



Bro. Stephen Murphy, OFM Conv.

March 30, 1954 - May 11, 2022

Brother Stephen Murphy, OFM Conv., was born in Holyoke, MA on March 30, 1954, and died on May 11, 2022. He was the son of +Stephen F. and Ruth C. (Moriarty) Murphy. In addition to his Franciscan family, his mother Ruth Murphy, his siblings Margaret “Peggy” Coppez and husband Pudge (George), Deborah Pronovost and husband Mark, Kathleen Viens and husband Michael, Brian Murphy and wife Kelly-Jo, Patrick Murphy and wife Pamela, Nora Dansereau and husband Michael, and several beloved nieces and nephews survive him. After attending Holyoke Catholic High School, he worked at Rybacks Grocery Store and National Blank Book in Holyoke prior to entering religious life. Bro. Steve entered St. Joseph Cupertino Novitiate of the Franciscan Friars Conventual on August 14, 1976. He professed his Simple Vows on August 15, 1977, and Solemn Vows on August 15, 1981. He lived at St. Hyacinth College and Seminary Friary, Granby, from 1977 to 1980. Bro. Steve moved to the Baltimore area where he lived at St. Stanislaus Kostka Friary, and Immaculate Heart of Mary Friary, from 1980 to 1990. During those years, he served as Director of St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Baltimore. As Director, he dutifully left the friary every Monday through Friday carrying his briefcase for the work ahead. In 1990, he was transferred to his beloved hometown, Holyoke (pronounced Ho-yoke). From 1990 to 2011, he lived at Mater Dolorosa Friary and served in various forms of parish ministry and as DRE. He was often the MC for the Bishops of Springfield, assisting them at the many Confirmations that occurred in the Springfield Diocese. From 2011

to 2013 he lived at St. Joseph Cupertino Friary in Ellicott City, MD. Bro. Steve returned to his home area roots in 2013 when he took up residence at St. Hyacinth Friary in Chicopee. For those of us who lived with him and knew him we were keenly aware of how devoted he was to his parents and all his siblings as he kept all the friars up to date on the goings-on of the extended Murphy clan, certainly all the local Holyoke news. Visiting hours will be held Sunday, May 15, 2022, from 4-7 PM in St. Jerome Church, 169 Hampden St., Holyoke, MA 01040. A Franciscan Wake Service will take place at 7PM. On Monday, May 16, 2022, a Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10AM, preceded by visitation beginning at 9AM. Interment will be at the Murphy family plot in St. Jerome' Cemetery, Holyoke. Memorial Donations may be made to the Franciscan Education Burse, 12300 Folly Quarter Rd., Ellicott City, MD 21042.

Cemetery Details

St. Jerome Cemetery

125 St. Jerome Ave
Holyoke, MA 01040

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Jerome Church
169 Hampden St.
Holyoke, MA 01040

Mass

MAY 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RF

“ Brother Steve was Mater Dolorosa basketball biggest fan. He loved the kids so much. He'll be missed.

Ron Fontaine - May 13, 2022 at 11:09 PM

SM

“ Kathy, Debbie and family - my deepest condolences to you and the rest of your family upon the loss of your brother, Steve.

Susan Mulvaney - May 13, 2022 at 07:53 PM

JC

“ Dear Mrs. Murphy and family , Prayers and love - It was pleasure to have known Brother Murphy with his joy for life and his love for family and friends. We miss you already - Rest in Peace Brother Steve. Joe and Ellen

Joe and Ellen Cahill - May 13, 2022 at 11:52 AM

KH

“ Dear Murphy Family,
Please accept my deep condolences on the passing of Steve.
Peace, Love & Light,
Kathleen Hurley

Kathleen Hurley - May 13, 2022 at 09:55 AM

GE

To the Murphy Family
we are sorry for your loss. God Bless You
Bob & Gail Eldridge 🙏

Gail Eldridge - May 14, 2022 at 12:36 AM