



Robert David Murphy

January 20, 1951 - June 6, 2025

Robert David Murphy, or “Murph,” 74 of Forestburg, Texas went to be with Jesus on Friday, June 6, 2025. He was born on January, 20, 1951, in Rosebud, Texas, the son of Thaddeus Cornelius Murphy and Elsie Faye (Chappel) Murphy.

David was a proud Texan who was born a couple of centuries too late for his taste. Most who knew him would say “Murph is one of a kind.” He hit the road at roughly the age of 17 where he embarked on his journey as a troubadour in country music, following the footsteps of his musical heroes, Hank Williams Sr. and Jimmie Rodgers. He had an amazing God given gift as a vocalist and performer. His musical career began in church as a child under the guidance of his late father who was a pastor. As David entered a career in music, his ability took him to stages and venues all over the DFW area for close to a 20-year period. He won one of the first entertainer of the year awards at the Grapevine Opry. He performed at Billy Bobs in its early days, and pretty much every honky-tonk in Fort Worth. When he wasn’t playing music, he was playing cowboy. David loved anything and everything about the American West. He would pick up ranching jobs, so long as it was on horseback, when the opportunity allowed. For him, it wasn’t a job, it was a lifestyle that he loved. Later in life he began to transition out of his challenging career in music so that he could settle down in “the woods.” He finished out his days enjoying the Texas countryside with the love of his life, Mary (Pate) Murphy, close by his side until his final breath.

David loved all of his children and especially his grandchildren. He leaves behind so many friends and family that he has met through the years who will miss him dearly.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at Montague County Cowboy Church in Montague.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Montague County Cowboy Church
1600 FM 455W
Montague, TX

Tribute Wall

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“ Thought of David this summer when we saw an Indiana Jones escape room in Brandon it sure would have been great to take David and Mary there to try it. David was a good man and a great friend he will be missed and remembered by us forever. Prayers for the family .

Tawnya F Hawthorne - July 06, 2025 at 01:20 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bobby Joe Burkes - July 02, 2025 at 02:10 AM

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One of the best friends you could count on always.

Bobby Joe Burkes - July 02, 2025 at 02:15 AM

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“ David was one of a kind, everyone considered David Family from the old Sip n Nip days in Euless, Texas. A great voice a wonderful person and friend. Sending his entire family love and warmth , May God wrap his arms around you all and give you peace. He is definately up there singing in the highest places R.I.P. my friend



Wanda Spriggs Patin - July 01, 2025 at 07:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert David Murphy.*



June 30, 2025 at 11:18 PM



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

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