



## The Right Reverend Charles Hurt Murphy III

December 6, 1947 - January 9, 2018

In the early morning hours of Tuesday, January 9, 2018, Bishop Charles Hurt Murphy, III died quietly and peacefully in his home in Litchfield Plantation, Pawleys Island, South Carolina. +Chuck was born on December 6, 1947 in Decatur, Alabama, and was the second of five children of the late Rev. Charles H. Murphy, Jr. and Mrs. Anne Hunter Murphy.

Chuck was graduated from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa in 1970, where he met and married his wife, Margaret Adams, in September of 1969. In 1971, he and Margaret traveled to Trinity College in Bristol, England, where +Chuck studied theology under The Revd. Dr. J.I. Packer before receiving a Masters of Divinity from the University of the South's School of Theology in Sewanee, TN. +Chuck was ordained into the Diocese of Alabama for the Episcopal Church as a deacon and priest in 1975; his 43-year career in parish ministry began in Alabama, first at St. Paul's Church in Selma and then at St. Thomas in Greenville. In 1980, +Chuck, Margaret, and their three daughters moved to Columbia, South Carolina where +Chuck became Canon Theologian at Trinity Cathedral. The last move by the +Chuck Murphy family was in 1982, when +Chuck accepted the call to become Rector of All Saints Parish, Waccamaw in Pawleys Island, South Carolina.

From 1982 until 2000, +Chuck led All Saints Church as its Rector, during which time the Lord used Chuck's charisma, passion for the Lord, and

visionary leadership to cultivate a vibrant parish ministry at All Saints; churches from around the country attended worship and leadership weekends hosted and led by All Saints. During this season, the national Episcopal Church began to reject fundamental aspects of Christianity; Chuck and others refused to allow the church's actions to go unchallenged, and a movement began. Under Chuck's leadership, a movement to preserve Anglican orthodoxy began that led to his consecration into the House of Bishops for the Providence of Rwanda in January of 2000. Chuck was commissioned and sent from Rwanda to America to preserve the Anglican theology that the Episcopal Church rejected; under his vision and leadership, an Anglican church planting organization known as the Anglican Mission in America was created, and global Anglicanism was forever changed.

Chuck served in a dual ministry capacity from 2000-2004: he remained at All Saints as Rector Emeritus while leading the Anglican Mission in America as its Chairman. In 2004, he resigned his role at All Saints to focus solely on his role as Chairman of the Mission. For the next 10 years, Chuck remained the Chairman of movement that swept across North America, initiating and planting over 200 churches and apostolic works, becoming a missionary society that resourced North America and beyond. In 2014, Chuck resigned as Chairman, and was been elected and called to serve as the founding Bishop and Rector of a new Anglican Mission church plant in Pawleys Island, The Abbey at Pawleys Island, which has now become a place of renewal and spiritual nurture for a new generation in the low country of South Carolina.

Chuck Murphy's ministry made a huge impact locally and globally as he demonstrated bold, innovative, and humble leadership. Chuck knew that to lead was to serve, and he relentlessly empowered those around him: he always sought to maximize their potential while giving them freedom to run and encouragement to grow into the calling God has for each person he encountered; his sense of vision and God's timing was supernatural in origin

and scope. Chuck will be remembered for his personal charisma, passion for life, and boundless love for his Lord, his wife, Margaret, and his three children and their families, and he will be missed.

+Chuck is survived by his mother, Anne Hunter Murphy, his wife, Margaret Adams Murphy, his children, Allison Adams Murphy, Mary Hunter Kramer (Scott), Anne Nolen Howard (Will), his sister Donna Dardani (Tom), his brother Timothy Murphy (Katy), his brother Chris (Nancy), and grandchildren, Adams, Nolen and William Howard, and Hunter and Emma Kramer.

A Service for the Celebration of Life for The Right Reverend Charles H. Murphy, III will held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 2:00pm am at The Abbey at Pawleys Island, 96 Gathering Lane, Pawleys Island, South Carolina.

The Murphy Family will be receiving friends on Friday afternoon from 4:30pm-6pm in The Pub at The Abbey at Pawleys Island.

