

FAREWELL DEAR MOTHER

*Somewhere in my heart beneath all my grief and pain,
Is a smile I still wear at the sound of your dear name.
The precious word is 'Mother', she was my world you see,
But now my heart is breaking cause she's no longer here with me.
God chose her for His angel to watch me from above,
To guide me and advise me and know that I'm still loved.
The day she had to leave me when her life on earth was through,
God had better plans for her, for this, I surely knew.
When I think of her kind heart and all those loving years,
My memories surround me and I can't hold back the tears.
She truly was my best friend, someone I could confide in,
She always had a tender touch and a warm and gentle grin.
I want to thank you Mother for teaching me so well,
And though the time has come that I must bid you this farewell.
I'll remember all you've taught me and make you proud you'll see.
Thank you my Dear Mother for all the love you showed me.
Although you've left this earth and now you've taken flight,
I know that you are here with me each morning, noon and night.*



Acknowledgements

WITH HUMBLE AND GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE, THE FAMILY OF MRS. ELLA MAE MURPHY, THANK EACH OF YOU FOR THE LOVE, PRAYERS, VISITS, CALLS, COMFORTING WORDS, AND EVERY THOUGHTFUL EXPRESSION OF KINDNESS SHOWN TO US DURING THIS TIME OF SORROW AND REMEMBRANCE. YOUR SUPPORT HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF STRENGTH AND COMFORT BEYOND MEASURE. WE ARE ESPECIALLY THANKFUL FOR THOSE WHO TRAVELED NEAR AND FAR, REACHED OUT IN LOVE, AND SHARED PRECIOUS MEMORIES OF OUR MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, AND AUNT. EVERY GESTURE, WHETHER LARGE OR SMALL, HAS TOUCHED OUR HEARTS DEEPLY. PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS AS WE MOVE THROUGH THIS SEASON OF LOSS. MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS EACH OF YOU FOR THE COMPASSION, CARE, AND LOVE YOU HAVE SO GRACIOUSLY SHOWN.

THE MURPHY FAMILY

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REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED

Mrs. Ella Mae Murphy

100 YEARS IN THE VINEYARD

JANUARY 5, 1926 - AUGUST 25, 2026



SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026

11:00 A.M. SERVICE

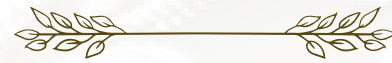
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Life Reflections

JANUARY 5, 1926 - AUGUST 25, 2026



Mrs. Ella Mae Watson Murphy, affectionately known to everyone as Mae, went home to be with the Lord on August 25, 2026. She resided at 32 Murphy Street in Clinton, South Carolina. Born on January 5, 1926, she was the beloved daughter of the late Callie G. Watson and the late Mamie Day Watson. Mae received her education through Laurens County School District 56 in Clinton, South Carolina.

In March of 1953, after her husband, Willie Murphy, Jr.—whom she lovingly called Murphy—separated from the Army, the family relocated to Jersey City, New Jersey. Mae later began working in the textile industry in Hoboken, New Jersey, where she remained a dedicated and dependable employee until her retirement in January of 1981.

Shortly after moving to Jersey City, Mae became a member of Clinton Avenue Church of Christ. She served there as a loyal and faithful member until she returned to Clinton, South Carolina, in September of 1991. Upon relocating home, she joined North Broad Street Church of Christ, where she remained an active, loyal, and faithful member until her passing. Ella Mae was the last survivor of her immediate family.

In addition to her parents, Mae was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 70 years, Willie Murphy, Jr.; one son, Leroy R. Dunlap; four sisters; and five brothers.

Mae leaves to cherish her memory two loving sons, Willie Watson Murphy of the home and Wilbert (Dianne) Murphy of Valdosta, Georgia; one daughter-in-law, Sophia Dunlap of Blythewood, South Carolina; two sisters-in-law, Annie Bell Moses and Josephine Samuels of Jersey City, New Jersey; two brothers-in-law, David Murphy and Fred (Anne) Murphy of Clinton, South Carolina; ten grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, church family, and friends. She also wished to especially acknowledge four dear loved ones: granddaughters Luella Dunlap and Sharlon Johnson, and nieces Sandra Johnson, Fredna Gary, and Shirley Gary.

Mrs. Ella Mae Watson Murphy will be laid to rest at Rosemont Cemetery in Clinton, South Carolina. Immediately following the burial, the family will greet relatives and friends for a repass at Trotter's Restaurant, located at 24239 US-76E, Clinton, South Carolina.

Order of Service

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026



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Presider.....	Brother John Booker
Prelude	
Processional.....	Clergy and Family
Final Viewing.....	Family and Friends
Hymn	
Scriptures.....	Brother Anthony Sims
Old Testament	
New Testament	
Prayer.....	Brother Tyrese Ward
Selection.....	Crystal Byrd
Remarks	
Eulogy.....	Brother Jerry Harris.
Selection.....	Brother John Booker
Thank-you.....	Tyler Dunlap
Recessional	
Graveside Services.....	Rosemont Cemetery
Committal Rites and Parting Prayer	
Interment	

