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Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Men of Northminster Presbyterian Church (USA)

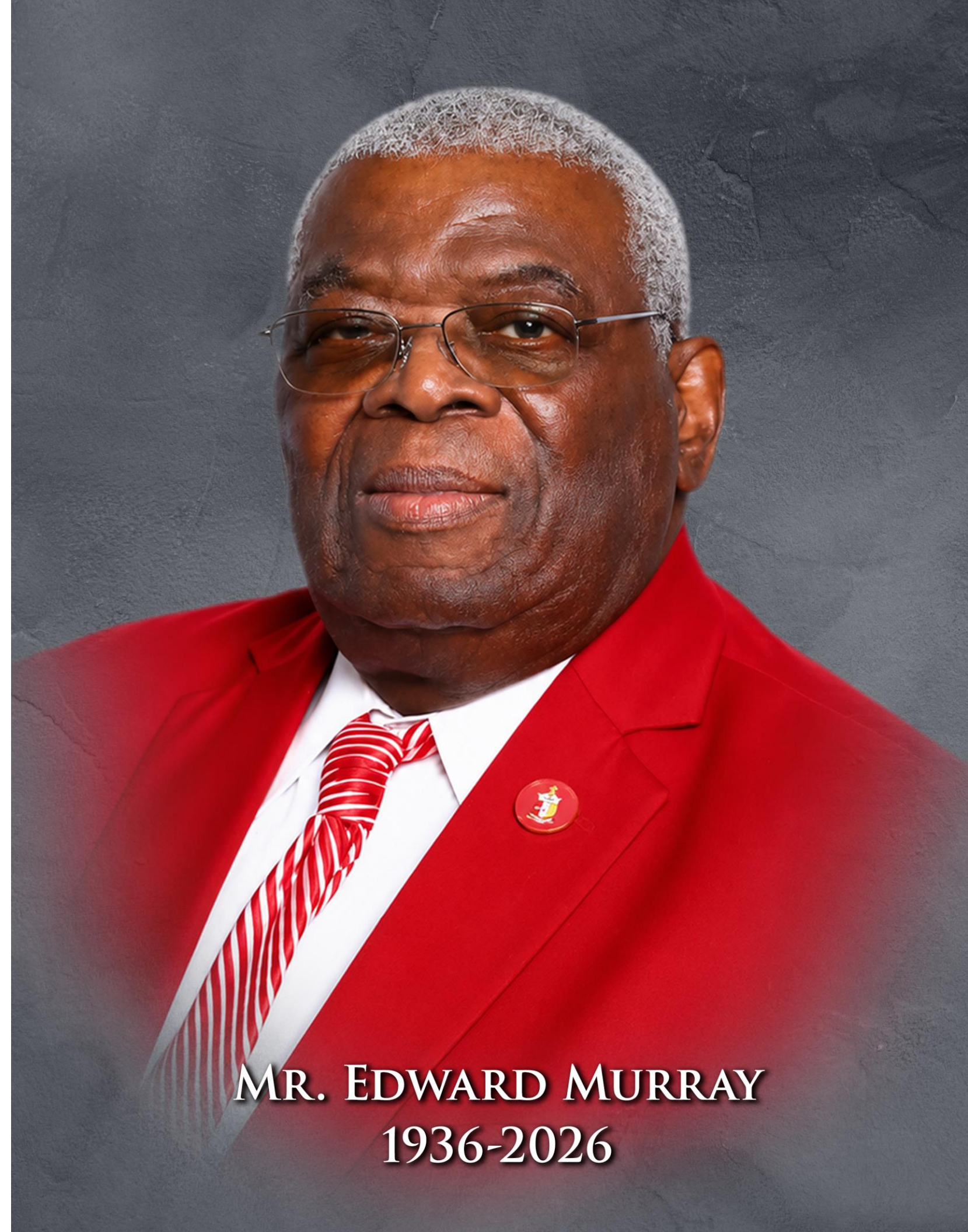
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Nieces

Women of Northminster Presbyterian Church (USA)

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Edward Murray, would like to thank each of for the many acts of kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you with His love, grace, and mercy.