\* A Second Memorial Service Celebrating the Life and Legacy of The Right Reverend Charles H. Murphy, III hosted by The Anglican Church in the Americas will be held at another time, date and place to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to The Abbey at Pawleys, 46 Gathering Lane, Pawleys Island, SC 29585

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 12. 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

The Abbey at Pawleys Island  
96 Gathering Ln  
Pawleys Island, SC 29585  
(843) 314-0277

## Celebration of Life

JAN 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Pawleys Island, SC 29585  
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# Tribute Wall

SP

“*Chuck changed my life and changed the world. It was an honor to walk with him for even a brief period of my life and his. He was (and remains) a one-of-a-kind. I miss him terribly.*  
*The Rev'd Dr. Sam Pascoe*

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**Samuel C Pascoe** - February 20, 2018 at 06:37 PM

GK

“*Chuck was leader and inspiration to me. From the moment that we first entered All Saints church back in 1990, I knew that there was something different about this preacher/teacher and I knew that we belonged at All Saints Church. He played a huge role in my becoming a Christian and I will always cherish the years that we spent with him and for his influence on me. We will miss Chuck dearly.*  
*Grant Kuhn*

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**Grant Kuhn** - February 11, 2018 at 05:03 PM



“*Uncle Chuck was a hero. A hero in Anglicanism, yes, but more importantly a hero to his immediate family, extended family, and to the church congregations he led. He was so full of life, passion, humor and a dedication to the Gospel. Although we hope in the resurrection and rejoice in his full union with Christ, we ache in our loss and the incredible void that we feel in his death. He will be deeply, deeply missed.*

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**Kimberly Iverson** - January 28, 2018 at 09:39 PM

WG

“ Chuck lived a life of prophecy. During the years of his intense criticism, he never offered a rebuttal (though we all know, a rebuttal would have been nice at some points)... he just continued doing what he did best, impacting the lives of others in the greatest ways possible. He was more than just a man in my life, he was like a dad - and loved me like a son. I am forever gracious to he and his family for the extraordinary presence they have had in my life.

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**Wilson Grayson** - January 24, 2018 at 12:12 PM

AB

“ Chuck Murphy had a profound and indelible influence on my life from the first time I met him over thirty years ago. My walk with Christ is so very much richer and deeper for having learned at Chuck's feet all these years. My prayers are with Margaret and his girls as we as a church move forward in faith has he taught us.

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**Archie Biggs** - January 14, 2018 at 04:41 PM

NK

“ Chuck was and is a Christian gentleman, a Godly bishop, a courageous churchman and a true friend who did not turn like a weather-vane. I look forward to serving with him again in the heavenly vineyard.  
Nelson Koscheski

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**Nelson Koscheski** - January 12, 2018 at 07:09 PM

TK

“ It is indeed with great sadness that we discovered earlier this week, that one of the Kingdom’s great modern day saints and apostles passed from mortality into immortality. The gates of glory swung wide open to receive him and the church triumphant cheered as Charles Hurt Murphy III boldly yet humbly approached the eternal throne to claim the crown through Christ his own. There is no doubt he heard the words from his beloved Savior “Well done thou good and faithful servant enter into the joy of your Lord.

*In sickness and in health +Chuck offered us the powerful living testimony of a faithful and courageous disciple. Completely enfolded in the anointing of the Holy Spirit, +Chuck fulfilled the call of his Lord to be the quintessential Godly Spiritfilled Husband, Father, Bishop, Priest and Deacon. Chuck was a man’s man and a priest’s priest. When you met him in person you knew you were in the presence of someone deeply committed to the Lord. He was insightful to the point of prophetic. One often walked away wondering how he knew exactly what to pray to lift you out of your fear or depression and set you firmly back on a rock. Yet we knew exactly why - He had a keen sense of the Holy Spirit’s power and he was not afraid to use it. He was larger than life. He exuded the Love of God and the Presence of the Holy Spirit and yet he was so humble. Some would say a man of few words, but when he spoke, the quality, made up for the quantity. Our dear +Chuck, we will miss you so much. We will do all we can to live out your legacy!*

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**The Rev. Canon James Edward Kennaugh** - January 12, 2018 at 02:50 PM

TJ

“ Chuck and I first crossed paths at some of the renewal meetings of the late 70s and 80s. Episcopal parishes involved in the charismatic renewal developed a good network. After I went to work for Episcopal Renewal Ministries Chuck invited me to do a Parish Discipleship Weekend at Pawleys Island. What a parish! What a leader! I was so humbled and thankful.

