



## Joseph Lynn Murphy

September 30, 1962 - December 20, 2024

Chief Joseph Lynn Murphy, age 62, served as a pillar to Henderson County and the State of Tennessee for many years. Chief started his career in emergency services with the Henderson County Fire Department Station 3 at Parkers Crossroads as a teenager, where he grew and climbed the ranks of the station to become the District Chief. His professional career started as dispatcher for the Sheriff Department in the mid 80's, where he also progressed up to later becoming the Director for 911. In 1997, Murphy, as most called him, was selected to become the Fire Chief for Henderson County, where he has served with Honor until his sudden sickness. Chief Murphy has a reputation as a Fire Chief for the firefighters. In his 27 year career as Chief, he also served as Emergency Management Director as a dual role. Murphy also served a term as President of the Tennessee Fire Chief's Association. He has directed the department in many state programs through the years, always wanting to be the first to try the program and better it with ideas if he had them. One of his most proud accomplishments is the successful Get Alarmed Program to offer smoke alarms to citizens for free through the state. Chief has also managed to improve the departments I.S.O rating twice. He was also a gifted grant writer, which has saved local tax dollars. Chief Murphy lived a life expecting no recognition or pats on the back. Chief was a man that you knew if you asked you would get an answer that was honest and pure. Chief Murphy had the dedication and drive in his heart for the community he served and loved. Lynn was born September 30, 1962

and passed away Friday December 20, 2024 in Jackson after a sudden illness. He is survived by his mother; Helen Atkinson Murphy, a sister; Cheryl Jane (Tom) Ledbetter, a grandson; Mason Williams, a special friend; Susan Weant, and niece and nephew; Luke Ledbetter and Jolie Ledbetter. He was preceded in death by his wife; Lei Lani Rose Murphy and his father; Joseph Raymond Murphy Jr. Funeral services will be on Friday, December 27 at 11AM at the Lexington High School gymnasium with Reed's Chapel in charge of the arrangements. Visitation will be at the gymnasium on Thursday from 12PM-9PM and Friday from 9AM until service. Burial will follow in the Jones Cemetery in Wildersville. The family request in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the Henderson County Fire Department memorial fund c/o Henderson County Fire Department, 50 Natchez Trace Drive, Lexington ,TN. 38351.

# Tribute Wall

PK

“ Send my love to Lynn's mom Helen. Who loved him so much. Love to you my sweet friend. Peggy King

Peggy King - December 30, 2024 at 03:27 PM

RD

“ Roger Dabbs lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy



Roger Dabbs - December 29, 2024 at 05:38 PM

TB

“ Chief Murphy was the best county Fire Chief I've ever known, we will all miss him. Rest in peace brother. Terry Byars

Terry Byars - December 27, 2024 at 03:32 PM

IR

“ Our hearts are broken, but my family and I are blessed to have been his loving neighbors for seven years. He always made sure I had a salad patch and our lawn was beautifully kept. He was the finest example of a good Christian that I knew. My heart felt prayers are with Mason and I will strive to live a life that will allow me to see my friend again in that land beyond the stars. All our love, Anthony, Lola, Elliott, Nelson and Ira Rogers

Ira Rogers - December 26, 2024 at 04:05 PM

CG

“ Cynthia (Hays), Colby & Carli Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy



Cynthia (Hays), Colby & Carli Gilliam - December 26, 2024 at 02:05 PM

RG

“ ROY GURLEY lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy



ROY GURLEY - December 26, 2024 at 07:38 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Lynn Murphy.



December 24, 2024 at 04:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph Lynn Murphy.

December 24, 2024 at 04:07 PM

ML

“ Chief Murphy always was at the front whenever and wherever there was need to help the Citizens of Henderson County. He was devoted to Mason at the highest level. He set a High Standard for himself with a Servants Heart.  
*Rest In Peace Brother Lynn.*

Mike Lefler - December 24, 2024 at 02:01 PM

BM

“ We always thought of Lynn being a good friend and appreciated all his work for the people of this country. Helen we r very sorry for ur loss particularly this time of the year. We miss all the good times we had together at the restaurant. Lynn is now in a better place. Love u.

