

Acknowledgements

YOUR OVERWHELMING KINDNESS, WHETHER A LISTENING EAR, A SHOULDER TO CRY ON, OR A HELPING HAND, A PHONE CALL OR VISIT, GENEROUSLY EXPRESSED DURING THIS TIME OF SORROW, HAS BEEN A BEACON OF WARMTH IN THE MIDST OF THIS DARKNESS.

WE PRAY THAT GOD CONTINUES TO SHOWER YOU WITH HIS GRACE AND LOVE, AS YOU HAVE SHOWERED US WITH YOUR COMPASSION AND SUPPORT.

WITH HEARTFELT THANKS,
THE MARSHALL FAMILY



A Message to my Family and Friends

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HONORING THE LIFE

WASHINGTON

★ ★ MARSHALL, JR ★ ★

APRIL 7, 1935 – OCTOBER 27, 2025

A HERO REMEMBERED, A LEGACY HONORED

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Pastor, Pallbearers and Family

THE ANTHEMS

MUSICAL SELECTION

COLLECTS

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Second Reading

The Gospel

SERMON

The Apostle's Creed

Prayers of the People

The Liturgy of the Table

The Peace and The Offertory

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

COMMUNION

Prayer after Communion

THE COMMENDATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL

ORDER OF
Service

Pallbearers

Ken Greene

Armand Marshall

J. Dartez Talbott

Danny McCrary

Darrell McCrary

Lyndon Prater

Flower Attendants

Family & Friends

Finally, brethren, Farewell
Be perfect, Be of good comfort,
Be of one mind, Live in peace,
And God of Love and Peace shall be with you.
II Corinthians 13:11



GOD'S GARDEN

GOD LOOKED AROUND HIS GARDEN
AND FOUND AN EMPTY PLACE.
HE THEN LOOKED DOWN UPON THE EARTH
AND SAW YOUR TIRED FACE.
HE PUT HIS ARMS AROUND YOU
AND LIFTED YOU TO REST.
GOD'S GARDEN MUST BE BEAUTIFUL;
HE ALWAYS TAKES THE BEST.
HE KNEW THAT YOU WERE SUFFERING;
HE KNEW THAT YOU WERE IN PAIN.
HE KNEW THAT YOU WOULD NEVER
GET WELL ON EARTH AGAIN.
GOD SAW THE ROAD WAS GETTING ROUGH
AND THE HILLS WERE HARD TO CLIMB.
SO HE CLOSED YOUR WEARY EYELIDS
AND WHISPERED "PEACE BE THINE."
IT BROKE OUR HEARTS TO LOSE YOU,
BUT YOU DID NOT GO ALONE,
FOR PART OF US WENT WITH YOU
THE DAY GOD CALLED YOU HOME.
— IN LOVING MEMORY



A GRANDDAUGHTER'S GOOD BYE

When Granny was in meetings, you'd take my hand,
And off we'd go to explore the land.
Riding our bikes beneath wide skies,
Chasing the breeze, time drifting by.
We'd stop by the water, poles in tow,
Waiting in silence, letting peace flow.
You taught me patience there by the shore—
That stillness can speak, and love needs no more.
At the machines, your laughter would start,
Playing the slots with a hopeful heart.
Not for the winnings, but for the cheer—
For every small moment you made feel near.
Back in the kitchen, the smell of your art,
Cooking with care, a meal from the heart.
You seasoned with stories, with warmth and grace,
Love was the flavor that filled every space.
Now you've gone where the calm waters gleam,
But I see you still in every dream.
In bikes and bright lights, in the scent of the sea—
Papa, your adventures still live in me.



CHERISHED MEMORIES



The Love of
family
 is life's greatest blessing

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 THE LIFE & LEGACY OF

WASHINGTON
 ★ ★ MARSHALL, JR ★ ★

Washington Marshall, Jr., 90, of Fort Valley, GA, passed away peacefully on October 27, 2025 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Affectionately known as "Dub", Washington was born on April 7, 1935 in Macon County, Georgia. He was the fourth of twelve children born to the union of Washington Marshall, Sr. and Flora Bell Marshall. His parents and all of his siblings preceded him in death.

At an early age, he confessed his love for Christ at St. John's Baptist Church in Fort Valley, GA. He was later confirmed at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Fort Valley, GA, where he remained a member until his death.

Washington attended the Fort Valley Training School and graduated from H. A. Hunt High School in 1953. He went on to attend Fort Valley State College where he was a football and track and field standout. In 1957, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served for four honorable years.

Washington Marshall, Jr. married his high school sweetheart, Carolyn Jacobs on July 13, 1959. To this union three children were born. His son, Gerald Bernard Marshall, Sr., preceded him in death on September 30, 1999. After 65 years of marriage, his wife, Carolyn, also preceded him in death on December 30, 2024.

Washington worked at Robins Air Force Base, Warner Robins, Georgia in the Avionics Division as a electronics technician. After years of dedicated service he retired in 1990.

After his retirement, he spent most of his time being a doting Papa to the apple of his eye, granddaughter, Brittany Alexis Talbott. He traveled to many Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority conventions with his wife. His final year was spent at Serenity Empire Assisted Living (Formerly Brookside Senior Living) where he resided prior to his death. He was loved by the staff and spent many evenings with his granddaughter, Brittany dining on meals from one of his favorite restaurants, Piccadilly in Tucker, GA.

Remaining to cherish Washington's memory are, his daughters, Cheryl Lynn Talbott of Sandersville, GA and Patrice Yvette Marshall (Shannon) of Stone Mountain, GA, two granddaughters, Brittany Alexis Talbott and Nivea Marie Rodney both of Stone Mountain, GA, a grandson, Gerald Bernard Marshall, Jr, of Aston, PA, Sister, Mary Green of Fort Valley, GA, Sisters in law, Carolyn D. Marshall and Doris N. Marshall, of Fort Valley, GA, Annie L. Marshall of Byron, GA, Melvenia Marshall of Bogalusa, LA, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.