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1936-2026

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Reflections of the Life of Mr. Edward Murray

On the serene morning of Saturday, September 26, 2026, the celestial gates opened to receive one of God’s beloved children. Edward Murray, 89, peacefully departed this earthly life, surrounded by the love and memories of those whose lives he touched. He was the beloved husband of Lorraine Pruitt Murray, his cherished wife of more than 63 years. Edward was born on November 8, 1936, in Bowman, South Carolina, in Orangeburg County, to the late Eddie and Lillie Mae (née Rivers) Murray. He was the fourth of ten children and was preceded in death by all nine of his siblings.

A lifelong learner and dedicated educator, Edward attended Orangeburg County schools and graduated as the proud salutatorian of Bethune Memorial High School in Bowman. In 1960, he began his higher education at South Carolina State College, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Science. He later earned a Master of Education degree in 1971. His commitment to lifelong learning continued through further studies at Clemson University, the University of South Carolina, and Florida Tech.

Edward was a proud life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He was initiated into the Alpha Lambda Chapter at South Carolina State College in 1959 and remained an active and devoted member throughout his life. In 2016, he received the Walker E. Solomon Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his exceptional contributions and unwavering service to the Columbia (SC) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Southeastern Province.

In 1960, Edward answered the call to serve his country by joining the United States Army. Stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, he served honorably until his discharge in 1962. His military service remained a source of great pride throughout his life. Following his military service, Edward accepted a teaching position at New Deal School and relocated to Anderson County, South Carolina. It was there that he met the love of his life, Lorraine J. Pruitt. They were united in marriage in June 1963 and began a partnership that would span more than six decades. Together, they built a life grounded in faith, family, hard work, perseverance, and love.

In 1969, Edward and Lorraine, under the guidance of Rev. Dr. Richard F. Dozier, joined others in a mission to establish a Presbyterian church in the Greenview neighborhood. Their efforts led to the establishment of Northminster Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and Edward and Lorraine were honored to be among its organizing members. Edward devoted more than three decades of his life to education, primarily serving as a high school educator in Richland County School District One. He took great pride in helping young people learn, develop their skills, and prepare for their futures. His influence reached far beyond the classroom.

During his distinguished educational career, Edward taught at Lower Richland High School, Eau Claire High School, and the Lynhaven Career Center. He played a pivotal role in establishing the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) chapter at Lynhaven Career Center. He also served as a key regional field reviewer for behavioral and valid classroom guides used throughout South Carolina, contributing significantly to the development and structure of vocational education across the state. His dedication and excellence in education were formally recognized in 1987 when he was named Richland County School District One Teacher of the Year.

Never one to limit himself to a single calling, Edward was also a gifted entrepreneur whose remarkable work ethic and determination enabled him to pursue his dreams. A master barber, he owned and operated Farrow Hills Barbershop for more than 20 years. More than a place to receive a haircut, the barbershop became a gathering place where people came together for conversation, fellowship, friendship, and community. Eventually, Edward entrusted the barbershop to a close friend and fellow barber so that he could pursue another lifelong dream real estate.

Following his retirement from teaching, Edward embarked upon a successful second career in real estate with Russell & Jeffcoat Realtors, Inc. His natural ability to connect with people, coupled with his determination and entrepreneurial spirit, served him well. He eventually became a licensed real estate broker and the proud owner of Friendly Realty, Inc.

Edward approached every chapter of his life with purpose. Whether he was educating a student, serving his country, cutting hair, building a business, helping a client find a home, supporting his fraternity, serving his church, or providing for his family, he gave his best. He believed in hard work, independence, perseverance, and the courage to pursue one’s dreams. Edward will be lovingly remembered for his devotion to his family, his commitment to education, his service to his country, his entrepreneurial spirit, and his genuine ability to make a lasting impression on those around him.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his beloved wife, Lorraine Pruitt Murray, with whom he shared more than 63 years of marriage; his daughters, Santhrè Murray Totton (Jody), of Colorado and Pamela E. Murray, of Tennessee; a host of extended family members, friends, former students, colleagues, clients, fraternity brothers, church family, and community members whose lives were enriched by knowing him.

