



## FINAL THOUGHTS

I have finished now with this house of clay  
Please kindly and carefully lay it away  
And let me rest from this life of pain  
Toiling in sunshine, storm and rain  
Trying to help the sick and poor  
And turning no needy from my door  
I strove to do my master's work  
Never a duty did I shirk  
Many times, I was misunderstood  
When I had done the best, I could  
I am tired now, so let me rest  
Don't cry, don't you know, God knows Best?  
Please, no sad hearts, no hung down heads  
Don't weep for me for I am not dead  
I have another house you know  
Where only God's redeemed can go  
I do not need this house of clay  
So, tenderly, carefully lay it away

# ELDER ERIC LEVAGHN MURRAY, SR.

## PALLBEARERS

Derek Worthen, Terrance Murray, James Brightman, III  
Christian Drayton, Ronald Abram, Jr., Cartier Corbett

## FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Nieces

## REPAST

Wilbur Holsey Hall  
All People International Church, Inc.  
1993 Edgewood Avenue | Jacksonville, Florida 32208

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are most appreciative to each of you who have extended many acts of kindness in the passing of our loved one. We sincerely thank God for the gift of friends like you. Your expression of condolence has given us strength at this hour. May God forever bless each of you.  
The Family

## INURNMENT

Wednesday, February 12, 2025  
10:30AM, LANE 1  
Jacksonville National Cemetery  
4083 Lannie Road | Jacksonville, Florida 32218

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# ELDER ERIC LEVAGHN MURRAY, SR.

SUNRISE  
DECEMBER 7, 1953

SUNSET  
JANUARY 25, 2025

Saturday | February 8, 2025 | 11:00AM

All People International Church, Inc.  
1993 W Edgewood Avenue | Jacksonville, Florida 32208

Pastor Ardel Jones, Senior Pastor  
Pastor Walter Hall, Assistant Pastor  
Bishop Sharon Jones, Bishop of Administration



# LIFE’S PRECIOUS REFLECTIONS

Elder Eric Levaughn Murray, Sr., was born at Brewster Hospital on December 7, 1953, in Jacksonville, Florida to Dorothy and Nathaniel Murray, Sr. He grew up in Jacksonville where he graduated from Robert E. Lee High School.

Eric Murray, Sr. later enlisted and served in the United States Navy from 1974 to 1978 and reenlisted into the Naval Reserves from 1978 to 1985. During this time, he attended St. Leo College in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

He went into civil service and worked for the Naval Supply Center in Norfolk, Virginia until he returned to Jacksonville, Florida to work for the Defense Reutilization Marketing Office. He received multiple awards, commendations, and letters of appreciation during his thirty-five years of service.

On August 18, 1984, in Norfolk, Virginia the Lord Saved and Delivered Eric L. Murray, Sr. The power of the Holy Ghost fell upon him. In August 1985, God called Brother Murray out of Norfolk and led him back to Jacksonville to teach bible study with his family in the home of his parents.

Following his father, he became a member of All People Church of God in Christ, Inc under the leadership of Bishop Arthur T. Jones, Sr. He met, fell in love, and married Missionary Vorner Cole. A love that lasted thirty-nine years. He said, “God sent me an angel.” “Then God blessed us even more when he gave us Michael.”

Brother Eric L. Murray, Sr. worked faithfully in the church and proved himself worthy by our Bishop to be ordained to the office of Deacon in Holy Convocation in July of 1986. The Lord called him into the ministry of preaching. He gave his trial sermon in Holy Convocation in July of 1991.

On August 13, 1993, Bishop Jones spoke a word into Elder Murray, Sr.’s life that it was time for him to line up with the established guidelines of the All People Missions. He moved from his parents’ home of teaching bible study to the Hollybrook Homes Community Center.

On July 20, 1997, the Hollybrook mission became a full-service church - All People Church of God in Christ, Hollybrook, Elder Eric L. Murray, Sr., Pastor. In July 2000, All People Church of God in Christ changed its name to All People International Church, Inc. In December 2000, a storefront building at 4588 St. Johns Avenue was acquired. Through hard labor, sweat, time, and love the All People International Church, Inc - Riverside, was established and offered unto God.

Elder Eric L. Murray, Sr. and members returned to the mother church where he served faithfully doing what he loved “mission work,” serving the people until his health declined.

Elder Eric Levaughn Murray, Sr., passed away peacefully January 25, 2025, after braving a lengthy illness. He is finally at rest without pain in the arms of the Lord. Elder Eric L. Murray, Sr. was preceded in death by his grandparents: Bertha Lou Johnson and Cleveland Bridges; parents: Dorothy and Nathaniel Murray, Sr. and brother: John Calvin Richardson.

Left to cherish his memories is his beloved wife: Vorner Mae Murray; three children: Erica Murray-Brown, Eric Levaughn Murray, Jr. (Lakisha) and Michael Levaughn Murray; grandchildren: James Brightman, III, Christian Drayton, Angel Murray, Ada Marie Murray and Tristan Michael Murray; great-granddaughter: Aubrielle Brightman; siblings: Nathaniel Murray, Jr., Patricia Barkley, Harriet Richmond (Melvin), Charmin Cannon (Foriest), Lydia Murray Miller, Monica Montford (Daniel), Kimberly Murray and Brian Murray (Tiphinie) and a host of loving nieces, nephews, aunts, cousins, in-laws and many friends.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Pastor Walter Hall, Assistant Pastor - Presiding*

Processional		
Selection	Oh! It is Jesus	APIC Praise Team
Invocation		Bishop Roosevelt R. Gamble, III
Scriptures:		
	Old Testament: Psalms 55: 6-8 (KJV)	Elder Cheryl Logan
	New Testament: John 14: 1-4 (KJV)	Elder Paul Kellam
Selection	Down Through the Years	APIC Praise Team
Resolutions		Missionary Pam Bradford
Acknowledgements		Cherie Johnson
Reading of Obituary		Silently to Music
Tribute Video		
Reflections - (As a courtesy to the family, please remember the two-minute rule)		
	As a Family Member	Monica Montford
	As a Church Member	Bishop Windsor Boaz Stuppard
	As His Children	Eric Murray, Jr., Erica Murray-Brown and Michael Murray
Solo		Brand New Life
Words of Comfort		Pastor Ardel Jones
Recessional	Goin’ Up Yonder	APIC Praise Team