



Nora Murphy

July 3, 1938 - April 5, 2018

Nora Murphy died at Banner University Medical Center in Tucson, AZ on April 5, 2018. She was born July 3, 1938 in Henry Ford Hospital, Pontiac MI. She was the fifth child of Margaret and Houston Murphy. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers: Arthur, Houston, and Morly, and one sister, Frances.

Early in her life she attended movies with her mother and horse races with her grandmother. She was a child of WWII who helped her mother prepare and send care packages to family members in Scotland. She watched as B-24 Liberator bombers came off the assembly line at the Ford Motor Company's Willow Run plant near Detroit, MI known as: "Bomber Highway". Perhaps, that influenced her to join the Civil Air Patrol during high school.

Later, she joined the Women's Army Corps serving for eight years. During her first enlistment she worked at several Army Posts in a variety of assignments. At Fort Dix, NJ she was the training NCO. At Fort Holabird, MD she worked as a personnel specialist. At Fort McCellan, AL she was a platoon sergeant and personnel specialist.

In 1964, Nora reenlisted to become a computer programmer. After completing classes at Fort Monmouth, NJ in September, she was assigned to Fort Huachuca, AZ. During her military enlistments, she earned a National Defense Service Metal, two Good Conduct Metals and an Army Commendation Metal. She achieved the rank of SP6. In Federal Civil Service, she worked as an electric accounting machine operator. She moved to Mesa, AZ where she worked on the assembly line for Motorola. Later, she returned to Huachuca City, AZ to attend Pima College graduating as a radiology technician. For a time, she ran the Radiology Clinic at St. Mary's Hospital in Tucson, AZ. She said, "This was her favorite job".

She graduated from the University Of Arizona with a Bachelor of Arts degree as a counselor. She returned to Fort Huachuca, AZ to finish twenty years of federal service by working in a variety of computer related positions. She also worked for the state of Arizona as a Social Security Disability Claims Adjuster. After retirement, she briefly worked at

Walmart in Sierra Vista, AZ.

Nora was a member of Mensa, enjoyed flowers, Arizona sunsets, and reading Stephen King and Ann Rice novels. She liked Harry Potter movies, NCIS, The Voice and the evening NEWS. Nora always said she was a "born administrator and a trained counselor" and always "did the best she could".

She loved her family, her friends, her dogs and her black cat - Wee Nora. She will be especially missed by her sisters, Elizabeth and Margie and her friends Laura, Mike, Helen, Jean, April, Dale and Juanita.

Cemetery

Southern Arizona Veteran's Memorial Cemetery

Sierra Vista, AZ, 85635

Events

MAY 10 **Chapel Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nora Murphy.



May 04, 2018 at 01:57 PM



“ To Family and Friends of Nora,
My sympathy to each of you on the loss of your dear sister and friend. I knew Nora through my sister Juanita. She and Juanita were close friends and she was of our family for many years. Nora was very intelligent, wise, generous, kind and helpful. I think she would have given the shirt off her back to someone, if they needed it. One of my favorite things that Nora said was "To go make some memories". I have thought about that ever since. I admire and appreciate all her service to the military and our country. She was a very strong and capable woman. I am thinking of and praying for you at this sad time.
Becky Shackleton

Becky Shackleton - April 09, 2018 at 09:46 PM



“ I never got the privilege to meet Nora in person but I got to know her through my daughter Laura Brown. Nora was there for Laura when she most needed someone and I could not be there. I have always admired Nora for who she was, a fantastic caring and loving person.
She is with God now and no longer in pain. My heart goes out to family and other friends.
GOD BLESS !

Laura Brown;s Mother - April 07, 2018 at 10:26 AM



“ Thank you Mama!

Laura - May 10, 2018 at 01:07 PM



“ Laura Brown lit a candle in memory of Nora Murphy



Laura Brown - April 06, 2018 at 08:34 PM



“ Nora saved my life 11 years ago and has always been my rock. My favorite memory is of her telling me "Charlie likes you" when her beloved late orange tomcat jumped in my lap for the first time. Nora helped me find my independence and become the woman I am today. She helped me make friends whom I treasure...Juanita, Dale, Jean, and her sister Margie who helped me overcome my fear of Pitt bulls with Bo, Babe, and Buddy. She spoke to me often of her family. I offer my sincerest condolences to her sisters Elizabeth and Margie and to Juanita, Mike, Dale, Jeannie, and if I left anyone out I don't mean to. I will always carry Nora in my heart. I miss her so much!

Sincerely,
Laura Brown

Laura Brown - April 06, 2018 at 07:53 PM