When it came time for our parish to leave ECUSA, I called Chuck to talk about AMiA. We had several very honest conversations, which ultimately was one of the attractions -- his directness and honesty -- for us to become part of AMiA in 2004. At one point I distinctly remember him saying to me, “If that is an issue for you and your parish, I don’t think AMiA will be for you.” I knew at that moment whom I should follow.

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**The Rt. Rev. Carl Buffington Jr.** - January 12, 2018 at 02:32 PM

AI

“ ANGLICAN MISSION INTERNATIONAL & MISSION INDIA purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of The Right Reverend Charles Hurt Murphy III.



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**ANGLICAN MISSION INTERNATIONAL & MISSION INDIA** -  
January 12, 2018 at 02:09 PM

TA

“ We are so saddened to hear of the passing of our dear brother in Christ, Chuck. He will be remembered as a giant in the history of the Anglican Church worldwide. His vision, wisdom, courage and integrity will remain one of the greatest examples of the apostolic charism. His gentlemanliness and willingness to walk the way of the cross in persecution and suffering will remain an example for every bishop, priest and deacon who serves in the church catholic.

*The people of Ghana and in particular the Diocese of Dunkwa-on-Offin will be forever blessed by his legacy – his heart and vision for Mission manifested through the Anglican Mission. We mourn for the absence of our beloved brother Chuck, but we also rejoice that he now wears a crown of glory in the nearer presence of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

*We send our heartfelt condolences to his beloved wife Margaret and his wonderful daughters and their families.*

*Grace in Christ*

*+Edmund and Gifty*

*“I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.”*

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**The Rt. Rev. Edmund Dawson Ahmoah** - January 12, 2018 at 11:11 AM

AC

“ Anglican Mission in Canada purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of The Right Reverend Charles Hurt Murphy III.



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**Anglican Mission in Canada** - January 12, 2018 at 10:03 AM



“ I am saddened to hear of the death of Charles Hurt Murphy, III. Bishop Chuck entered into his eternal reward on the morning of 9 January 2018. I was blessed to be under his leadership in The Anglican Mission for a time before going on to Pittsburgh with his blessing to serve the Anglican Church in North America in my current role.

*Bishop Murphy spoke clearly and often about the importance of the leader's vision, taking risks for the Gospel and having a bias toward action in an Anglican apostolic movement.*

*I have fond memories of many a Winter Conference in a hotel ballroom in Birmingham, Jacksonville or Greensboro (a bunch of times!) where he would either say "money is muscle" in his Chairman's Address or remind the clergy of following the Lord's leading like "the pillar of smoke by day and the pillar of fire by night" as Moses did. He taught powerfully on leadership, stewardship, church planting and worship - "worship is God's presence, God's purposes, God's pardon and God's power."*

*Bishop Chuck, rest in peace and rise in glory.*

*Jack Lumanog*



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Jack Lumanog - January 12, 2018 at 09:33 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of The Right Reverend Charles Hurt Murphy III.*



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January 12, 2018 at 08:54 AM



“ *In 1996 I found myself sitting on the back pew of All Saints Chapel, stuck in the pit of depression. When Chuck made the call for prayer , I went forward and my life changed. When Chuck prayed over me the power of the Holy Spirit came over me! The Lord began a wonderful work of healing in me that day and I shall never forget it! I loved the way he taught the Word. I pray that Margaret and his family be comforted during this time. Being an Oncology nurse, I know what you have gone through. We shall see Chuck again! Love in Christ, Cyndi Brown Hess*

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**cyndi brown hess** - January 11, 2018 at 09:39 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of The Right Reverend Charles Hurt Murphy III.*



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January 11, 2018 at 05:42 PM

MH

“ My wife and I were at an evening service at one winter conference when I felt that the community should pray for Chuck. I told Doug Harvey what I had felt and sat down. A few minutes later Doug said come on, you are going to pray for him right now (not something I did). Obedient, yes. Scared, yes. So I started praying for Chuck and was led to say aloud that he should "rest in the Spirit". Next thing I know he was slain in the Spirit. I think I was the most surprised by this!

