Murphy Paul Isom Jr.

January 15, 1937 – Mach7, 2025

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Murphy Paul Isom Jr. was born on January 15,1937, in Vacherie, LA. He was the son of Murphy and Ethel Isom Sr.

Murphy was baptized on January 24, 1937, at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Vacherie, LA. Murphy was educated in St. James Parish School District. Murphy was joined in holy matrimony to Ophelia Batiste and from that union three children were born: Anthony, Hampton, and Warnette Connie Isom. On April 29th, 1967, Murphy was joined in holy matrimony to Sheral A. Duronslet and from that union four children were born: Kim, David, Denise and Ann Marie Isom.

Murphy leaves to cherish his memories his 8 children: Anthony (Geraldine) Isom, Hampton (Christine) Isom, Warnette Connie Isom, Kim (Thomas) Green, David (Natalie) Isom, Denise (Terrell) Isom, Ann (Late Andrel Johnson Sr.) Isom, and Ronnie (Felicia) Rounds. Adopted children, Shane, Kala, Anitra and Moses Rounds. 15 grandchildren: Dwayne (Gina) Cola, Delaune (Kendrick) Grayson, Jasmaine Smith, Donovan, Alacia, Kentrell, Ethan, Kamille, and Emaury Isom, Anthony Isom Jr, Eshonna (Stephan) Lane, Jontell White, Charm Isom Asenme, Shondrika Brown and Ronnie Brown Jr. 7 Great Grandchildren, Dwayne Cola III, Alyzia Cola-Grayson, Kendrick Grayson II, Suraj Cola, and Kamari Isom Farmer. 7 siblings, Lilly Hollands, Theresa Davere, Juanita (Lee) Gaston, Erma Melancon, Herman Isom, Wallace (Kathleen) Isom, and Elaine Sterling. 3 godchildren: Marilyn Edwards, Monica Johnson, and Janet Isom. Along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors.

He is preceded in death by his parents Murphy P. Isom Sr. and Ethel C. Isom, 2 grandchildren: Rance Isom and Eugine Julien. Brothers: Willie, Eddison, Harold and Alec Isom. Sisters: Venita Anderson, Eva Lois Isom, Mary Ann Isom, and Ethel May Champagne.

Along with his nieces, nephews, brother and sisters-in-law. Murphy, affectionately called “June” by his family was a family man who instilled the foundation of faith and prayer in his children. Every night you could find them kneeling around the bed making the rosary. Attending church every Saturday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and occasionally at Our Lady of Guadalupe in New Orleans for the St. Jude novena. June was a Eucharist minister, member of Archdiocese of New Orleans #102 and a CCD teacher. He also served eucharist to the homebound.

June had a long and dedicated career at Avondale Shipyard, where he worked for 37 years as a Backhoe Operator. During his time there, he was known for his strong work ethic and commitment, never missing a day of work in 37 years. His role involved operating heavy machinery, which was crucial for the shipyard's operation. June's dedication to his job and his reliability made him a respected member of the Avondale Shipyard’s team.

June had a passion for cutting grass, and what he didn’t cut, he cemented. When he wasn't cutting grass, he enjoyed playing cards, although he hated losing. His love for cooking was evident in his delicious sweet potato dish and fried chicken, his favorite meal was salt meat and potatoes. Murphy also had a fondness for attending Mardi Gras, you could find him in LaPlace parked and ready to catch his beads, a tradition he cherished. He also enjoyed going to the casinos in Mississippi and making his famous homemade wine. He was a diehard Dallas Cowboys fan and despite his dislike for the Saints he was interviewed when they won the Superbowl in 2009. After 58 years of marriage, he still couldn’t pronounce his wife’s name Sheral, it was always cut short and said in only a way he could say it. Murphy and Sheral shared a beautiful journey together, and they were just a month away from celebrating 59 years of marriage.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, March 14, 2025 at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 13281 LA-644, Vacherie, LA 70090 with visitation beginning for 8am and Mass to follow for 11am. Entombment St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Cemetery, 2349 LA-18, Edgard, LA 70049.

Treasures of Life Funeral Services, Gramercy, Louisiana

March 20, 2025