

# Hellooooo Brookfield !!!!!

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Lots of things happening in Brookfield the past several weeks with much more to come as we head toward Thanksgiving and the Christmas Holiday seasons. The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Great Pershing Balloon Derby was a wonderful success with perfect weather, Railroad Days sponsored by the Brookfield Library Assn. had a really good first year with a nice crowd in attendance, the Piccadilly, our main fundraiser for the Twin Parks improvements, took place on September 20<sup>th</sup> and was a huge success once again. Poured down rain early on us but it subsided quickly and the evening went well as planned, and the Fall Harvest Festival took place this past weekend in the Twin Parks and was another resounding success! Bulldog Football started on August 18<sup>th</sup> this year, earlier than ever before and even a week before School started. I understand it will be moved back a week next year. We have been fortunate this season to have had very mild weather however no one would expect to be that lucky every year!

**Twin Parks Update** – The Main Street Connection Committee working to plan and raise money for the Twin Parks improvements are very close to their goal at this point following the recent Piccadilly. It is anticipated that they will reach their goal very soon of \$800,000 dollars raised. With another successful Piccadilly now completed and only a few engraved bricks and memorial plaques remain to purchase the Brookfield Area Growth Partnership has once again completed a positive project in this community. The West Twin Park is now completed with new curbing, pavement replacement & new sidewalks. Crews just finished installing the new playground equipment and period lighting, and the Park is now full of kids playing!! The ground has been worked and covered

with straw and we now only await the park benches. As mentioned there are still opportunities to purchase engraved bricks and make donations toward memorial plaques. Anyone interested in helping please contact our Brookfield Area Growth Partnership office (660-258-7278) and talk with Marcia Cunningham or Becky Cleveland. The project has been an amazing example of what can be accomplished in a small community that cares and shares the way we do!

### *Deceased Alumni –*

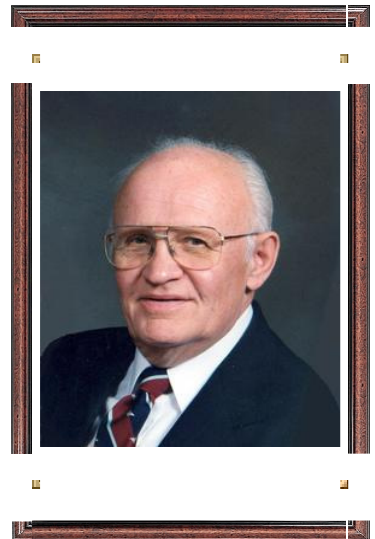
**JOHN C. MURPHY** John C. Murphy, 79, passed away Saturday, September 30, 2017, at his home in Overland Park. John was born Sept. 6, 1938, in Brookfield, MO, to Dr. James B. Murphy and Carolyn Tooey Murphy. John attended Immaculate Conception grade school, and graduated from Brookfield High School in 1957. He later attended the University of Missouri, and Missouri State. John began his business career at Armour and Company, and then joined Control and Drive Systems where he spent the rest of his career. John also volunteered years of his time to help restore a vintage B-25 World War II aircraft the "Fairfax Ghost" named by John. The restored plane eventually flew out of Kansas City. John had a passion for scuba diving, as he and Sharyl had several wonderful trips to the Caribbean and Hawaii. His love of shooting started early in life in the quail fields of Missouri. He was an active member of the Mill Creek gun club in DeSoto, KS. His shooting skills were well known to all of his friends. John was Irish proud and enjoyed a good party, good jokes, and good scotch. John lived his life with a positive attitude, humor, and care for others. John is survived by his beloved wife Sharyl (Morrissette) Murphy of 51 years, brother Jim Murphy and wife Denise of LaQuinta, CA, and step sister Lynda Crane of Atlanta, GA. John was also loved by brother and sisters-in-law, many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Sharyl and John were a part of the wonderful Afton Hill neighborhood, with whom they had many friends. Their neighbors helped them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in 2016. They are grateful for the loving support and fun times shared with these kind and gracious neighbors. Donations in John's memory can be made to the [charity of your choice](#). A celebration of life open house is planned for 1-3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, at the home of John's nephew, 15009 Linden St. Leawood, KS 66224.

