



**DOROTHY MURPHEY** died peacefully in the presence of loving family at her home in Houston on April 2nd. She was born to David J. and Ethel Kreager in 1932. She was married to Carey Murphey for 60 years. She is predeceased by Carey, her brother Dave, and a nephew. She is survived by her three children: Richard (Amy); Don (Linda); and, Susan; and four grandchildren: Colleen, Matthew, Stephen and Michael.

Dorothy was active in multiple organizations, including Texas Exes and Alpha Chi, her local Republican precinct, Junior League, Meyerland Club, Garden Club, Friends of Archeology and Presbyterian Women. She was treasurer for a local investment club, with her mother Ethel.

The Murpheys lived in the Hague, Netherlands for two years in the early seventies, where Dorothy initiated family cultural trips across Europe. Once back in Houston, she began teaching, first at Bellaire High School, then Strake Jesuit, where she chaired the English department and ran the school paper, and then at University of Houston, where she got a master's degree. She was very active, in turn, at St. Luke's Presbyterian, First Presbyterian Houston, and St. Philip Presbyterian, and engaged the family in many church activities. After retiring, she volunteered for 30 years as a docent at the Museum of Fine Arts. There, as everywhere, she set a high bar by her diligent study before giving tours, and by befriending new docents and staff. She was an active, devoted, excellent mother to her family and a devoted aunt to her brother's family. She cooked for and hosted countless events for others. She traveled widely with Carey and family. She lead an exemplary life of faith, family and friendship. She will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to her beloved Main Street Theatre or Classical Theater Company, or to your favorite arts charity.



## **THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP AT WORSHIP**

**APRIL 23, 2022**

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**A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION**

**IN MEMORY OF**

**DOROTHY MURPHEY**

**FEBRUARY 2, 1932—APRIL 2, 2022**

**PRELUDE**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

✠ **HYMN 37**

*Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

✠ **PRAYER**

**Eternal God,  
our beginning and our end,  
our hope and our help,  
your love cares for us in life  
and watches over us in death.  
We praise you for the great company  
of all those who have kept the faith, finished their race,  
and who now rest from their labor.  
Especially we thank you for Dorothy,  
whom you have now received into your presence.  
We are grateful for all she gave us,  
for the memories that will abide with us,  
and for the assurance that she lives forever  
in the peace and joy of your unending love.  
Take from us now our regrets and sorrows,  
and grant us your grace, we pray,  
that as we face the mystery of death  
we may see the light of eternity,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*silent prayer*

Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

✠ **DECLARATION**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Psalm 8  
Psalm 90:1-6, 10-12  
Romans 12:1-18  
1 Corinthians 15:1-5, 51-57

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN 239**

*Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

GELOBT SEI GOTT

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;  
for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

✠ **HYMN 326**

*For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

✠ **COMMENDATION**

✠ **BLESSING**

✠ **RECESSIONAL**

*Everyone is invited to a reception in the Gathering Area adjacent to the Sanctuary.*

The Rev. Dr. John W. Wurster, Pastor  
Dr. Matthew Dirst, Organist