



George Sewell Marshall

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George Sewell Marshall was born in Wetumpka, Alabama, on August 28, 1935, the first of seven children of Rev. David L. and Ruby Leonard Marshall. He was educated in the Detroit Public Schools and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1956. He has the distinction of being one of the first converts of Metropolitan Church of God (Danish Brotherhood Hall) in 1954 during the pastorate of the Rev. James Earl Massey. Converted and baptized at Metropolitan Church of God, he was active in the youth fellowship there and was later recommended as a missionary from Metropolitan Church of God to Bermuda, West Indies. George was united in marriage to Vermell Autrey in Detroit, Michigan in 1957. Their union was blessed with two daughters, Felecia Marshall in 1961, and Lisa Marshall in 1965. Felecia preceded him in death in 1990. Having sensed a call to ministry, George studied at Detroit Bible College and Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan and continued his studies at Cuyahoga Community College and Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio. George was awarded an honorary doctorate from the California School of Urban Ministry. He left Detroit in 1979 to pastor Euclid Avenue Church of God in Cleveland, Ohio. After 25 years in Cleveland, he and Vermell returned to Detroit. He was ecumenical in his relationships, and was respected and welcomed across denominational lines; in fact, he was a visiting pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Detroit, Michigan until they found permanent leadership. George's health problems began during his second period of service in Detroit, so he relinquished leadership at Wisconsin Avenue Church of God and became a member at Southwestern Church of God. Diagnosed as diabetic, his illness received strategic and prolonged treatment, but with no lasting effect. He was in Beaumont Hospital when he made his transition during the morning of Saturday, February 29, 2020 with his wife and daughter at his bedside. George was an avid reader and maintained his own personal library. He was a family man who adored his



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wife, daughters and grandchildren. He spoke about them with a sense of pride and affection. He leaves to mourn: his cherished and devoted wife, Mrs. Vermell Marshall; his loving daughter, Mrs. Lisa Hamilton (Scott); three treasured grandchildren: Olivia Vermell, Chad Marshall, and Felecia Marie Hamilton; two brothers: Rev. Robert D. Marshall (Joyce), and Rev. David L. Marshall, Jr. (Diane); two sisters: Mrs. Gladys Marshall Ellis (Earl), and Ms. Gwenetta Marshall Brooks; four sisters-in-law: Mrs. Frettie Fontenot, Rev. Ardell Thurman, Mrs. Mary Marshall, and Mrs. Carolyn Marshall and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



Tribute Wall

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The House Of Johnson Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary** .



November 3 at 11:33 AM



Margarite Carrington posted:

Take your rest.

March 13 at 8:00 PM



Margarite Carrington posted:

Vermell and Lisa, I offer sincerest condolences. George was kind and genuine toward me. He fought a courageous fight to the end. We shall see him again when Christ comes for His own. Your former sister in law, Margarite Barker Carrington

March 12 at 8:00 PM



Mary J Marshall posted:

Praying for you and the family. God will take care of you. Be blessed.

March 6 at 8:00 PM



Lolita Annette Moon Williams posted:

To the Marshall Family, Prince, Shirley and I were saddened to hear Bro Marshall passed. We know words mean little during times of sure sorrow, so we look to the Lord to give you comfort that can only come from Him. You are in our prayers. Prince, Shirley Moon L. Annette Moon Williams

March 4 at 8:00 PM



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November 3 at 11:33 AM

A Worship Service Of Celebration Of Life

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George Sewell Marshall was born in Wetumpka, Alabama, on August 28, 1935, the first of seven children of Rev. Daniel L. and Ruby Leonard Marshall. He was educated in the District Public Schools and graduated from Southwestern High School in 1956. He has the distinction of being one of the first converts of the new church, Church of God (Southwest) in 1956, during the pastorate of the Rev. James Earl Hester. Commencing and holding an International Rank of the Order of the Holy Spirit in 1960. He was active in the youth fellowship there and was later recommended as a missionary from International Church of God in Detroit, Michigan in 1957. Their union was blessed with two daughters, Felicia Marshall in 1962, and Lisa Marshall in 1965. Felicia preceded him in death in 1998.

Having received a call to ministry, George studied at Detroit Bible College and Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan and continued his studies at Southwestern Community College and Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio. George was awarded an honorary degree from the California School of Christian Ministry. He held several city positions: Equal Housing Lender, Council of Christian Ministers, Ohio, 23 years in Cleveland, he and Felicia returned to Detroit. He was an evangelist of his relationship, and was a speaker and motivational speaker at numerous events. He was a visiting pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Detroit, Michigan and also held pastoral leadership. George's health problems began during his second period of service in Detroit, as he relinquished leadership at St. Cecilia Roman Church of God and became a member at Southwestern Church of God. Diagnosed as diabetic, his illness required strategic and prolonged treatment, but with no lasting effect. He was in Business Hospital when he made his transition during the morning of Saturday, February 29, 2020 with his wife and daughter at his bedside.

George was an avid reader and maintained his own personal library. He was a family man who shared his love, wisdom and grandchildhood. He spoke about them with a sense of pride and affection. He loves to mentor. He cherished and adored wife, Mrs. Evelyn Marshall, his loving daughter, Mrs. Lisa Jacqueline (Scott) three treasured grandchildren, Olivia Marshall, Lisa Marshall, and Felicia Marie Marshall, two nephews, Rev. Robert D. Marshall, Jr., and Rev. Daniel J. Marshall, Jr. (Chavez) two sisters, Mrs. Gladys Marshall (Ely) (Ely), and Ms. Gretchen Marshall (Brewer) four nieces in law, Mrs. Evelyn Foreman, Mrs. Anzell Thurman, Mrs. Mary Marshall, and Mrs. Candace Marshall and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



Celebrating The Life Of

Rev. Mr. George Sewell Marshall

August 28, 1935 - February 29, 2020

Southwestern Church of God
2012 S. Fort Street
Detroit, Michigan 48217

Rev. Dr. Robert D. Marshall, officiating

PALEBEARERS
Chief Pastor
Chief Minister
Chief Deaconess
Derrick Lammont
Marvin Samuels
Eugene Thompson
Cleveland Ely (Ely)
Leland Fickens

FLOWER BEARERS
Friends of the Family

INTERMENT
Woodlawn Cemetery

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF APPRECIATION
The family wishes to acknowledge the deep appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and many other expressions of love and concern extended to our dear one in thought and deed. It was a privilege to have you with us in our time of need.

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