



## Natalie R. Murphy

July 27, 1922 - October 23, 2015

Natalie (Rodgers) Murphy of Camillus died Friday. A native of Virginia, she graduated from Rice University and worked at Columbia Broadcasting in Washington, D.C. where she wrote promotional copy and a weekly radio column for the Washington Post newspaper. After her marriage to Charles E. Murphy in 1947, she free-lanced while raising a family of four children. She has been published in Chaterlaine, Farm Wife News, and The Central New Yorker, as well as Syracuse Post Standard where she worked as a feature writer/reporter. A long time member and past president of American Pen Women, she served as a chairman of the Annual Poetry Contest three times. She wrote the history of the contest for the silver anniversary celebration in 1980. Natalie did volunteer work for COTACT, Literacy Volunteers, the YWCA, and Meals on Wheels. She was a long time member and deacon at Robinson Memorial Church. She was predeceased by her daughter Patricia in 2008 and her husband Charles Edmund in 2012.

Survivors include her daughter Pamela (John) Carroll of Camillus; son D'Arcy Murphy of Daytona Beach, Florida; son Dexter (Pearl) Murphy of Stonington, Connecticut, and two grandsons, Ryan and Brendan.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, October 29th from 4 to 7 p.m. at B.L Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee Street in the village of Camillus. A memorial service will be held at Robinson Memorial Church, 126 South Terry

Road in Westvale on Friday, October 30th, at 3 p.m. Burial will be in Onondaga Valley Cemetery, Syracuse.

In lieu of flowers, Natalie has requested donations be made to Robinson Church.

Please sign the guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home  
10 W. Genesee Street  
Camillus, NY 13031  
(315) 672-3400  
info@bushfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.bushfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

OCT **30**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Robinson Elmwood United Presbyterian Church  
126 S. Terry Road  
Syracuse, NY 13219  
(315) 468-2509  
robinsonelmwood@gmail.com  
<https://pcusa.org/congregation/robinson-elmwood-united-church-syracuse-ny>

# Tribute Wall

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“ I only remember Natalie vaguely. My mother, Nancy Burnett Skokowski Brooks was a good friend of her's growing up. Natalie, my mother, and five others were very good friends and later called themselves the Senile Seven. My mother passed away in 2008. The only one of the Seven left is Mary Lou. She called me to let me know about Natalie. There are only good things my mother talked about her. My condolences to her family.

*Stephen T. Skokowski - October 29, 2015*

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**Stephen Skokowski** - October 29, 2015 at 07:28 PM

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“ Aunt Natalie was always near and dear to my heart. We were fellow writers! My memories go back many years and are vivid. She was always so kind and had a beautiful smile. My love and sympathy to Pam, Dexter, D'Arcy and their families.

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**Barbara Packett** - October 29, 2015 at 04:33 AM

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“ I was so sorry to see that Mrs. Murphy had passed away. She was always a joy to see. One of the only people who also enjoyed one of my favorite movies for Halloween - "The Uninvited". I will miss her.  
*Dr. Kimberly Newton*

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**Dr. Kimberly Newton** - October 26, 2015 at 01:00 PM

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“ *Thinking of all of you!*

*Chuck, Diane, Heather, Michael Stewart*

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**Diane Stewart** - October 26, 2015 at 05:53 AM