**Dear Friend of Brookfield - John Shane Remol, Sept. 14, 1926 – Aug. 14, 2017**

**John Remol (AKA Uncle Leif, Peter J. Kinockerdofer, the Big Bumpster, etc. ) This past weekend we lost my Wife's father. John was 91 years old and passed away at his home where he was determined to be when he died. He and wife Ellie had spent Saturday afternoon at our house watching TV while Shane and I sold tenderloins for our Church at the Brookfield Fall Festival. Shane walked them home afterward and shortly thereafter John passed. I could not possibly have asked for a better Father in Law. He and Ellie were always supportive of me and our marriage. They could always be counted on to help if asked, but only if asked and that was appreciated. John had been retired from JC Penney's for 26 years and I don't know of anyone who did more in their retirement than he and Ellie did. For many years they spent their winters in Florida where they worked at a local Air Force museum. After deciding they were getting a little old for making that long trip every year they didn't just stay home and sit. John began substitute teaching at the High School where he became the most sought after Sub! He combined humor with actually teaching kids life skills and other interesting things they most likely would never had learned from their regular courses. He was simply loved by the students and they all remember the time he shared with them. At this time he also wrote a monthly column for the newspaper entitled Uncle Leif in which he recalled humorous stories from his many years as the JC Penny Manager in Brookfield and the many friends he had on Main Street. The stories were always a delight and people looked forward to them. Ellie helped John put the articles together and readied them for printing. Once again it was time for John and Ellie to move onto their next adventure – this time it was volunteering at the hospital with the Pershing Auxiliary. They were both devoted to this work and rarely missed a day. John couldn't wait to get there to visit with folks. He always told me he "liked to work the room"!! I had the good fortune to spend the last hour or so with John and Ellie at our house before John passed. We were visiting about their many years of marriage (they celebrated 68 years last week). John's memory wasn't so good anymore and couldn't recall for sure how long it had been. After thinking about it without any luck his response to me was "well, it was more than a week!", one of his many humorous sayings that he used in various circumstances – I'm sure everyone has a favorite!**

**John and Ellie have lived just three doors from our house for several years – close enough for us to keep a close eye on them. They walked to our house for Sunday dinners and holiday meals and gatherings with the whole family. Just a half block to their beloved Presbyterian Church where John served on the Session as the Session Clerk, and Ellie played the organ. It was good for them and it was good for us. Our family will be forever touched by our time with John Remol. Heaven will welcome him with open arms. God Blessed us with the many years we shared with him.**

**John Shane Remol, Sept. 14, 1926 – Oct. 14, 2017. Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 123 W. John St., Brookfield, Mo. or to the Brookfield Hometown LEGACY Foundation, P. O. Box 67, Brookfield, Mo 64628**



**Bulldog Football** – the season is winding down for this year’s Bulldog football team. The year has been a tough one for new Head Coach Scott Stevens. The regular season concluded this past Friday evening at Burlington Field with a game against longtime rival Clark County. Unfortunately the Bulldogs lost that game as well. District play begins this Friday and the hope is our young Bulldog team will have gained the experience and confidence needed to compete well in post season play.

**Life is Changing** - July was an interesting month for our family. Wife Shane retired from the school system after 23 years working as the “Night Lady” in the Linn County Area Career and Technical Center. We had not taken a “just us” extended vacation during our 42 years of marriage so we decided it was time to do so! Our two week plus trip included stops in Bowling Green, Kentucky where we had a chance to visit with family who we had not seen in over eight years. Gary and Jan Newman hosted us in their beautiful Kentucky style home. Gary was married to Ronna (Root), my cousin, until her untimely death and later married Jan, a longtime family friend – she fit right in! Gary & Ronna’s kids Matt and Amy live there as well with their wonderful spouses and kids, and work in the family business, Diamond Screw. The weekend we arrived our son and his family met us there as they returned from their Florida vacation. Gary had invited my cousins Mary (Faught) & her husband Dick, and Jane (Faught) and her husband Chuck to drive down from Northern Kentucky to join us. Saturday and Sunday of that weekend were filled with lots of long overdue visiting and contagious laughter. We could not have enjoyed ourselves more getting the opportunity to see and visit with family we love so much! Planning to do it again very soon and include even more of the family the next time!