Bill Martin - December 24, 2024 at 11:55 AM

DH

“ Lynn use to come into the Country Side Diner and tell some fishing stories and all the men love to listen to what he had to say he will definitely be missed



Darla Harris - December 24, 2024 at 10:13 AM

SG

“ Sherry Gordon lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy



Sherry Gordon - December 24, 2024 at 07:46 AM

BW

“ *Barbara Willis lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



Barbara Willis - December 23, 2024 at 11:59 PM

DW

“ *In more than 40 years of service, I have met many people who have impressed me with common wit and wisdom that poured out to folks from every walk and left them blessed in many ways. I became one of those people. You welcomed me to the HCFD family with wisdom and grace. You will always be an inspiration and my dear friend.*



Doc Wilfong - December 23, 2024 at 09:51 PM

TJ

“ *It was an honor to meet and get to know you as in the short time I did. You were so sweet and nice and I learned somethings I didn't know I should know from you and I thank you for that. You will be missed and you were loved by so many. Your family and friends are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Tina Faino and Samuel Smock Jr. - December 23, 2024 at 08:57 PM

RG

*Have known Lynn for 40 or more he believed in his peop and his department he will be missed greatly 😭*

Roy Gurley - December 24, 2024 at 12:16 AM

DB

“ *Danny & Shelia Beecham lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



Danny & Shelia Beecham - December 23, 2024 at 06:54 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers for Chief Murphy's family, colleagues, and many friends. It was a pleasure to know him.*



Lynn Johnson - December 23, 2024 at 03:53 PM

TV

“ *Teresa Ventura lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



Teresa Ventura - December 23, 2024 at 01:57 PM

EB

“ *I cannot imagine Henderson County without Lynn Murphy.*

Emily Blankenship - December 23, 2024 at 01:19 PM

JL

“ *He was a good man.*

Jamie and Dale Lindsey - December 23, 2024 at 10:37 AM

SW

“ Sharon Wood lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy



Sharon Wood - December 23, 2024 at 10:37 AM

TA

“ Everyone loved Lynn. Condolences from the Bobby Ayers family.



Teresa Ayers - December 23, 2024 at 10:04 AM

ST

“ Sheila Teague lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy



Sheila Teague - December 23, 2024 at 09:04 AM

CB

“ Caffie Britt lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy



Caffie Britt - December 23, 2024 at 08:59 AM

RY

“ *Mr. Joseph Lynn Murphy will be missed.  
Sending prayers to the family*



Roberta Yee - December 22, 2024 at 10:34 PM

JM

“ *Jean Mcpeake lit a candle in memory of  
Joseph Lynn Murphy*



Jean Mcpeake - December 22, 2024 at 10:22 PM

BC

“ *Brenda Casey sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Joseph Lynn Murphy*



Brenda Casey - December 22, 2024 at 09:53 PM

AM

“ *Lynn you have always been one of the most  
caring loving and sweetest men I knew it is a  
honor to have you as my cousin Rest in  
peace you will be missed so much but never  
forgotten.*



Anita McCartney - December 22, 2024 at 08:52 PM

AM

“ *Allan Maness lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



**Allan Maness** - December 22, 2024 at 07:53 PM

SM

“ *Sandra Maness lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



**Sandra Maness** - December 22, 2024 at 07:40 PM

CH

“ *Candy Hayes lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



**Candy Hayes** - December 22, 2024 at 05:36 PM

MB

“ *Mary Walker Blackwell lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



**Mary Walker Blackwell** - December 22, 2024 at 04:09 PM

GR

“ *Gina Roberts lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



**Gina Roberts** - December 22, 2024 at 03:34 PM

BS

“ *Rest in heavenly peace 🕊️ . Thank you Lynn for being such a blessing to Henderson County. My prayers are for strength and comfort for the family and friends. ✨🙏✨*