Though Edward has completed his earthly journey and gone home to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, his legacy will continue to live on. It lives in the lessons he taught, the students he inspired, the people he served, the businesses he built, the friendships he nurtured, and, most importantly, in the family he loved so deeply. His life was a testament to what can be accomplished through faith, determination, service, and perseverance. He leaves behind not simply memories, but a legacy that will continue to speak for generations to come. May Edward Murray rest peacefully in the loving arms of our Lord and may his memory forever remain a blessing to all who knew and loved him.

Tributes

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED UNCLE EDWARD

Today, we say goodbye to our beloved Uncle Edward, and our hearts are filled with both sadness and gratitude.

Uncle Edward was our last uncle, and that makes this loss especially meaningful to our family. But as we mourn, we also celebrate the love, memories, laughter, and moments that he gave us throughout his life.

Uncle Edward, we want you to know that we loved you, and we will continue to love you. You will always have a special place in our hearts and in our family.

The Word of God reminds us in 2 Timothy 4:7:

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”

And Uncle Edward, we believe you have finished your course. Your earthly journey is over, and we pray that you are now resting peacefully in the presence of our Lord and Savior.

Your memory will live on through all of us who loved you.

Rest well, Uncle Edward.

You will be deeply missed, forever loved, and never forgotten.

And to our cousins, Santhrè and Pam, and Aunt Lorraine, please know that you are not alone. We are here for you—not if you need us, but when you need us. We will stand with you, pray with you, and walk with you through the days ahead.

Until we meet again, Uncle Edward.

We love you.

- The Murray Nieces and Nephews.

Dear Uncle Edward,

This is your oldest niece, Patricia Bruce El. I’m delighted to hear that you and my father, Raymond Murray, shared a close bond. Although I don’t recall meeting you personally, I’ve heard wonderful things about you and your life. From what I’ve gathered, you were an awesome incredible person with a dynamic presence. I’m incredibly proud to be your niece.

May you find peace in your eternal rest.

Death is No Enemy to Man

The call of death is always for the best, for there is a holy ministry in its presence. It is marked by a moment of transition, from that of temporality, to that of immortality.

Uncle Edward was not called hence until his tasks were done. When the earthly task of the spirit is done, there remains still another to be done, the task of the spirit on the plane of soul. He is solving problems there as well as here, and one is sure to find himself where he can solve his problems best.

Yes, we love Uncle Edward and God Allah's love is greater.

Peace Uncle Edward , we will cherish your memory, and your noble life will be strength and inspiration to us all.

**Your niece,
Patricia**

Memories



Order of Service

Witness to the Resurrection of Elder Edward Murray
Reverend Dr. Lawrence L. Willis, Officiant

The Musical Prelude

Processional

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer & Invocation:
O Eternal God, our Father, from whom we come and to whom we go, grant us the favor of Your divine presence at this time in our earthly journey; assure us by Your Holy Spirit that the one we serve, Jesus Christ, has conquered death and is alive forevermore; enable us to view our temporal lives in the light of the eternal; and so may our spirits grow calm and our vision clear. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn....."Amazing Grace" Congregation

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Richard F. Dozier, Sr.

Musical Tribute....."Precious Lord" Elder Kendrick Chiles, Soloist

Reflections.....Family
Mr. Torri Toland, Polemarch, and Mr. James Hamilton, Vice Polemarch Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated
Elder Tami Richardson, Clerk of Session, Northminster Presbyterian Church, USA

Congregational Selection....."Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Scripture Readings Reverend John Brown
Old Testament: Psalms 23
New Testament: John 14:1-6

Sermonic Selection "May The Work I Have Done Speak For Me"

Eulogy..... "A Strong Legacy" Reverend Dr. Lawrence L. Willis

The Affirmation of Faith (In Unison) The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer - Matthew. 6:9-13
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 and ever. Amen.

Commendation and Blessing

Benediction

The Recessional "I've Got A Feeling "

Committal, Benediction and Interment

11:00 a.m. / Monday, October 5, 2026
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

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