

Ruthanne Murphy

February 2, 1949 ~ May 30, 2022

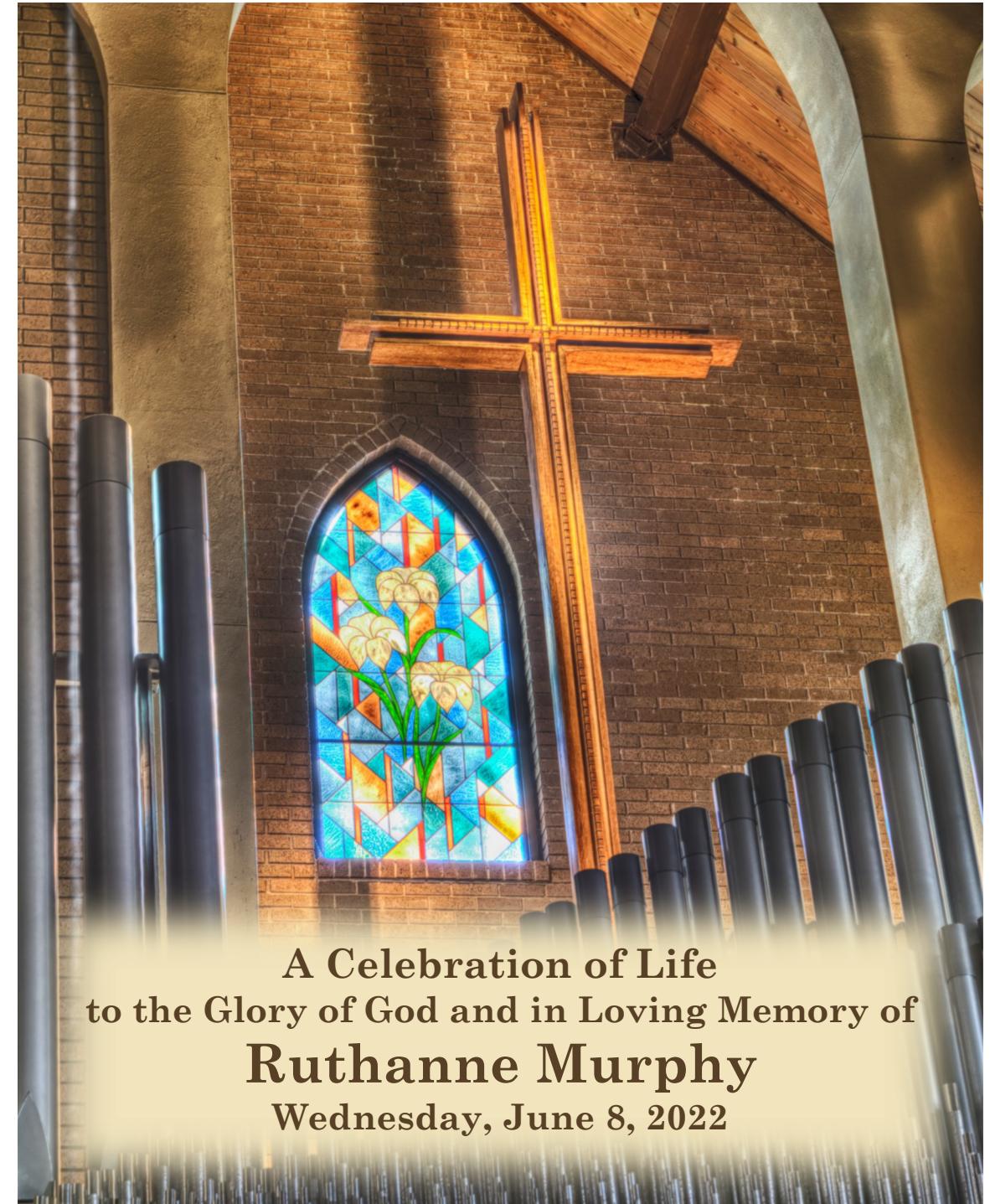
Ruthanne Nash Murphy, age 73 of Little Rock, Arkansas went to be with the Lord on May 30, 2022. Ruthanne grew up in the small (and sometimes very windy) town of Greensburg, Kansas with her parents, Truman and Maxine Nash and older brother, Rod.

After high school, she went onto Wichita State University and then to the Wesley College of Nursing. As a nurse, she lived in Kansas, Colorado, North Carolina and eventually settled in Little Rock, Arkansas where she earned her law degree. Ruthanne raised her two daughters, Sarah and Rachel, and went on to become a successful attorney. Eventually, she married her high school sweetheart, Jim Garrett, and gained two more children, Becky and Pat.

Ruthanne was a devout Methodist throughout her life and believed that her purpose was to be of service to others. She loved her family fiercely, and thought her grandchildren, Garrett, Emma, Hadley and Cooper were the best things since Coca-Cola. Ruthanne wanted to leave this world better than she found it and as a woman who was never easily deterred, that is precisely what she did.

Today's "wear happy colors" request is per Ruthanne, who always said that she hoped guests would dress this way at her funeral. This service is also being live streamed and posted if someone you know is unable to attend today. <https://stjameslr.online.church/>.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Ruthanne's name to your favorite animal shelter and/or the Under the Bridge Ministry at St. James United Methodist Church.



**A Celebration of Life
to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Ruthanne Murphy
Wednesday, June 8, 2022**

A Celebration of the Life of Ruthanne Nash Murphy

February 2, 1949 ~ May 30, 2022

10:30 A.M.

June 8, 2022

(Please stand at the sounding of the chimes)

PROCESSIONAL “Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring” *by J. S. Bach*

WORDS OF WELCOME *Rev. Greg Schick*

OPENING MUSIC “Amazing Grace” *arr. by John Newton*
Andrea Newton and Tim Cole

OPENING PRAYER *Rev. Ben Crismon*

† WORDS OF HOPE AND THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we come before You today in sadness, but we come affirming our faith and looking to celebrate Your promise.

**We come with the assurance that You are our refuge and strength,
a very present help in times of trouble.**

Although there are many things we do not understand and would change if we could, we come trusting in Your grace, hope and love.

**We are truly thankful for the love and compassion we always found
in Ruthanne. Her sense of right and wrong inspired us, strengthened our
faith, and brought us joy.**

We humbly ask that You continue to support and care for her family and friends as they return to life, attempting to incorporate this loss.

**As we celebrate Your love, turn our sadness into joy and questions into
expressions of hope and peace.**

With Ruthanne, give us the assurance that we are never beyond Your safekeeping. Surround us with the power of Your presence and comfort of Your Spirit.

**Show us how to live as people of faith, serving and trusting Your promise.
For we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

SONG OF PRAISE

Selected Passages Regarding Justice

“Hallelujah”

by Leonard Cohen

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

*Jim Garrett
Sarah and Rachel Murphy*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 14 - selected verses

WORDS OF HOPE

Rev. Greg Schick

PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

† CLOSING HYMN “Here I Am Lord” *UMH #593*

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*There will be a reception in the Great Hall following this
service for you to greet the family and share your condolences.*

† You are invited to stand as you are able

Leading in Today’s Service

Clergy ~ Rev. Ben Crismon

Rev. Greg Schick

Organist ~ Robert Lindley

Crucifer ~ Bob Anderson

Musicians ~ Sheri Gilbert, Marcia Dunbar,

Andrea Newton, Priss Inman, Tim Cole

Ushers ~ Cathy Lanier & Susie Branion

Sound ~ Christa Schick



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