*Chuck we will miss you.*

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**Michael Hesford** - January 11, 2018 at 02:19 PM

Allison  
Murphy

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**Allison Murphy** - January 11, 2018 at 11:55 AM

JF

“ J. Blake Floyd purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of The Right Reverend Charles Hurt Murphy III.



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**J. Blake Floyd** - January 11, 2018 at 10:24 AM

MH

“ I remember many Winter Conferences, but especially the one where Bishop Chuck, having been maligned without cause, got up, when he would have been justified in retaliating, and spoke words of humility, repentance, and forgiveness. I was never more proud of the Anglican Mission and him than at that moment. We will continue to labour for God's vision, shared by Bishop Chuck and Archbishops Kolini, Tay, and Yong. He is and will be missed. Love and prayers to you all. Margaret and Mike Hesford.

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**Margaret Hesford** - January 11, 2018 at 08:22 AM

TB

“ The Berube;s lit a candle in memory of The Right Reverend Charles Hurt Murphy III



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**The Berube;s** - January 11, 2018 at 07:02 AM

PW

“ Pat Weaver lit a candle in memory of The Right Reverend Charles Hurt Murphy III



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**Pat Weaver** - January 11, 2018 at 05:36 AM

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Murphy

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Allison Murphy - January 11, 2018 at 02:01 AM

SK

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Susan Keenan - January 10, 2018 at 11:02 PM



“ Truly Beloved Bouquet was purchased for the family of The Right Reverend Charles Hurt Murphy III.



January 10, 2018 at 10:51 PM

BG

“ I will share here, my memory of meeting Chuck for the first time. The year was 1981. Chuck came to Spartanburg to do a two night presentation on stewardship. Frank attended the first night while I stayed home with our first child, Rob. Frank came back from that meeting so excited, and insisted that I go the next night while he watched Rob. I did go, and the teaching we both received from God through His servant Chuck changed our lives forever, in the best of all possible ways. Within a year, we were joyfully tithing, and soon after, began the spiritual journey of sacrificial giving. It has been our joy and privilege to worship with Chuck & Margaret and their family, first when visiting my sister in Columbia, and then, every time we were at the beach. Eventually, my parents retired to Pawleys and thus, our time sitting under Chuck's exhortation and teaching grew tremendously. Eventually, my parents (by then in their 80's) helped to plant The Abbey at Pawleys Island. I know we are but one small family out of so many connected by grace to the Murphy's. For this, I will continue to give thanks and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ, even as I grieve. Posting tonight and sending my special love to Margaret, Allison, Mary Hunter, and Anne Nolan. with my love,  
Betsy Grimes

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**Betsy Grimes** - January 10, 2018 at 10:01 PM

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Murphy

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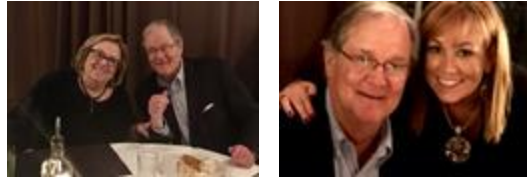


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**Allison Murphy** - January 10, 2018 at 08:46 PM

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lynne klosik - January 10, 2018 at 06:41 PM

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Murphy

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Allison Murphy - January 10, 2018 at 06:04 PM



*This picture is one of my favorites. Watching you three girls grow up having a daddy who loved each of you so dearly, I remember Chuck would say that if a call came in from one of you three, he was always to be interrupted from whatever he was doing. Linda Grabeman*

Linda Grabeman - January 13, 2018 at 05:32 PM

DJ

*I have just learned that Bishop Charles Murphy passed away. This is truly sad news.*

*I did not know Bishop Murphy. I did not have the honor of meeting Bishop Murphy, but knew his brother Chris Murphy. Reading about Bishop Murphy you understood how great a man he was. Chris and Nancy our prayers are with you and your family.*

*With caring thoughts*

*Don Jordan, USC Professor*

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**Dr. Don M Jordan** - February 05, 2018 at 11:11 AM