The second leg of our vacation took us to Tampa Bay, Fl. Where Shane’s brother John and sister in law Carolyn recently moved to from Chicago. Their gorgeous home is located in a beautiful gated sub-division of Tampa Bay! It was

great getting to visit them - we enjoyed their lovely home, pool, some deep sea fishing, wonderful food and a terrific visit. By the way they were fortunate recently to escape major damages from hurricane Irma.

The next leg of our vacation took us to Fort Morgan, Alabama. Fort Morgan is located on the end of the Gulf Shores peninsula. The Fort itself was a built during the Civil War to help the Confederates guard the Mobile, AL. bay. We took a tour of the truly historic facility one morning during our stay. The rest of our time was spent on the beautiful Ft. Morgan beach which was just a short walk from our condo. I of course succeeded in burning the top of both feet the first day we were there and it took several weeks to heal up completely!! Even with this we had an absolutely wonderful stay in Alabama and are planning to go back soon!

The next and final leg of our vacation took us to New Orleans. We stayed in a beautiful French Quarter Hotel and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience- This despite my blistered feet. Thankfully Shane was a good nurse and helped me get thru walking many miles of streets! Some of the most interesting architecture I have ever seen, and of course some of the most bizarre people I have ever seen too.

### ***Brookfield Fall Events;***

**NOVEMBER 4 - Shop Hop** - Brookfield/Brunswick/Chillicothe - 8:30-5:00

**NOVEMBER 18 - Brookfield Holiday Mart** - Trinity United Methodist Fellowship Hall - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Free to the public

**NOVEMBER 18 - Brookfield Christmas Celebration with Santa's Arrival** - East Twin Park - 5:30 p.m. Free to the public

***Best Story from the Class of '67*** – The class of 1967 held their 50<sup>th</sup> Class reunion over Homecoming weekend. I had a chance to visit with my old friend John Hall before the homecoming parade. He has done photography for the U.S. Navy for

many years and is still at it. He was telling me he bought an electric car to do his part for the environment. He has a lengthy commute each day to his place of work. Turns out the Navy has not installed any electric car charging stations so in order to have enough charge to make the round trip he had to purchase a generator to power up his car. Turns out he has to spend \$6/day to run the generator! 😊

**By the way our Granddaughter Jaida Staddie was chosen as the 2017 Homecoming Queen! Pretty exciting! 😊**

***Stanbury Uniforms* – 100 years old! – last week I had the honor of attending festivities at Stanbury Uniforms to commemorate the company's 100<sup>th</sup> year, 59 of those as a Brookfield industry. The company held the celebration on a beautiful fall day at their Brookfield facility. A huge tent was erected and everyone in attendance was treated to a delicious meal and birthday cake and cupcakes! A video had been created for the occasion and was walk thru of the growth of the company from its beginnings in 1917 as a uniform maker for the police, firefighters, circus performers & animals, etc. to their current status as the world's largest provider of band uniforms! Some interesting statistics presented ; over the 100 years employees have constructed 2.8 million uniforms and the thread used to create the clothing would stretch around the world 38 times!! Doesn't seem possible does it?? Employment in Brookfield and in a satellite plant in Milan is now at 240 and growing. Stanbury President & CFO Jim Elliott and Company CEO Steve Roberts served as the moderators for the Anniversary Program and did a really nice job. Good Luck to Stanbury Uniforms on their next 100 Years!**

***Birthdays* – Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, Rich Rhodes, Shelly Martin, Roylynn Roe, Jo Ellen Boley, Andy Martin, Gale Hunt, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, Susie O'Hara, Linda Packham, Carey Smith, Nelson Fay, Elsie McCollum, Susie Staples, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, John Holton, Michelle Morris Scates, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, Melissa Kearns, Leanna Cash, Kaylee Dowell, Reed McBroom,**