**Bethel Schneider** - December 22, 2024 at 08:24 AM

MF

“ *Marty & Lisa Stanfill & Family lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



**Marty & Lisa Stanfill & family** - December 21, 2024 at 10:36 PM

DS

“ *Dawn Salmon lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



**Dawn Salmon** - December 21, 2024 at 10:23 PM

DE

“ Joe Lynn was school friend to my son, Bryan Hatch for 12 years, they shared many good memories. Joe Lynn was a very special person, kind compassionate, and always helping others. He will be missed! My condolences to Helen an his family.



**dianne pendergrass egbert** - December 21, 2024 at 08:26 PM

RC

Mr.Lynn Murphy was a great man. He always was kind to me. Just a few months ago he came out and checked all my smoke alarms in my home and he put my address sign down so my address could be found in case of emergency. This man made sure he helped out in the community. He truly will be missed. Prayers for his family 🙏

**Rosie Cathey** - December 22, 2024 at 08:09 AM

JJ

“ Jennifer Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy



**Jennifer Jenkins** - December 21, 2024 at 08:08 PM

SW

“ Steve Wilkinson lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy



**Steve Wilkinson** - December 21, 2024 at 07:53 PM

LE

“ *Linda Elam lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



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**Linda Elam** - December 21, 2024 at 07:15 PM

ST

“ *So sorry to hear about Lynn. We graduated from Clarksburg in 81. He kept us laughing.*

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**Sherry Trabert** - December 21, 2024 at 06:07 PM

CW

“ *Chris & Kim Hays Wilson lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



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**Chris & kim Hays Wilson** - December 21, 2024 at 06:06 PM

DF

“ *What a legacy of selfless dedication Lynn Murphy lived! If we all had such caring, compassionate hearts, the world would be a wonderful place! You have earned your crown, Lynn! You can wear it proudly!*



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**Debra Fesmire** - December 21, 2024 at 05:50 PM

RG

“ *ROY GURLEY lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



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**ROY GURLEY** - December 21, 2024 at 05:50 PM

RH

“ *Ricky D Henry lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



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**Ricky D Henry** - December 21, 2024 at 04:20 PM

RH

*One of the best Fire Chiefs but also a great down to earth person*

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**Ricky D Henry** - December 21, 2024 at 04:22 PM

NW

“ *Lynn was a great person. Condolences to the family.*



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**Nelva Weatherspoon** - December 21, 2024 at 03:52 PM

TF

“ *Mason, I am so sorry. Love you.*



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**Tabatha Fowler** - December 21, 2024 at 03:11 PM

CJ

“ *Cheryl James lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



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**Cheryl James** - December 21, 2024 at 01:58 PM

CL

“ *ClaraAustin lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



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**claraAustin** - December 21, 2024 at 01:54 PM

CL

*Im so sad for My dear schoolmate Helen and her family 🙏📱*

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**claraAustin** - December 21, 2024 at 01:57 PM

RW

“ Robin Woods lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy



Robin Woods - December 21, 2024 at 01:22 PM

DP

“ Donna Perkins lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy



Donna Perkins - December 21, 2024 at 12:55 PM

RG

“ Ricky Gooch lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy



Ricky Gooch - December 21, 2024 at 12:41 PM

RD

“ Ronnie Dyer lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy



Ronnie Dyer - December 21, 2024 at 12:40 PM

ML

*Was honored to serve for several years with Murphy. He was a great example for all of his firefighters.*

