



Thelma Joyce Marshall

February 23, 1931 - September 23, 2020

The Beginning

Mrs. Thelma Joyce Mewborn Marshall was the middle child of the late Howard and Ethel Mewborn. Born February 23, 1931 in the historical area of Truxtun in Portsmouth, VA, she attended Truxtun Elementary School. Later, she became a proud honor graduate of I.C. Norcom High School.

Finding Love

Thelma married Russell Joseph Marshall on September 30, 1951. He was forever the love of her life. They met at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church where they both were lifetime members. Their love was further cemented by the arrival of their only child, Claudia Yvette Godwin.

The Working Woman

Thelma spent 31 years working at The Norfolk Naval Supply Center. Working in several leadership positions, she had the pleasure of traveling to Italy and Spain as part of her duties. She was one of few African- American women who enjoyed such privileges during her career. She retired in 1984 at the level of GS-13.

A Woman of God

Thelma was a lifetime member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. She was a deaconess, usher, choir member, Hospitality Committee member, Board of Christian Education member, and one of the founders of the Women's Service Auxiliary. Affectionately called "Ma Marshall" by many church members, she served as a role model to countless women in the church.

Loved Ones to Cherish Memories Thelma answered the call of her heavenly Father and reunited with her husband, Russell, her parents, Howard and Ethel, her sisters Inez Griffin and Harriett Richardson, and her brothers Howard Jr. and Bobby Dean. Thelma is survived by her daughter, Claudia Yvette Godwin, son-in-law, Ronald, granddaughter, Ivanna and sister-in-law, Diane Mewborn all of Chesapeake, VA. She was like a grandmother to her

"bonus" grandchildren and to her sisters' children and grandchildren.

Both the visitation and life celebration service will be live streamed. Please visit this page and click on the tab that reads "photos/videos."

Lastly, in lieu of flowers the family is requesting that a donation would be made in her honor to her favorite charity, "The American Heart Association."

Events

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| SEP 29 | Visitation | 04:00PM - 07:00PM |
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| | J.T. Fisher Funeral Services | |
| | 1248 N. George Washington Hwy., Chesapeake, VA, US, 23323 | |

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.

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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - September 30, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ A tribute video has been added.



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - September 28, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ Beautiful Memory of Aunt Thelma. Thank You for sharing. Yvette, We are Praying for Peace and Comfort for you and your Family. Peace & Blessings.

Your Cousin Annette Johnson Haskins

ANNETTE HASKINS - October 02, 2020 at 11:10 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Ethel Mewborn worked for my family for many years and I regret that I lost touch with her family. Sally Morgan Brower from Cradock. I now live in Mooresville, North Carolina. 704-617-1719

Sally Brower - October 18, 2020 at 03:18 PM



“ God blessings and peace be with the Marshall Family. The service was lovely, our hearts were there with all of you. Deacon George and Deaconess Barbara Robinson

Dea.George and Barbara Robinson - September 30, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ Corinne Gibson lit a candle in memory of Thelma Joyce Marshall



corinne gibson - September 30, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ Our sincerest heartfelt condolences to the Marshall/Godwin Family. We loved our Aunt Thelma and will cherish our memories of her and her goodness to our family. May God grant her rest with Him, and Peace in His Arms.

Harold and Alice Richardson

The Richardson Family of Rochelle, Stormy, Richie, Stephanie, and Wyatt

Harold Richardson - September 30, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ Sending prayers to the family. I will truly miss her sweet spirit and her warm smile.



Wilberta Gibson Carter - September 30, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ Tai Stokes lit a candle in memory of Thelma Joyce Marshall



Tai Stokes - September 29, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ Jasper Walton lit a candle in memory of Thelma Joyce Marshall



Jasper Walton - September 28, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ 31 files added to the album LifeTributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - September 28, 2020 at 05:44 PM



“ Praying for the Marshall & Godwin family we love you all. Bishop & Mrs Courtney McBath

Janeen McBath - September 28, 2020 at 02:58 PM



“ Dear Sister Marshal,
So sorry to hear about your loss. We trust God to comfort and keep you and your dear family and give you peace.

Pastor Jack and Sister Val Rose

Pastor Jack Rose, Lady Val Rose - September 28, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ Derrick B. Barbee lit a candle in memory of Thelma Joyce Marshall



Derrick B. Barbee - September 28, 2020 at 02:11 PM



“ Pastor Jack Rose, Lady Val Rose lit a candle in memory of Thelma Joyce Marshall



Pastor Jack Rose, Lady Val Rose - September 28, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ Praying comfort and strength for the Marshall family.

- Pastor Matt and Shannon Stakes



Matt Stakes - September 28, 2020 at 01:37 PM



“ Sandra Hood lit a candle in memory of Thelma Joyce Marshall



Sandra Hood - September 28, 2020 at 01:19 PM



“ Rest in Heaven Aunt Thelma



Earnest Marshall - September 28, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ Wanda Simmons lit a candle in memory of Thelma Joyce Marshall



wanda simmons - September 27, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ SHELIA PARKER lit a candle in memory of Thelma Joyce Marshall



SHELIA PARKER - September 26, 2020 at 12:13 PM