewski - June 06, 2025 at 12:24 PM

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I met Randy in Washington DC in 1992. At that time he headed the FBI Lab and I the DEA Lab system. We became friends and I had the opportunity to golf with Randy while attending conferences away from DC. Randy was a brilliant scientist and we stayed in touch thru the years. The profession will miss Randy. Rest in peace old friend. Condolences to your family. Ben Perillo

Ben Perillo - June 06, 2025 at 01:21 PM