



David F. Murphy

February 4, 1944 - June 9, 2025

David F. Murphy, 81, of Midline Road, Amsterdam, passed away at home on Monday, June 9, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Amsterdam on February 4, 1944, a son of Robert and Katherine Verkleir Murphy and was a 1961 graduate of Perth Central School. In 1965, Dave graduated from Syracuse University. He was a lifelong area resident.

Mr. Murphy worked with his father and brothers at H & M Equipment Co., Inc. and eventually became the owner and operator of the business. Dave retired in 2014 and today the business is carried on by his sons, William and Rodney. Dave had a deep passion for aircraft and earned a private pilot's license in 1967. He enjoyed air travel and was well trained and well respected in the flying community. Dave acquired his helicopter license in 1997. In 2010, he received an Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) certification, and in 2013 he received an Inspection Authorization (IA) certificate.

Mr. Murphy was a member of the Adirondack Baptist Church.

He was also a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the Experimental Aircraft Association.

Dave was always working on something and could repair just about everything. He was always busy but knew how to find time for those he cherished.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Lois Oare Murphy; five children, Debra (Timothy) Bogdan of Broadalbin, Joann Murphy of Palmyra, VA, William

(Shelley) Murphy of Broadalbin, Mark (Novinka) Murphy and Rodney (Katherine) Murphy, all of Amsterdam; two brothers, Timothy Murphy and Terry (Kelly) Murphy, all of Amsterdam; thirteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren with a great-granddaughter due in September; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, June 20, 2025, from 4 – 7 pm at the Adirondack Baptist Church 1431 State Highway 29, Gloversville, NY. A funeral service will be held on Saturday at 11am at the church, with Pastor Nate Petersen, officiating. Burial will follow in the Broadalbin-Mayfield Rural Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Adirondack Baptist Church or to Sacandaga Bible Conference, both in care of the funeral home. Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106, Johnstown, NY 12095.

Cemetery Details

Broadalbin-Mayfield Rural Cemetery

N Main St
Broadalbin, NY 12025

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN 20. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adirondack Baptist Church
1431 State Highway 29
Gloversville, NY 12078

Funeral Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Adirondack Baptist Church
1431 State Highway 29
Gloversville, NY 12078

Graveside Service

JUN 21. 12:15 PM (ET)

Broadalbin-Mayfield Rural Cemetery
North Main Street
Broadalbin, NY 12025

Tribute Wall



“ Shaun R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David F. Murphy.

Shaun R. - June 20, 2025 at 03:11 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of David F. Murphy.



June 19, 2025 at 02:32 PM



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“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of David F. Murphy.



June 19, 2025 at 12:14 PM

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“ *Turutsin Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of David F. Murphy.*



Turutsin Family - June 18, 2025 at 08:08 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of David F. Murphy.*



June 18, 2025 at 03:00 PM

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“ *In Loving Memory of Dave Murphy*

Over the years, we cherished our friendship with Dave and the connections that made us family in a special way. His passion for aviation brought unforgettable moments—being invited to the fly-ins, marveling at the planes, and especially the incredible helicopter ride he generously shared with us after purchasing his own.

We are deeply saddened by his passing and will always hold dear the memories we shared.

Our thoughts are with his loved ones during this difficult time.

*With sympathy,
Kent & Valerie Schiemer*

Kent Schiemer - June 18, 2025 at 07:55 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of David F. Murphy.



June 18, 2025 at 06:52 AM



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

June 18, 2025 at 06:52 AM



“ Tony Baleno and Family purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of David F. Murphy.



Tony Baleno and Family - June 16, 2025 at 09:28 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of David F. Murphy.



June 16, 2025 at 10:11 AM



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

June 16, 2025 at 10:11 AM



“ *Calm & Comfort Bouquet for Sympathy - Florist Choice was purchased for the family of David F. Murphy.*



June 13, 2025 at 11:34 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of David F. Murphy.*



June 12, 2025 at 04:24 PM



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

June 12, 2025 at 04:24 PM



“ *Mark Palazzo, Tim Hogan purchased the Red & White Sympathy Basket for the family of David F. Murphy.*



Mark Palazzo, Tim Hogan - June 11, 2025 at 08:07 PM

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“ I came to know David through his son Mark; we were all devoted aviation enthusiasts. In the short time I knew him he instantly earned my respect and admiration; an unassuming man who had done great things in his life. My deepest sympathies to the entire Murphy family.

Martin J Filiatrault - June 11, 2025 at 06:10 PM

 Joshua
Petrillo

“ As a kid, I remember riding with Mr. Murphy when he would give rides in the airplane and helicopter for the church gatherings. I always thought it was the coolest thing to be driving down Midline Road and see those planes taking off or coming in for a landing. May God be with you all during this time — praying peace and comfort over the Murphy family.

Joshua Petrillo - June 11, 2025 at 05:07 PM

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“ Many years of friendship and fellowship.
The memory that came to mind immediately was when he flew his soon to be daughter in law in the helicopter on her wedding day. It was perfect.
Our children went to PBCA with theirs, all playing sports together. Those are good memories also!!
Lois and family, we love you, we are holding you up in prayer and our hearts.
We'll see him again in heaven, what a reunion that will be.
Maybe we can all go camping when we're there!!!!
Feel God's comforting arms surrounding you. 🙏🙏💔💔💔👍👍💕💕💕👉
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Sue and Giggs Morey! - June 11, 2025 at 04:21 PM