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Dr. Harvey Frank Murphy, 87, of Charlotte died Monday, February 5, 2018.

Dr. Murphy was born on September 3, 1930 in Enterprise, Alabama to Emma Ethel Heath Murphy and Luther Irvin Murphy, Sr. He was the youngest of six siblings.

Enterprise was his home until 1958. As an athlete at Enterprise High School he earned letters in basketball, baseball and football. He was also active in other activities, including theatre, Glee Club, and school newspaper.

In 1948, Dr. Murphy was recruited to play basketball at Troy State Teacher's College (now Troy State University). His education was interrupted in 1950 by a call to serve two years in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He returned to Troy State in 1952 to complete his undergraduate education and play an additional year of basketball. After graduation, he received a Master's Degree in physical education from Columbia University. While at Columbia, he served as Sportsmaster at St. Thomas Choir School for Boys.

In 1955 he returned to his home town to accept a teaching and coaching position at the local high school. He taught history, health, science, and government while serving as assistant football coach, head basketball coach and baseball coach.

In 1958 Dr. Murphy moved to Shorter College in Rome, Georgia to start an athletic program for men. Shorter had only recently started to admit men. He served as athletic director, basketball coach and tennis coach. After starting a baseball program, he gave up tennis coaching to focus on baseball.

He became more curious about the fitness adaptations athletes and others make as they engage in physical activity. His curiosity led him to look for a doctoral program which matched his interest.



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His quest led him to the University of Illinois at Urbana, and to Dr. Thomas K. Cureton, a pioneer exercise scientist.

Shortly after being awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree, he made a fateful trip to Charlotte to interview with Bonnie E. Cone. Within less than an hour they were talking about how to turn UNC Charlotte into a first-rate university. He spent thirty-one years at UNC-Charlotte and helped guide its growth in many ways including serving as interim men's basketball coach from 1965 to 1970, and athletic director from 1965 to 1972. He was a catalyst for the beginning of the hugely successful intramural program, the University's move to NCAA Division One athletic status, and the development of the programs of the Department of Health Promotion and Kinesiology. He chaired the Department for thirty-one years.

Dr. Murphy was also in the forefront in bringing the University and its outside constituents together. Among many successful efforts were work with the American Heart Association, The North Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department, and the Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital to bring Charlotte's first Cardiac Rehabilitation Program to fruition. Dr. Murphy personally introduced exercise stress testing on a treadmill to Charlotte. He and Department colleagues developed fitness programming for emergency service providers including fire fighters and police officers. He was a liberal contributor to developing YMCA programming and personnel training programs. As Department Chair he gave substantial support to faculty members who were involved in health fitness and promotion activities, including national and international efforts.

Leading with integrity, compassion, and a sense of humor, Dr. Murphy was a beloved scholar, mentor, coach and friend. In 2010, through the concerted efforts of UNC Charlotte faculty and staff, former students, and student athletes, family and friends, The Dr. Harvey F. Murphy Scholarship was established to be available each year to a meritorious student in the Department of Kinesiology. The scholarship is fully endowed.

Dr. Murphy is survived by his wife of 49 years, Michelle, Son Steven B. Murphy and daughter-in-law, Cheryl, Charlotte, NC., and grandsons Richard Steven Murphy, Winston-Salem, NC., and Michael H. Murphy, Boone, N.C., and many beloved nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice, or to the UNC Charlotte Foundation, UNC Charlotte, Office of University Development, 9201 University City



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Boulevard, Charlotte NC 28223. Please note on the memo line: Dr. H.F. Murphy Scholarship.

The family would like to thank Hospice and Palliative Care Charlotte Region for their loving care and support.

A service honoring Dr. Murphy's life will be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 24, 2018 at Holy Covenant United Church of Christ, 3501 W WT Harris Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28269, with

The Reverend Mary Frances Comer officiating.

James Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com.



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WK

Wyietta Koko Knight posted:

To the family of Coach Murphy I wish to express my sincere condolences. He was a wonderful person and I still remember him from my freshman year at UNCC as I cheered on the 49ers young basketball team. God bless

February 24 at 5:25 AM

BS

Beth And Andy Suter posted:

Michele, Cheryl and Steve- We are so saddened by the loss of our your precious Harvey. Our condolences to all of the family during this very difficult time. Our prayers and thoughts are with you every day. Love and prayers and may God give you peace and comfort.

February 23 at 5:34 AM

LH

Lee Hutchison posted:

We are very sorry to hear of Harvey's passing. I know my father "Hutch" loved Harvey and together with their merry band of faculty rascals in the days of Bonnie Cone, kept the Administration of the college in stitches with their pranks and hi-jinks...such wonderful and funny stories of the early days of Harvey coaching the basketball team, and starting the PE program. I learned to swim in the pool of the old "Mine Shaft" and remember that red shock of hair when I would see him. I was just a child, but he was always so kind and friendly to me. I remember them telling their many fond reminiscences at every opportunity. Gwen sends her condolences. We will always remember you all with a nod and warm smiles.

