



## Don Murphy

March 28, 1953 - September 5, 2021

Donald "Don" J. Murphy was born on March 28, 1953. Don was the second of three sons born to Lowell and Faye Murphy. He was raised in Torrington, Wyoming and graduated from Torrington High School in 1971. He played football and wrestled during his school years. On April 12, 1975, he married Margie, the love of his life.

He worked for the family-owned business, Plains Building Supply, until 1980 when he started working as a Goshen County Deputy Sheriff. After working with the sheriff's posse, he decided to make law enforcement a career. In the 80's he worked as a Deputy Sheriff and was promoted to undersheriff by Sheriff Werger. After an unsuccessful bid for sheriff in 1990, he went to work for the Torrington Police Department. In 1993 he was appointed to be the Sheriff and served in that capacity until he retired in May 2018.

He was a member of the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church, participated in Mariners and was a co-leader of the Rap Youth Group. God was his constant guide. In the early 2000's Don was introduced to the sport of fast draw shooting. He and Margie competed enthusiastically together, traveling all over the western United States and into Canada. Throughout his entire life he was an avid handgun collector. He enjoyed his retirement with his family, especially his grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. If he couldn't attend an event in person, he followed on social media.

Don passed away on Sunday, September 5, 2021, at 10:04 pm surrounded by family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and older brother,

Dennis. He is survived by his wife Margaret "Margie" (Schaffert) Murphy, brother William "Billy" (Marti) Murphy, daughter Stacey (Wade) Stroud, son Drew (Danielle) Murphy, son Beau Murphy and grandchildren: Matthew, Evan, Logan, Conor, and Emma, numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

A celebration of life will be held on Monday, October 4, 2021, from 2-5 pm at the Goshen County Rendezvous Center. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be sent to the Don Murphy Memorial at First State Bank in Torrington or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 4. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Rendezvous Center/Fairgrounds  
Torrington, WY

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Don Murphy.*



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October 04, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *We are so saddened to hear of the passing of such a dear friend 😭 Our hearts go out to Margie and his family and know our former home will feel his loss for many years to come! Bill and Linda Vandivort*

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**Bill/Linda Vandivort** - September 29, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ *Margi, Beau, Drew... and families! Donnie was a one of a kind friend, always a smile and a hug from him! He was an integral part of shaping our community and keeping us all safe! Now he rests safe in our Saviors arms! He will be loved and missed always! You are all in our thoughts and prayers! RIP dear friend!*

*Dale and Kathy Beaman*

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**kathy beaman** - September 17, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ *Heart felt sorrow as another friend and comrade passes to a better life. The fond memories will always remain with me. Heart felt condolences to his family and friends. You will be surely missed Charles (Chuck) Murphy former Guernsey P.O.*

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**Charles Murphy** - September 12, 2021 at 04:17 PM

KS

“ *Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

**Karen & Mike Stricker** - September 11, 2021 at 06:20 PM

LZ

“ *I am so glad to have gotten to know Don during my many years serving in the Search & Rescue posse under him. What a character. He is a good man.*

**Laurie Zumwalt** - September 11, 2021 at 12:12 AM

MA

“ *Mary Augustin lit a candle in memory of Don Murphy*



**Mary Augustin** - September 10, 2021 at 12:16 PM

KR

“ *We are sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers.*

*Konne and Charlie Rife*

**Kone Byrne Rife** - September 09, 2021 at 10:34 PM

RN

“ *Royce And Carolyn Nelson lit a candle in memory of Don Murphy*



**Royce and Carolyn Nelson** - September 09, 2021 at 11:30 AM

SD

“ Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Don  
Murphy



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**Sue Davis** - September 09, 2021 at 11:04 AM

CP

“ Carol Peterson lit a candle in memory of Don  
Murphy



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**Carol Peterson** - September 09, 2021 at 10:54 AM

KA

“ Karla Ahrens lit a candle in memory of Don  
Murphy



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**Karla Ahrens** - September 08, 2021 at 08:12 PM

LM

“ Larry & Bev Miskimins lit a candle in memory  
of Don Murphy



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**Larry & Bev Miskimins** - September 08, 2021 at 07:53 PM

TR

“ *Theil Ryan lit a candle in memory of Don Murphy*



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**Theil Ryan** - September 08, 2021 at 03:17 PM

SH

“ *Sharon Hackett lit a candle in memory of Don Murphy*



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**Sharon Hackett** - September 08, 2021 at 01:22 PM