



Ms. Chaney M. Jeffers Murray

June 20, 1950 - January 26, 2026

Chaney Margaret Jeffers Murray began her life on June 20, 1950, the second daughter and third child of M. C. and F. M. Jeffers.

Chaney accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age at Lane Chapel C. M. E. Church, where she was a lifelong member. Having followed her dad to Sunday School as a toddler, she remained faithful to her church until God called her to her heavenly reward on January 26, 2026. She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings, Mylas C. Jeffers Jr. and Mary E. Jeffers.

She diligently served her church in many capacities, including Director of Christian Education, Stewardess Board, Women's Missionary Society, Steward, and Trustee Board member. Chaney served her local church, her district, and the annual conference faithfully, even after her health began to fail.

Chaney began her educational endeavors at Stewart Elementary School and was a cheerleader, a member of the choir, and a proud member of the Lincoln Senior High School Class of 1967. Their reunions and gatherings are the stuff of legends, and she was always in the middle of everything. She loved her classmates and was able to share an evening with them, celebrating her 75th birthday.

A graduate of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, formerly known as A. M. and N. College, she began her teaching career in the Helena-West Helena School District as an elementary school teacher. She transferred to the Forrest City School District and retired after over 30 years of dedicated service as a teacher. If you knew Chaney, then you also knew that she did more than just teach. As part of the Forrest City Junior High Leadership Team, she was instrumental in helping the school navigate transitional changes under the principalship of William “Billy” Ferguson. She sponsored the Student Council, organized events, and bossed everybody, including the principal.

Chaney was initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. through the Helena Alumnae Chapter, Helena-West Helena, Arkansas, February 23, 1974, with her sister, Mary E. Jeffers, and lifelong friend, Mary L. Norman. She was a Golden Life member and Charter member of both the Blytheville Alumnae and the Forrest City Area Alumnae chapters of Delta Sigma Theta. As a Delta Dear, she was recognized by her local chapter for 50 years of membership in 2024.

She served her community as a member of the Forrest City Civic Center Commission, the Democratic Central Committee, and she served two terms on the Quorum Court.

Cherishing her memory and standing as her living legacy are her daughter, Natasha J. Murray; her son-in-love, Mark K. Norman; her grandchildren, Kelly and Mylas; her great-granddaughter, Luna; her brother, Michael; her sister-in-law, Mary “Sue” S. Jeffers; and a host of family and friends.

Special Request:

For those attending the memorial service on Saturday, February 7, the family asks that you wear vibrant colors or animal print in celebration of life.

Members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc, are respectfully requested to wear red and pearls.

Previous Events

Omega Omega Service | Forrest City Area Alumnae Chapter | Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

FEB 6. 7:00 PM (CT)

Lane Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
821 West Scott Street
Forrest City , AR 72335

Memorial Service

FEB 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

 Robert
Mapson

“ *Robert Mapson lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Chaney M. Jeffers Murray*



Robert Mapson - February 17 at 09:36 PM

SJ

“ *Sharron S. Johnson lit a candle in memory of
Ms. Chaney M. Jeffers Murray*



Sharron S. Johnson - February 16 at 09:46 PM

BW

“ *Bernice Word lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Chaney M. Jeffers Murray*



Bernice Word - February 10 at 12:23 PM

SU

“ To Pastor Natasha Murray and Family,

Saint Paul Maumelle UMC extends its deepest sympathy. We wrap you in the love of Christ and pray that you feel the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit now and in the days ahead. Hold fast to the precious memories of joys, laughter, and hugs because LOVE is what matters and is what lasts.

Saint Paul Maumelle UMC - February 10 at 10:33 AM

JM

“ You will be missed! Prayers of comfort for the Murray and Jeffers families.

R.I.L. classmate



Johnnie (Akins) McKissick - February 07 at 01:19 PM

BC

“ Bert Cassell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Chaney M. Jeffers Murray



Bert Cassell - February 06 at 11:00 PM

CC

“ Christine Chism lit a candle in memory of Ms. Chaney M. Jeffers Murray



Christine Chism - February 06 at 10:06 PM

ST

“ Jeffrey Murray family and friends, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Praying that God will continue to comfort and strength you today and the days ahead 🙏. Chaney beautiful legacy will life on through family and friends.



Shirley Williams Thorn - February 06 at 06:10 AM

ST

Natasha, please accept my sincere condolences on the transition of your beloved mother!

Love,
Shirhonda Thorn

Shirhonda Thorn - February 06 at 07:28 PM

BC

Our condolences go out to the family. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Chaney will truly be missed. 🌹❤️

Bert Cassell - February 06 at 11:06 PM

TH

“ My condolences to Natasha and family. Soror Chaney was my teacher, mentor and friend. As a child, she recognized my potential and pushed me to be the best I could be. As an adult, she was my mentor and gave me wise advise. As a dear friend, she was gracious enough to travel to Memphis and pin me when I was initiated into the Epsilon Kappa Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. I will forever cherish our memories, and I'm grateful that she has now received her complete healing. To God be the glory for the things He has done.

Tammie Haymer - February 05 at 09:39 PM

JF

“ James & Linda Mooney McDowell and Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Ms. Chaney M. Jeffers Murray.



James & Linda Mooney McDowell and Family - February 05
at 08:57 AM

WF

“ Wiley/Abraham Family purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Ms. Chaney M. Jeffers Murray.



Wiley/Abraham Family - February 04 at 11:20 AM

WF

“ Wiley/Abraham Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Chaney M. Jeffers Murray.

Wiley/Abraham Family - February 04 at 11:20 AM

MD

“ Martha, Michael, Michael Jr., and Domini purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of Ms. Chaney M. Jeffers Murray.



