

Forever in Our Hearts



Pallbearers

Stephen Marshall | Jay Marshall | Macio Henderson
Treavion Kinsley | Carl Whittaker | Savion Marshall

Honorary Pallbearers

Eric D. Marshall | Marshawn Whittaker | Desmond Whittaker
Navir Cleveland | Samuel Whittaker | Ceorentea Bowens

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Interment

Greenridge Cemetery
15 South Tuscola Rd
Bay City, Michigan 48708

Acknowledgement

You cannot possibly know just how much your support, our family, our many friends, our church family have meant to us in this most difficult time. We thank you for your visits, calls, the food, for being "gofers" for us, the countless acts of kindness, the gorgeous floral expressions, your presence today, and the abundance of prayer which has sustained and ministered to us.

"The Family of Chara Maria Marshall"



Ms. Chara Maria Marshall

Sunrise: November 1, 1961 - Sunset: June 28, 2025

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



The Chain

We knew little that morning,
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide
And though we cannot see you,
You are always by our side.

Our family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same
But as God calls us one by one
The chain will link again.
Ron Tranmer



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Celebration of Life

11:30 AM - Friday, July 18, 2025

Historic Second Baptist Church
1770 West Youngs Ditch Rd.
Bay City, Michigan 48708

Pastor Marcelle T. Smith, Officiating

Order of Service

- Prelude Musician
- Processional Family
- Scripture Reading Old Testament - Psalm 46:1-5 Minister
New Testament - Romans 8:28 Minister
- Prayer Charanda Whittaker
- Selection Dr. Felicia Smith-Carney
- Acknowledgements & Obituary Debbie Rogers
- Expressions Will/Advise
- Selection Hold to God's Unchanging Hand Music Ministry
- Eulogy Pastor Marcelle T. Smith

Committal, Benediction, Recessional



Her Story

Now in the presence of the Lord, Ms. Chara Maria (Smith) Marshall left her earthly tabernacle and went home on Saturday, June 28, 2025. She was born November 1, 1961, in Bay City, Michigan, to Delores B. And Willie Frank Smith.

Chara, a resident of Bay City, Michigan, attended Bay City Public Schools and was a graduate of Bay City Central High School, Class of 1980. She dedicated her life to Christ at an early age and was a devoted Christian and member of the Historic Second Baptist Church of Bay City, Michigan. Previous church affiliations include Calvary Grace Faith Temple and Harvest Worship Center in Battle Creek, Michigan, and Newer Dimensions Fellowship Ministries in Carrollton, Michigan. Chara enjoyed singing; she spent many years singing professionally with the gospel group, Prayed Up. She was also a member of a women's fellowship group, The Daughters of Zion. Spending time with family and watching TV were among her favorite things to do. Always displaying a positive outlook, Chara always greeted everyone with a smile. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Chara leaves cherished memories with her daughters, Charanda (Carl) Whittaker, and Tabitha Marshall; her sons, Stephen and Jasper Marshall; grandchildren, Ceorentea Bowens, Eric D. and Icsyss Marshall, Atlanta, Georgia, and Gabriela Marshall of Virginia, Marshawn, Desmond and Samuel Whittaker, St. Louis, Missouri, Savion Marshall, and Navir Cleveland, Bay City, Michigan; great-grandchildren, Josiah, Zoie and Kartier Bowens, Atlanta, Georgia; sisters, Tammy Kinsley, and Dawn Elder, Saginaw, Michigan, Charity Smith, Bay City, Michigan; brothers, Gailan Smith, Battle Creek, Michigan, Brian Smith, Saginaw, Michigan, Garwood Smith and Tyler Sager, Bay City, Michigan; nieces, Marisa Smith-Histed, Victoria Smith, and Tenniah Burney, Bay City, Michigan, Yolanda, Mecca, and Promise Smith, Amarillo, Texas, and Charnice Kinsley, Saginaw, Michigan; nephews, Kendall Spengler, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Devon Spengler, Marshall, Michigan, Ricky Henderson, Battle Creek, Michigan, and Macio Henderson, Trenton and Reinaldo Smith, Devante and Treavion Kinsley, all of Bay City, Michigan; Chara also leaves many aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends including special friends, Tina Dawson, Brenda Taylor, Tanya Gudger, Dr. Felicia Smith-Carney, Doreen Lowe, Beverly West, Rhonda Stevens, and Donna Sullivan.

Chara was preceded in death by one son, Eric K. Marshall; her father, Willie Frank Smith; two sisters, Pranda and Shelly Smith; and three brothers, Kevin, Kendall, and Garwood Smith.

The family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, visits, and kindness during our bereavement. We extend special thanks to Pastor Marcelle T. Smith, Lady Jennifer Smith, and the Historic Second Baptist Church family, Ivan E. Phillips and the staff at Paradise Funeral Chapel.

