

Dear Father Jim and everyone at Holy Communion Church,

My name is Deirdre Murphy and my father is Fr. William Murphy. I wanted to let everyone know that on the morning of August 7, God took him back home. It was sudden and unexpected, and we are in shock and completely devastated. Holy Communion church meant the world to him and he loved everyone there. You all made such a positive, wonderful impact on his life and he spoke so highly of everyone.

One thing he expressed to me was that when he was to pass that he would like to be cremated. After speaking with the funeral home today and keeping in mind that Holy Communion is not currently holding mass due to Covid, our family has decided to celebrate my father outside at one of his favorite spots down by the river to make sure it is safe for everyone that would like to attend. This will provide us a spot to spread some of his ashes, celebrate his life and give everyone a dedicated place to go when they would like to be near him.

We would like to extend the invitation to you and all the parishioners at Holy Communion and would appreciate it if you could announce his passing and the celebration details tomorrow morning at the end of your 9am online service.

We really want to make sure we include as many people as possible to join us to celebrate his life because we know he touched people in so many ways, so if you also have a way to notify everyone via email or on your website, we would greatly appreciate it.

It will be next Sunday, August 16th at 11am at Cedarwood Trailhead in Woodriver Village, along the Deschutes River. I have included a map below and would like to note that there is limited parking at the trailhead but there are available spots in the surrounding areas and streets.

You may also give out my email address: dfm1976@gmail.com or phone number 714-661-7833 to anyone who may have questions.

Thank you in advance for your help and support. We look forward to celebrating mass virtually with you tomorrow morning and are looking forward to your announcement.

With love and gratitude,
The Murphy Family

