

Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall

March 27, 1940 - October 14, 2018

MARSHALL, Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" - Age 78, passed away Sunday, October 14, 2018 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 10:00 AM Monday, October 22, 2018 at Vernon Chapel AME Church, 5802 Dupont St. with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Rev. Roosevelt Brown, officiating, Rev. Douglas Banks, Host Pastor. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Monday. Mr. Marshall will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday with family present from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM to receive friends.

Ben Hayes Marshall, 78, affectionately known as Zeus, departed this earth quietly on Sunday, October 14, 2018 surrounded by his loving wife, children and special friends.

Zeus was born into a Christian home on March 27, 1940 in Edwards, Mississippi to the late Walter Eugene and Alice Mae (Jenkins) Marshall. He was the 12th child of 14 children. He professed his love for Christ at a very early age.

During his time between attending Utica High School, and later Utica Junior College, this very studious and trustworthy young man started driving buses for the school system. On many a day he had the lives of the community

youth in the palms of his hands. Mr. Marshall then completed his Bachelors degree studies beneath the shade of giant trees at Alcorn State University. It was here at Alcorn that Ben learned the game of tennis. It would be instrumental in his future in many ways. He later earned a Masters degree from Eastern Michigan University.

In 1961, Ben met the lovely Lena Mae (Phillips), affectionately known as June. In her, he found his good thing. They courted for 2 years. Zeus was then drafted into the military. After completing basic training, they were married on October 6, 1963. His tour of duty took him to Germany where he was an Office Specialist. He always exclaimed that he had never been that cold before in his life. Upon his honorable discharge from the Army, Ben and Lena relocated to Flint, Michigan to begin the next adventures in their lives. Soon he was working for General Motors. This job didn't last really long because this avid reader had a dream of being a college president. He finished studies to become a certified teacher to change the lives of future generations. Among his various roles at Flint Northwestern High School (which he referred to as The University), he was the tennis coach. He was even awarded Tennis Coach of the Year. He was the game announcer – both football and basketball. Although he retired with over 30 years, he never stopped teaching and coaching. It was in his blood. He re-retired in the late 2000s.

Ben was great at all things he attempted. The favor on his life was evident in the fruit that he bore. He was a master at gardening. During the 80s and 90s and early 2000s his yard was often voted as Yard of the month by the Cranwood Drive Block Club. He spent many hours tilling, planting, and harvesting the flowers and shrubs in the yard.

Another area of fruit was in ministry. To all who would listen, he was a great orator. He spoke daily about the love that the Father has for his own. This culminated in him being the Men's Sunday School teacher at Vernon Chapel AME Church until his health deteriorated. He would study for hours and hours in preparation to teach the classes. He also shared at various Night Sunday School functions. He loved to serve in whatever capacity needed at Vernon

Chapel. He loved Vernon and Vernon loved him.

This quick witted man with the beautiful smile enjoyed every book he could get his hands on. He often referred to himself as a dinosaur. He didn't like the computers. Zeus retired when he had to use them everyday for school. He soon conquered this fear when he actually took a course and passed with flying colors. His family and friends marveled at his love for Spacebook. Sports were also in his blood. He could call the game with the best of them. Football, baseball, basketball, volleyball, you name it, he would watch it. The Boston Celtics, Michigan State teams as well as Alcorn State University programs were his absolute favorites.

This man of quiet strength leaves to cherish his memory, his loving, devoted wife of 55 years, Lena Phillips Marshall, four loving children, Valerie Marshall, Derrick Marshall, Delmond Marshall, all of Flint, and Sheri Marshall of Snellville, GA. Also 5 loving grandchildren, TaShara, the apple of his eye, her brothers, Joshua and Jayson – affectionately called “the horses” of Snellville, GA, and Rasheed and Kiara of Flint. Sisters: Gladys Williams and Alma Jean Banks of Mississippi. Sister in laws Eunice Phillips, Alma (Willie) Miller of Mississippi, Ms. Jessye L. (Gerald) Andrews of DeSoto, Texas, Leona Marshall of Gardena, California. Brothers in law, Charlie R. (Deloris) Phillips of Flint, Michigan, Mansfield (Willie B) Phillips of Madison, Mississippi. Lee Edwards (Diana) Phillips of Houston, Texas and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of students of Northwestern High School. He loved these men like sons, Arthur Grundy, Joe Shelby, Gordon Brown, Wendell Quinn, LeRon Johnson, Timothy Baldwin, Pastor Keith Evans. Also mourning this loss are dear friends including Roosevelt (Ruth) Tardy and special in town cousins, the Rouser family, the McDonald family, the Thomas family and the Gray family.

The family would like to express special thanks for Dr. Geeta Rode, Dr.