Martha, Michael, Michael Jr., and Domini - February 04 at
10:43 AM

MD

“ Martha, Michael, Michael Jr., and Domini planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Chaney M. Jeffers Murray.

Martha, Michael, Michael Jr., and Domini - February 04 at 10:43 AM

AC

“ Angela Crippen lit a candle in memory of Ms. Chaney M. Jeffers Murray



Angela Crippen - February 02 at 12:11 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Chaney M. Jeffers Murray.



February 01 at 12:09 PM

TT

“ The Tarkingtons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Chaney M. Jeffers Murray.

The Tarkingtons - February 01 at 12:09 PM

AM

“ Audrey Mooney lit a candle in memory of Ms. Chaney M. Jeffers Murray



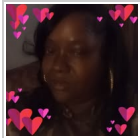
Audrey Mooney - February 01 at 08:30 AM

RW

“ Rene' Ward lit a candle in memory of Ms. Chaney M. Jeffers Murray



Rene' Ward - January 31 at 09:47 AM



“ One of the greatest teacher I had in the 11th grade. You will be miss from class of 2002



Ashley Manek - January 31 at 01:54 AM

HS

“ Hugh Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Chaney M. Jeffers Murray



Hugh Smith - January 30 at 08:28 AM

JW

“ Jarrell Wilson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Chaney M. Jeffers Murray



Jarrell Wilson - January 29 at 08:52 PM

DF

“ I met Soror Chaney just under 10 years ago when we became Delta sisters, but for some reasons she kinda took to me, and we became friends and "text buddies." Several of my Delta sisters and I were at her house Christmas where we had a wonderful time talking, laughing, and praying together for Soror Chaney. The last text I received from her was January 16th. It was a beautiful message that resonated with me as our last conversation. I will miss my Soror and friend. She was a character and the real deal. 🤔❤️🙏

Dr. Bobbie Fingers - January 29 at 04:48 PM

CH

“ My prayers and heart go out to the entire family. She will truly be missed...
RIL, Ms. Murray!



Calandra & Henry Henderson - January 29 at 04:01 PM

BM

“ My condolences to The Jeffers family, her mother was one of my elementary teachers. She always made us laugh, Chaney went to school with late sister Christine Ward Dent. She often talk about her to me. Chaney take your rest you fought a good fight.

Betty Maxey
Late Christine Ward C/O '66 Lincoln High School
Rochester, NY

Betty Maxey - January 29 at 07:31 AM

AB

“ January 4th, 2026, is a day that keeps replaying in my head, not knowing it was going to be the last time we spent together with each other, laughing, talking, and you passing out your favorite little snack pound cake for us to eat all while we remain talking and laughing. Then a knock at the door, more of Lane Chapel members joined in with us... Sis. Chaney had the biggest smile on her face that I will never forget. Then out of the blue Sis. Chaney, says, my neighbors are going to think something is wrong with all this company because Lane Chapel was deep. Sis. Chaney will deeply be missed. I know that she is no longer sick, she is in her new home, and she is present with her Lord and Savior! Take your rest! Continual prayers for Rev. NaTasha and the entire Jeffers-Murray family.



Angela J. Barton - January 29 at 01:50 AM

CC

“ To the Jeffers, and Murray family on your loss. She was a handful at times, and kept you laughing about something.. She would always check on me.. that meant she had something for you to do at her house.. She will be missed dearly.. May God give the family strength, and guidance during this homegoing celebration...



Christopher Chatters, and family

Christopher Chatters - January 28 at 10:08 PM



“ Chaney Jeffers was always the wittiest, the most solid person in the room. She leaves a great legacy --I send my condolences to the Jeffers and Murrays. I am sure there's a space in the heavenly realms where she can crack at least one joke. Peace unto you all May perpetual light shine.

Patricia Jones - January 28 at 09:33 PM

KL

“ Katherine Lyons sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Chaney M. Jeffers Murray



Katherine Lyons - January 28 at 09:14 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Bell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Chaney M. Jeffers Murray



Dorothy Bell - January 28 at 09:07 PM

FB

“ Felecia Bell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Chaney M. Jeffers Murray



Felecia Bell - January 28 at 08:42 PM

CC

“ My sincere condolences and prayers for Tasha and entire family. Chaney sponsored my high school sorority Omega Delta Psi as I was Soror #2 "Cheeze". She taught me to SANG the Greek alphabet beginning with OMEGA and ending with OMEGA. You couldn't tell me I wasn't in a real Sorority back then Class of '89...RIL Chaney Murray!



Carmillia Chatters - January 28 at 08:19 PM

L1

“ We, the Class of 1967, are deeply saddened with loss of our "Queen" as she always reminded us. She loved us as we loved her and showed it always. Our friend, our classmate will be remembered in the wonderful memories shared. Enjoy your rest Chaney.



Lincoln High Class of 1967 - January 28 at 08:07 PM

JW

“ Jackie White sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Chaney M. Jeffers Murray



Jackie White - January 28 at 07:59 PM

DM

“ A word of comfort and of hope, that in your deepest sorrow, you will find new strength and peace of mind and courage for tomorrow.” Please know that you are in our prayers.



Sending condolences to the family of Chaney Jeffers Murray on behalf of The Lincoln High School - Maroon & Gold National Alumni Association, Inc. (MGNAAI), Forrest City, Arkansas. Chaney was a member of the Lincoln High School Class of 1967.”

*Delores Farr Morelon
President, MGNAAI*

Delores Morelon - MGNAAI - January 28 at 07:29 PM