



Cynthia Camper Harvey - Murray

February 8, 1929 - July 31, 2016

Mrs. Harvey-Murray, who was 87 died Sunday at Manor Care Roland Park. A trailblazer throughout her career, she became the first African American mathematician employed at the David Taylor Model Basin (DTMB) , Research and Development Center, supersonic wind tunnel test facility, Carderock, Maryland in 1951. The following year she joined a team that built a computer for DTMB for which she was the first programmer and author of the programming primer.

Cynthia moved to Westinghouse in 1955-62 where she became the first African American female engineer and supervisor of an engineering group in the Analytical Engineering Section, Westinghouse Electric Corp. Defense and Space Center.

Sepia Magazine featured her in their May, 1959 issue in the article, "She Calculates for Missiles: Baltimore mother does top secret work involving U.S. rocket program." The article displayed photos that were part glamorous and part technical document.

Entering the world of college education in 1965 she began working at Morgan State University where she established the Computer Science degree

program. In 1981 she supported the linking of all the academic buildings to DECNET, BITNET and the Internet.

As advisor to the Society for the Advancement of Computer Science (SACS), since 1966 she helped start the careers of thousand of students and future professionals.

Between 1993 and 1995 Cynthia accepted a position from Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) / National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Greenbelt, Maryland as the Technical Coordinator, Minority Universities Space Interdisciplinary Network (MU-SPIN).

In 1996 the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) produced the television documentary *Minerva's Machine: Women and Computing*, which profiled Cynthia's career in depth and featured her as one of the most important women pioneers in the field of computing and computer science.

In that same year she and third husband Dr. Wintson Murray co-founded the Caribbean American Research Institute (CARI) which led to the establishment of Tobago Community College in Trinidad and Tobago, the first of its kind on the Island of Tobago.

Born in Baltimore City's Sand Town neighborhood she was a graduate of Douglass High School in 1946 and receive a degree in Math from West Virginia State College and a Masters Degree from Johns Hopkins.

She had been a member of a number of fraternal organizations including the

Alpha Kappa Alpha, the Morgan State University Women, the Charms, and was

a board member of the Young Victorian Theater Company in Baltimore.

She was a competitive player of Bridge winning numerous trophies and later partnered with second husband Arthur R. Harvey. She also was fond of ballet, history, philosophy, law, language and art.

Mrs. Harvey Murray is survived by a daughter Michelle Harvey Hill (Bob), of Dewitt Michigan; two sons, Irvin Cannaday III (Jo Ann), of Pikesville and Lamont Weston Harvey (Sewit), of Elkridge; eight grand children and three great grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 5. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

AUG 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Sorority Ceremony

AUG 5. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

AUG 6. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Morgan Christian Center
4307 Hillen Rd
Baltimore, MD 21239

Service

AUG 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Cynthia Camper Harvey -Murray

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cynthia Camper Harvey -Murray.



August 05, 2016 at 09:30 AM



“ Clarence and Dawn Cannaday Ross purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cynthia Camper Harvey -Murray.



Clarence and Dawn Cannaday Ross - August 03, 2016 at 02:38 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - August 03, 2016 at 11:01 AM