

The Family Tribute

Murphy Gabriel, Jr, 82, of Newton, was born September 21, 1938 in Catawba County to Harriet Asbury Gabriel and the late Murphy Gabriel, Sr. He made his journey home to the Lord on Tuesday, April 27th at Carolina Caring Hospice in Sherrills Ford, NC.

Murphy, Jr. attended Catawba Rosenwald High School in Catawba, NC and was class president ('57). A proud Aggie, he graduated from NC A&T State University in Greensboro NC; he furthered his education completing degrees from Baltimore College of Commerce in Baltimore, Maryland and the University of Baltimore with studies in business management, accounting, international trade and corporate law.

Never one to shy away from a challenge, he served in the 82nd Airborne Division as a Sergeant E5, at Fort Bragg, NC. That spirit of adventure and willingness to face any fear was a hallmark of his character.

A hard worker, his work history included serving as superintendent of the Atlanta Housing Authority (Atlanta, GA); millwork specialist, phone sales in the mill work department (Home Depot, Hickory, NC). Outside of work, he enjoyed home improvement projects and gardening.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Anita Gabriel; brothers, Glen Gabriel and Curtis Gabriel; and sister, Mary Connor.

Those left to cherish his memory include his mother, Harriet Gabriel; sisters, Georgia Odom, Yvonne Gabriel, and Marion Ross (Jerry Ross); and sister-in-law, Gertrude Gabriel. He has a host of nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, and great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

His indomitable spirit and infectious laugh will be greatly missed.

"The Last Mile of the Way"

If I walk in the pathway of duty
If I work til the close of the day
I shall see the great king in all his beauty
When I've gone the last mile of the way

When I've gone the last mile of the way
I shall rest at the close of day
For I know there are joys awaiting
When I've gone the last mile of the way

The Celebration of Life Service

The Order of Service

11:00 A.M.

The Processional Visitation

Moments of Sharing

Invocation

Scripture

- Old Testament

- New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Silent Reading of Obituary

Words of Comfort

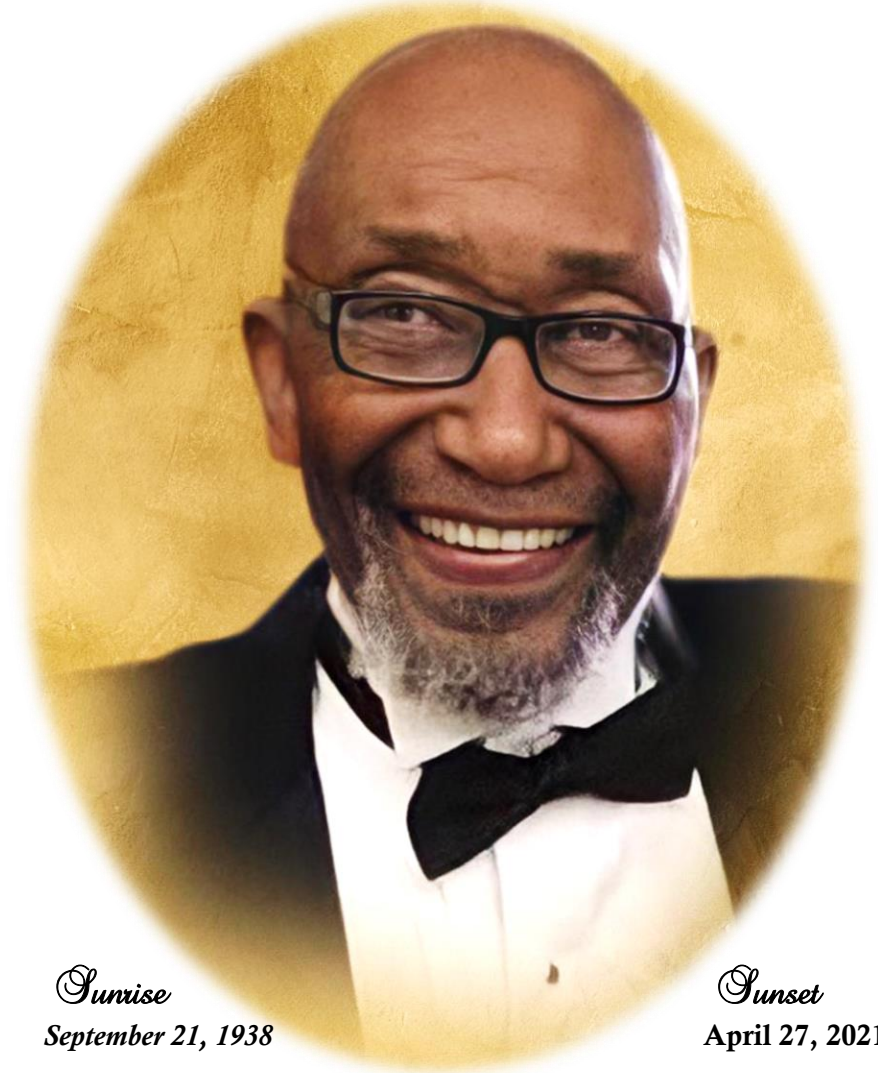
Recessional



With Our Heartfelt Thanks

...that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, (Romans 15) God has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. God's Word has been manifested through your many expressions of sympathy and support; we praise God from whom all blessings flow. Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved Murphy, Jr., and for remembering us during his illness and passing. In our risen Lord, we have peace that passes all understanding. The Family

A Celebration of Life for Mr. Murphy Gabriel, Jr.



Sunrise
September 21, 1938

Sunset
April 27, 2021

Thursday, May 6, 2021
11:00 a.m.
Rutledge and Bigham Funeral Home
Statesville, North Carolina
All is Well... Safely Rest!

Professional Services Entrusted To:
Rutledge and Bigham Mortuary, Inc.
603 South Center Street, Statesville, NC 28677
Visit the Book of Memories for Mr. Gabriel
at www.rutledgeandbigham.com



SP/4 MURPHY GABRIEL, JR.
ON FURLOUGH

SP/4 Murphy Gabriel, Jr., has been home on 16-day furlough. He is presently stationed at Fort Bragg with the 82nd Airborne Division. Gabriel is a former student at Catawba Rosenwald High school and A and T College, Greensboro, where he majored in business administration. The twenty-three-year-old soldier is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Gabriel, Sr., of Rt. One, Sherrills Ford.

