



## David E. Murrell

August 8, 1937 - October 23, 2019

MURRELL, David E., 82, of Louisville, passed away Wednesday, October 23, 2019.

David is survived by Rebecca Murrell, his life partner of 37 years; his children, Dennis Murrell (Gillian Langley), Catherine Murrell (Steven Jones), Ellen Murrell Fulmer (Chris), and Amanda Murrell Cahill (Brandyn); grandchildren, Ayla Murrell (Alex Williams), Bronte Murrell, Harper Murrell, Samantha Carson Murrell, and Oliver Cahill. He is also survived by siblings, V. William Murrell (Elizabeth), Grover Michael Murrell (Joanna), Dona Mounts and Judy Segall. He was preceded in death by his mother, Amanda Begley Murrell, and his beloved guide dog, Lily.

David was a graduate of the Kentucky School for the Blind and Atherton High School. He obtained both his undergraduate degree and his law degree from the University of Kentucky. David worked as an Assistant Attorney General, Deputy Public Defender of the State of Kentucky, a staff attorney with the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund, and spent many years in the private practice of law. David taught ethics at the University of Kentucky Law School, authored one book on Kentucky Criminal Procedure, and consulted on another.

David was particularly proud of his work helping to bring about the requirement that all Kentucky judges must possess a law degree, assisting with the drafting and passage of Kentucky's first consumer protection law, helping establish the state's first public defender system, and assisting to

establish an independent agency for the blind in Kentucky.

David was a member of Melbourne Heights Baptist Church and a former member of the National Federation of the Blind.

Visitation will be 4 pm-7 pm Friday and after 9 am Saturday at Owen Funeral Home – Jeffersontown, 9318 Taylorsville Road. Funeral service will be 10:30 am Saturday at the funeral home, followed by burial at Jeffersontown Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Guide Dogs for the Blind, 350 Los Ranchitos Road, San Rafael, CA 94903.

# Cemetery Details

## Jeffersontown Cemetery

Billtown Road  
Louisville, KY 40299

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Jeffersontown  
9318 Taylorsville Road  
Louisville, KY 40299  
(502) 266-9655  
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

## Service

OCT **26**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Jeffersontown  
9318 Taylorsville Road  
Louisville, KY 40299  
(502) 266-9655  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of David E. Murrell.*



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“ *Jean joins me in sending our sincere condolences. I was proud to have David serve as my first deputy of Appalred when I was able to recruit him away from the Attorney General's Office in 1971. He was wonderful to work with, a brilliant lawyer would be an understatement. He was in charge of our office in Lexington, and I was in Prestonsburg (where we are still.). I spent quite a bit of time in his hone ( and Laura's then) commiserating in the kitchen and watching Dennis and Cathy cavorting in their early years. I have great memories of the early Appalred cases on which we collaborated; and only wish I had the opportunity to spend time with him in recent years. He called me about a year ago and we had a very nice conversation. But that was the last time we spoke. Jean and I just returned from northern Kentucky., and I regret that we can't get there in time for visitation or the funeral. Much love from here. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you! John Rosenberg*

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**John Rosenberg** - October 25, 2019 at 02:53 PM