Mike Long - December 23, 2024 at 12:57 PM

GW

“ *Gene Williams lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



Gene Williams - December 21, 2024 at 12:16 PM

AS

“ *Lynn was a special person. He is going to be greatly missed. RIP Lynn*



Alvin and Nila Singleton - December 21, 2024 at 11:51 AM

Kim  
Ross-  
Boyd

“ *Prayers to the families*



Kim Ross-Boyd - December 21, 2024 at 11:36 AM

NP

“ *Nina Prince lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



Nina Prince - December 21, 2024 at 08:21 AM

BO

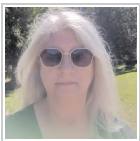
“ *At times like these, it hard to come up with appropriate words to describe just what a fantastic guy Lynn was. After church this past Sunday, he was parked close by and we had a good conversation. I knew his parents, Joe was a surveyor, an expert in that field. Helen is as nice a person as you could meet. Lynn was dedicated to the people of Henderson County. What a fine leader he was, fly high my friend. Shirley and I send our deepest sympathies to all of his family.*

BobbyCogdell - December 21, 2024 at 07:55 AM

LG

*Lynn worked with my husband,Jimmy in the early years. Jim always spoke well of him and counted him as a friend. Sending sympathy and prayers to his family*

LINDA GOFF - December 21, 2024 at 11:37 AM



“ *We will miss you Lynn.*



Linda Starkey - December 21, 2024 at 07:37 AM

RO

“ *Deepest Sympathies Robbie & Ronny Jowers*

Robbie - December 21, 2024 at 06:21 AM

RS

“ *Rhonda Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



Rhonda Sanders - December 21, 2024 at 06:05 AM

MA

“ *Mickey Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



Mickey Atkinson - December 21, 2024 at 05:35 AM

LL

“ *Lisa LewisEvans lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



Lisa LewisEvans - December 21, 2024 at 01:48 AM

CW

“ *Carol Wallace lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



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**Carol Wallace** - December 21, 2024 at 01:19 AM

RG

“ *I will never forget you.*



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**Richard Garner** - December 21, 2024 at 12:30 AM

CE

“ *I am in complete shock. Lynn was a great person. God speed Lynn.*



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**Christopher Darnall Escue** - December 21, 2024 at 12:03 AM



“ 🧯 RIP 🧯

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**Cotton Rhodes** - December 20, 2024 at 11:38 PM

SV

“ Steve & Elizabeth Vineyard lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy



Steve & Elizabeth Vineyard - December 20, 2024 at 10:39 PM

AM

“ Allan Maness lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy



Allan Maness - December 20, 2024 at 10:04 PM

EA

“ Eddie & Lori Akins lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy



Eddie & Lori Akins - December 20, 2024 at 09:52 PM

DD

“ One of a kind and a true professional. Worked many calls with Chief Murphy. Hate to hear this. God bless his family.

David Dowdy - December 20, 2024 at 09:46 PM

JS

“ *Jerry Stegall lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



**Jerry Stegall** - December 20, 2024 at 09:46 PM

RR

“ *Robin Rainey lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



**Robin Rainey** - December 20, 2024 at 09:32 PM

CB

“ *Carla Blackburn lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy*



**Carla Blackburn** - December 20, 2024 at 09:15 PM

CB

*Lynn was a Polite, Community minded Christian Man, Prayers for Ms Helen and Jane along with all of his Family. 🙏🙏*

**Carla Blackburn** - December 20, 2024 at 09:18 PM

DD

“ Donna Darrough lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy



Donna Darrough - December 20, 2024 at 09:14 PM

TE

“ Went to Beaver school with Lynn. He was a good guy.



Tracey Epperson - December 20, 2024 at 08:38 PM

TP

“ Tim & Valerie Parker lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy



Tim & Valerie Parker - December 20, 2024 at 08:18 PM

ST

“ You will be Truly Miss he made sure our house had an Fire Alarm!!



Sheila Teague - December 20, 2024 at 07:58 PM

LV

“ Lydia Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy



Lydia Vaughn - December 20, 2024 at 07:41 PM

RM

“ Regina Martin lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy



Regina Martin - December 20, 2024 at 07:24 PM

SM

“ Sandra Maness lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lynn Murphy



Sandra Maness - December 20, 2024 at 06:59 PM