



Born to Be

Inspired by God; Written by Evangelist Evelyn Williams

A great man of God, was (and is) Henry Murphy
Exemplified as a born leader from an early age
Being trained by his Christian parents;
his life had a solid stage
And many things in which he did engage.

Established on a solid foundation,
Graduated from Dunbar High School
with a mind of great determination
His goal was to further his education
You see, Henry was "Born to Be".

Met and married Miss Florence, the love of his life
Raised their lovely family; that's paradise.

For all the loyal, dedicated devoted service
You rendered in your home, church,
schools, community
In every capacity you served
We salute, congratulate and honor you
with all our love and sincerely
You were "Born to Be".

We Love You,
Your Brother,
Clarence

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Henry Murphy, Jr. Bernard Kelly
Terry Edwards, Sr. Anderson Williams
Michael J. Johnson Henry Williams
Henry Mensah

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Terry Edwards, Jr. Marqual Mitchell
Russell Hannah

FLORAL ATTENDANTS

Deaconesses & Ushers, Greater Mt. Pleasant M. B. Church

THE SERVICE OF COMMITMENT & INTERMENT

Tallahassee Memory Gardens
4037 North Monroe Street * Tallahassee, Florida 32303

REPAST

Immediately Following the Service
Old West Florida Enrichment Center Fellowship Hall

THE FAMILY'S MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

We are truly grateful to each of you, our many friends, for the outpouring of love and support you have so generously shared with us during our time of bereavement. Our hearts are overflowing with love and appreciation to each of you. Your prayers, words of comfort, floral tributes, and countless acts of kindness have sustained us since the passing of our beloved, *Deacon Henry Murphy, Sr.* We thank God for friends like you and pray that He will give you blessings in abundance for the love you shared.

Service Entrusted To:


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A Celebration of Life

FOR
Deacon

Henry Murphy, Sr.



Sunrise: April 27, 1924 – Sunset: April 3, 2026

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

Old West Florida Enrichment Center
2344 LAKE BRADFORD ROAD * TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32310

Dr. Roderick L. Robinson, Officiating
PASTOR, GREATER MT. PLEASANT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

REFLECTIONS OF LIFE

DEACON HENRY MURPHY, SR. was born on April 27, 1924 in Apalachicola, Florida to John and Annie Murphy. His mother, Annie, served the community as a midwife. At an early age, he was adopted and raised by Mrs. Olivia Williams alongside her son, Clarence Williams. She instilled in him a deep reverence for God and a lifelong commitment to serving others. After graduating from Dunbar High School, he proudly served in the United States Army during World War II as a Dental Technician in the Medical Corps of the 277 Quarter Master Battalion. His military service took him to Boston, France, Belgium and Germany.

Following his honorable service, **DEACON MURPHY** pursued higher education, earning a Bachelor of Science from Florida Memorial College and a Master of Education from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU). He expanded his studies further by attending Meharry Medical College and Atlanta University, and he achieved his APD in educational administration at Florida State University (FSU). During his early teaching years in Taylor County, he met Florence A. Hunter. The couple shared 64 years of marriage.

Professionally, **DEACON MURPHY** dedicated 42 years to the field of education. He worked as a teacher, advisor, and principal across Florida, Georgia and Ohio, earning deep respect for his energetic and honest commitment to his students.

DEACON MURPHY'S faith and civic dedication was equally profound. He was an active member of Greater Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church starting in 1963 and served in numerous leadership roles for the First Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Association. In his community, he served as Past President of the American Lung Association; a board member for the Steele Collins Charter School; and the longest serving active member of the Frontiers International Tallahassee Chapter.

DEACON MURPHY celebrated his centennial birthday on April 27, 2024. His century of wisdom, compassion, and service leaves a lasting legacy, honored permanently by the dedication of the Deacon Henry Murphy, Sr. Conference Room and the establishment of a scholarship award in his name.

DEACON MURPHY leaves to mourn and carry on his legacy, his *four children*: Henry Murphy, Jr., Andrea (Bernard) Murphy, Felecia M. (Michael) Johnson and Frederica (Terry) Edwards; *ten grandchildren*; *23 great-grandchildren*; *four devoted nieces and nephews*: Anderson (Renee) Williams, Nikiti (James) Stanley, Carolyn Williams and Deandre (Phillip) O'Neal; and a host of other relatives and friends.



THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude..... Greater Mt. Pleasant M. B. Church Choir

Processional..... Officiant, Clergy, Officers & Family

The Parting Glance & Seating of Family The *Tillman* Staff

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Hymn..... Sister Darlyne Phillips
Prayer Elder James A. Nelson, Sr.

Selection..... Greater Mt. Pleasant M. B. Church Choir

SCRIPTURE READING:

Old Testament Elder Sarinthia Samaria Shama
New Testament..... Minister Kedria Lewis

Selection..... Greater Mt. Pleasant M. B. Church Choir

REFLECTIONS & TRIBUTES:

As A DeaconDeacon Tommy Lewis
As a FriendSenator Bill Montford
As An Uncle Elder Nikiti Stanley

Resolutions & AcknowledgementsElder Alicia B. Nelson

Solo.....Evangelist Felecia Johnson

EULOGYDr. Roderick L. Robinson

Recessional.....“I’ll Fly Away”