Ethway Raj, Dr. Ahmad Abdel Halim, and Dr. C. B. Malde, Retired doctor for their professional and personal care of our loved one.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present

OCT **21**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

OCT **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Vernon Chapel AME Church
5802 Dupont St.
Flint, MI

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *GWEN, MCKAY-BARTON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall*



GWEN, MCKAY-BARTON - November 02, 2018 at 11:29 AM



“ *Ada Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall*



Ada Johnson - October 28, 2018 at 04:10 PM



“ *Michele Stinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall*



Michele Stinson - October 28, 2018 at 07:57 AM

AL

“ Alaric & Lori Lovett send our condolences to the Marshall family. He was a great teacher, a caring man and spiritual mentor .



Alaric Lovett - October 28, 2018 at 12:13 AM

SC

“ Shauna Chambers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall



Shauna Chambers - October 26, 2018 at 07:43 PM

LB

“ Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall



Linda Booth - October 25, 2018 at 10:33 PM

AP

“ Arnenia Peoples-Odum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall



Arnenia Peoples-Odum - October 23, 2018 at 09:25 AM

SB

“ Sabrina Lang Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall



Sabrina Lang Brown - October 23, 2018 at 05:20 AM

IH

“ Ivy Herron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall



Ivy Herron - October 22, 2018 at 12:53 PM

WH

“ Wilma Herron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall



Wilma Herron - October 22, 2018 at 11:53 AM

FW

“ Mr. Marshall was a great Wildcat at Northwestern High School. He made learning fun. He also was my sister's tennis coach, and would let me workout with them before I was even in high school. When I got to high school, I played football and loved hearing his voice calling the games. This great Wildcat will be truly missed. My condolences to family and friends.

Fonz Washington - October 22, 2018 at 11:16 AM

IH

“ To the Family of Mr. Ben Marshall;

We r so sorry to hear about the loss of your Husband, Father, GrandFather, Brother, & Uncle.



Our prayer is that God will grant you Comfort and Peace during this difficult time. To be Absent from the Body is to be Present with the Lord. We will always remember His Sweet Smile and Loving Spirit over the years. You guys been in our lives for 40 plus years.

We, the Herron Family wishing u PEACE to bring COMFORT, COURAGE to face the DAYS ahead and LOVING MEMORIES to forever hold your HEARTS!!!!!!💕

Sharing your sadness as you remember Ben.

*Blessings,
The Herron Family
Wilma, Roy, Ivy, & Kevin*

*"Rest In Paradise Ben"💕
"To God Be The Glory"✝️*

Ivy Herron - October 22, 2018 at 09:35 AM

TB

“ *Tatilia (Foster) Burroughs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall*



Tatilia (Foster) Burroughs - October 22, 2018 at 09:17 AM

RR

“ Rose Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall



Rose Reeves - October 21, 2018 at 10:33 PM

VP

“ Vic & Pam Pbillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall



Vic & Pam Pbillips - October 21, 2018 at 08:10 PM

RG

“ To the Marshall Family, Mr Marshall was one of my favorite TEACHER! He was the most pleasant man & he made sure we all learned something! He was one of God's precious Jewels on this earth! He will really be missed!! Our Thoughts & Prayers are with the family! Rev BOBBY & Roslyn (Goodrum) Banks! LOVE U ALL



Roslynn Goodrum-Bankd - October 21, 2018 at 07:14 PM

BL

“ Barbara Lakes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall



Barbara Lakes - October 21, 2018 at 11:40 AM

VM

“ Prayers for the Family of Mr. Ben Marshall
or should I say "The Greatest Teacher Ever"
He will be missed by all who knew him.
Mr. Marshall remembered his former students with great clarity,
letting you know what you did in his class. 😊
Marshall Family stay strong. Faith&Love

Veronica Mastin - October 20, 2018 at 01:19 PM

TG

“ Tresia Givens lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall



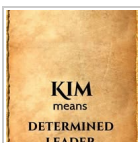
Tresia Givens - October 20, 2018 at 11:56 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall.



October 20, 2018 at 09:50 AM



“ A great educator and community member! All students wanted to be
in Mr. Marshall's class. RIH
NW C/O 87

Kim Turner - October 20, 2018 at 08:32 AM

SC

“ Sandra Cabine lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall



Sandra Cabine - October 20, 2018 at 04:44 AM

AM

“ My condolences to the Marshall family he was a great man and he left a legacy in our children he taught he will live on in them again I am so sorry



Andrea mcombs - October 19, 2018 at 08:44 PM

NS

“ N.Grace White, Retired Flint Community S lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall



N.Grace White, Retired Flint Community S - October 19, 2018 at 07:54 PM

NS

“ N.Grace White, Retired Flint Community S lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall



N.Grace White, Retired Flint Community S - October 19, 2018 at 06:50 PM

NH

“ *Nadie & J.R. Holmes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall*



Nadie & J.R. Holmes - October 19, 2018 at 05:44 PM

CJ

“ *Cynthia Y. Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall*



Cynthia Y. Jones - October 19, 2018 at 02:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall.*