Betsy Hahn, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Fran Graff, Bryan Hedrick, Michela Mura, John Perry, Dalton Palmer, Dedre Clark Schulte, Bryce Husted, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Barbara Beach, Dan Daugherity, Virginia Fite, John McKenzie, Bob Middleton, Sandi Morris, **Jovie Noel Staddie (our granddaughter)**, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, Paula White Jessen, Paulette Holtz, Anitra Walgren, Susan Frances Knowles Lambert, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, Samantha Bulechek, Ronnie Hall, Josh Jacobi, Jason Sportsman, Jim Wright, Heather Hamann, Mary Ann Reed, Stewart McCollum, Mary Coran, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, Chandler Gall, Penny Williams, Paul Bargar, Vanessa Bradley, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, Rick Austin, Cody Bulechek, Cody King, Emily Luckert, Lois Bailey, Dane Phillips, Caleb Calhoun, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, Barbara Hamilton, Cassie Frock, Kirra Richardson, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, Ronda Anderson, Jase Cowan, Bonnie Davis, Mike White, Bonnie Witte, Lee Anthony, Gary McCracken, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, Doug Cleveland, Cheryl Stuver, Shonta Adair, Kayla Kaye, Sarah Mosley, Terry Watts, Tracy Calhoun, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, Derek Jones, Nicholas Rhodes, Michael Hamilton, November 1<sup>st</sup>, Jim Glidewell '65, Vanessa Lincoln, Mary Sisson, Chris Zumbrunnen, Ron Carter, Jeremy Martin, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Clarke Burns, Cindi Buckallew, Kelly Kimble, Naomi Paris, Daren Potter, Andrea Severa, Timi Haag, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sherry Baker, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, Ella Caldwell, Jeanie Allen, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, Shane Moser, Brad Parn, Amber Keune, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, Darlene Craig, Tonia Montgomery, Caro Robbins, Lonnie Trentham, David Moss, Elizabeth Quigley, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, Kirk Jessen, Debbie Bennett, Ross Ehrich, Don Hoover, Logan Riddle, Derek Dixon, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, Justin Long, Lori Bredehoft, Ashley Rogers, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, Harold Mace, Bailey Morton, Susan Jessen, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, **Nile Thudium (our son)**, Sara Bara, Joseph Carr, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, Shelby Lane, Sharon Logan, Jackie Hunt Tomlinson, David Keller, Danny Phillips, Brent Copple, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, **Shane Thudium (my lovely wife!)**, Tyson Stark, Douglas Palmer, Benjamin Bloss, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, Clare Batson, Sarah Johnson, Sarah Paalhar, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, Gene Buckallew, Daniel Hedrick, Mike Holtz, Rogene Smith, Brad Wright, Alvin Smith, Charles Wright, Billy Barton, Aaron Sprouse, Stella Kulseth, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, Caleb Farrenkopf, Jeremy Williams, Betsy Demarest Rosetti, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, James Myers, Madilyn Lumsden, Connie Quigley, Tyler McPherson, Lindsey Hudson, Maddie Lumsden, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, Jeremiah Bush, Roy Hunt, Jennifer Waugh, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, Hermenta Pendleton, Mary Mace, Lincoln Cantrall, Megan McCormick, Rachel Skinner,



Marilyn Stone, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, Rita Moore, Connie Evans, Shane Evans, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, Tyler Lane, Kenneth Almond, Sharron Huffmon, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, Porter Robinson, Bryan Sportsman, Riley Dyer, Christina Fristoe, Mandy Morton, Xander Waugh, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Amanda Bush, Kammy Dixon, Susan McBroom, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Cecilia Spath, Hannah Matheney, Ethan Mallow, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, Laura Craig, Charles Brockman, Janet Brockman, Ina Finney, Jeff Harper, Jason Sherwood, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, **Pipe Jean Thudium (our granddaughter)**, Brooke Holland, Duane Thompson, Morgan Speichinger, Melvin Roberts, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, Amanda Gibson, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, Kayla David, Libby Smith, Lynda Sprague, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, Sarah Wessing, Roxie Parker, Rachel Sackrey, Beverly Lewis, David Hayes, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, Cindy Rhodes, Ryan Williams, Cassi Conard, Wesley Enyeart, Hannah Singleton, Joann St Clair, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, Cobie Gall, Jerry Richardson.

**Anniversaries** – Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, Tommy & Cindy Sportsman, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Jerry & Sherry Enyeart, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, Dustin & Kelly Watson, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, Steve & Janie Nelson, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, Aaron & Monica Baker, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, Zach & Monica Britton, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, Garry & Sharon Logan, Todd & Jamie Matheney, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, Jerry & Elaine Myers, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, Eric & Kaye Mallory, Stuart & Melinda Hughes, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, Paul & Donna Barger, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, Dale & Barbara Beach, Joe & Marlene Watkins, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, Jerry '81 & Darlene '81, Linn R-1, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, Jason & Christy Sherwood, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, Jerod & Chrietien Gillman.

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