February 15 at 2:58 PM



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SK

Sandy Kohn posted:

When I first arrived at UNC Charlotte, and started teaching in (what was then still) the Department of Health and Physical Education, I was neither an academic, nor a physical education nor health professional. I was half time in the department and half-time in the Student Affairs Division. My field was experiential education in the model of Outward Bound. I had never previously had to develop college level academic curriculum nor grade student assignments. So I was very fortunate to come in under the tutelage of Dr. Murphy. With his gentle nudging and guidance and our informative annual reviews, I slowly developed into a competent college faculty. Years later (in large part due to the early guidance and support from Dr. Murphy) I was able to advance to the level of senior lecturer. I am also thankful for the professional culture and supportive environment that Harvey helped create in the department that made me feel welcomed and valued. I know that Dr. Murphy touched a lot of people's lives and helped them on their paths forward. I am fortunate to have been one of those individuals. Thank you Dr. Murphy and Michele who stood at his side.

February 8 at 8:02 AM

GR

Gay Murphy Rutherford posted:

Dear Michelle, Although many of the Murphy family cannot be there to support you personally, I want you to know that we are there in spirit with hugs and prayers. Uncle Harvey could not have chosen a prettier, smarter and loving partner than you. Harvey, being my young kid uncle, gave me fond memories of times spent with him. He would take me to the city "play ground" and no one would dare to bully me! I totally looked up to him.

February 7 at 3:30 PM

RK

Ruth Krueger posted:

Michelle: So very sorry to hear of your loss. Although I never met Harvey, I remember him answering the telephone when I called you. He was always so very kind. If you remember, you helped me through a breast cancer diagnosis at my young age of 40. You were an angel who appeared to me and I will never forget that experience. I pray for peace as you grieve your loss. I read that you were married for 49 yrs. and wanted you to know that Ron and I will be married for 49 yrs. this March.

February 7 at 11:32 AM



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February 7 at 11:26 AM

BM

Betsy And Jim Matthews posted:

Michelle: Betsy and I want to express our condolences to you and your family. As you know, Harvey was close to us. I remember his driving up our driveway when he came to interview for the coaches position. Being associated with him all of the years at Charlotte College (Harrisburg HS gym), UNCC and our home was always a comfortable relationship. We are happy he found a new life with you and your family. He talked frequently about you and Steve particularly and his love for the family. He was an extra special friend of ours, and we have very good memories of this friendship. Betsy and Jim

February 7 at 9:22 AM

FJ

Frank Jones posted:

I first met Harvey in 1962 at the new campus of Charlotte College soon to be UNC Charlotte. He has had a very positive impact on my life. We both grew up in that University under the guidance of Miss Bonnie. He was always asking me questions, especially sports questions. Learned a lot from him about sports and about life. I will miss seeing him. We rejoice with Michelle and her family in Harvey's homecoming; We shed tears of sorrow with you for your loss; We lift you up in our hearts for peace and comfort; And we pray that each day gets better and better. Frank Jones '67

February 7 at 7:47 AM



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MC

Mark Colone posted:

My apologies. The re-dedication in 2016.

February 7 at 6:46 AM

SP

S Prescott posted:

My sincerest condolences to the family and loved ones during this time. May the God of all comfort be with and sustain you. Isaiah 41:10, 13.

February 7 at 4:20 AM

MC

Mark Colone posted:

I am saddened at the loss of Dr. Murphy. He was one of the first people I met when I walked into Belk Gym, a formerly shy kid from upstate NY at the big, bad university. I learned quickly what he had meant to UNC Charlotte. And, that was just 14 years into his storied career as chair of the Department of Physical Education. He went on to serve our University for over 30 years! What I remember most was he asked me about my reasons to leave NY to go to school and he always chuckled that I chose the school because of the 1977 Final Four run...and because "we" had an Architecture program. But, I didn't get a seat in that curriculum and came here anyway. He laughed aloud. I loved his laugh. I spent way too many hours in Belk Gym and he was always so interested in what I did. I like to think that made me special. But, I came to know that Dr. Murphy took a liking almost immediately to anyone who showed an interest in "schooling". He was so humble, I didn't realize until a year into my work as a student in Athletics that he was the first basketball coach in our history. Tennis and Cross Country, too! I will cherish him calling me a "Dern Yankee" and righting my wrongs! I am sorry I did not see him after the Belk Gym re-dedication in 1986. What a great man. Hope you coach well in Heaven. I know Michelle took great care of him. I pray for her peace.

February 6 at 3:57 PM

LM

Linda McClure posted:

Michelle and family, I'm so sorry to hear this news. Your informative bio-posting for Harvey is so well written and I learned so much about him; his passion for life, learning and sharing his knowledge and experiences. What a man! His spirit and body are free..... much love, Linda

February 6 at 1:18 PM



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Perry Babcock posted:

Hello Michelle and family, I am very sorry for your loss but relieved to know that Harvey's suffering is over. I wish I could have gotten to know him better. Peace be with you.

February 6 at 12:57 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dr. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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