October 19, 2018 at 12:36 PM

PP

“ *Preston & Josie Perry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall*



Preston & Josie perry - October 19, 2018 at 10:47 AM

CU

“ *Carl Ursery lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall*



Carl Ursery - October 18, 2018 at 06:47 PM

AJ

“ *Abby Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall*



Abby Johnson - October 18, 2018 at 05:07 PM

MF

“ *Our sincere condolences to the family of Ben Marshall. The Bey-Woodson Family*



M. Woodson-Bey and family - October 18, 2018 at 05:04 PM

VW

“ *My heart is breaking. To the family of Mr. Marshall, I will continue to keep you lifted in my prayers, your dad was a Awesome Scholar. I will always cherish the times I would see him in Meijers and we would always talk about the great times we had at Northwestern and all the memories. His love for the students and faculty, but most of all his making sure that All of his students were shown what the making of a True Loving Teacher and Role Model was like. Between Tennis and his students I know it was a tie, He Love them both. Rest on My Favorite Teacher Mr. B. Marshall, your In Jesus Arms Know.*

Valerie (Anthony) Williams



Valerie Williams - October 18, 2018 at 03:08 PM

GB

“ *To Mrs. Marshall and all of the family.*

Please accept our heartfelt sympathies on the loss of your loved one. Wishing you comfort and peace in the coming days.

With Love,
Gerald & Rhonda Bealore



Gerald & Rhonda Bealore - October 18, 2018 at 09:33 AM

VR

“ *Verma & Carl Rosborough sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall*



Verma & Carl Rosborough - October 18, 2018 at 07:08 AM

AP

“ Anthony Paxton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall



Anthony Paxton - October 17, 2018 at 08:51 PM

VW

“ Velma Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall



Velma Williams - October 17, 2018 at 08:26 PM

SP

“ Shawnie Powell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall



Shawnie Powell - October 17, 2018 at 06:27 PM

JG

“ Janice Green-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall



Janice Green-Williams - October 17, 2018 at 05:01 PM

TM

“ *My condolences to the Marshall family
my prayers are with you*



Theresa Miller - October 17, 2018 at 03:50 PM

CR

“ *To the Marshall families both near and far you
are being lifted throughout this transition. May
the peace of God surpass every thought or
feeling you encounter.*



Thank you so much for sharing him with us.

*Carolyn Randolph-Witcher Everett Randolph Former students and
classmate Northwestern High School Flint*

Carolyn Randolph-Witcher - October 17, 2018 at 03:17 PM

SW

“ I am deeply saddened by the passing of Mr.Marshall! But there is Joy in knowing that he is resting in the arms of Jesus! He taught me as a little girl how to play tennis...later he became my tennis coach! He was also one of my high school teachers. What an Awesome man he was! I always got a laugh when I ran into him in public. He would always mention the game of tennis :) He may say "Let me see that forehand!" He always had a smile for you. I can hear him on the tennis court "Dont do that! , Thats good tennis!, Did I just whoop you? Come shake my hand!" LOL! Take your Rest Mr.Marshall! You will be missed! Our thoughts and prayers are with the Marshall family!



Sherdina Williams - October 17, 2018 at 02:19 PM

MW

“ Maggie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall



maggie Williams - October 17, 2018 at 02:10 PM

LH

“ To the entire family of Mr. Ben Marshall, you all have our deepest sympathy in pass of your love one. He was a wonferful and awesome person, and he will be truly miss by all who knew him. We will truly miss our Sunday school, teacher for many years at Vernon Chapel. Love Lee W. and Helen P. Hayman

Lee W. & Helen P. Hayman - October 17, 2018 at 01:34 PM

CP

“ MY CONDOLENCES TO THE MARSHALL FAMILY.

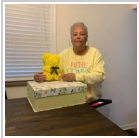


COREY PIERCE - October 17, 2018 at 09:09 AM

MN

“ To the family of Mr. Ben Marshall, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Marshall, we shared many years together at Northwestern High School. You all have my deepest sympathy.

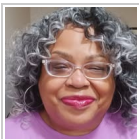
marvin Nunn - October 17, 2018 at 08:39 AM



“ My condolences to the Marshall family.



Anita WiseWilliams - October 17, 2018 at 06:36 AM



“ What a wonderful human being. Fantastic teacher. An all around nice person. I remember riding my bike over to chat with him. Mr Marshall will be truly missed

Patricia Gaither - October 17, 2018 at 05:07 AM

LG

“ *Linda Gulley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall*



Linda Gulley - October 16, 2018 at 07:27 PM

PW

“ *Pam Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall*



Pam Williams - October 16, 2018 at 06:13 PM

TW

“ *Tammy Webb-Blount lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ben H. "Zeus" Marshall*



Tammy Webb-Blount - October 16, 2018 at 04:37 PM