



Marshall Franklin, Sr.

March 5, 1948 - February 26, 2009

Marshall Franklin, Sr. was born on March 5, 1948 in Norfolk County, Chesapeake, Virginia. He was the first born son to the late Horace and Gracie Franklin. He began his spiritual life in Grove Baptist Church where he was baptized at age 6 in 1954. His final place of worship was the Garden of Prayer Temple #4 where he served faithfully as an usher.

Marshall was educated at Crestwood High School in Chesapeake, Virginia and graduated in 1966. He played baseball and had a lifetime ambition to become an Architect. In pursuit of that dream, he began his education at Tidewater Community College and Norfolk State University studying architectural design and drafting. Before he could complete his education, he was drafted to serve his country in the Vietnam War in the United States Army. He served two tours in Vietnam and received an honorable discharge.

As a life trade, Marshall held many positions including employment at the Naval base in Norfolk, VA and Doughties in Portsmouth, VA. He was a talented man including painting, skilled craftsman, hunting, fishing, gardening, builder, and as a barber.

Marshall leaves to cherish his memory his son, Marshall Franklin, Jr. and three grandchildren – Shawna Starks, Marzai Terrell, and Marquis Franklin. His loving sisters – Rebecca Ward (Melvin), Juanita Ebron (Alvin), Geraldine Sawyer, Yvonne Sparks (Michael), Alberta Thomas (Bryant), and Toni Dixon (Curtis). His brothers – Horace Franklin, Jr., Daniel Franklin (Beverly), and Benjamin Franklin (Trudy). His maternal aunt and uncle – Christine Eggleston

and Henry McCoy. He is also survived by a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents and one sibling, Wayne Eric Franklin. Marshall can be most remembered for his beautiful artwork which included paintings of landscapes of Vietnam and his handy work and craftsmanship. He enjoyed listening to music and he was an awesome swing dancer (hand dancing). He was quiet and reserved and he will be loved and missed by many.

Viewing will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at J. T. Fisher Funeral Services, 1080 N George Washington Hwy., Chesapeake, VA from 12 noon until 5 p.m. A life celebration service will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, March 5, 2009 at Grove Baptist Church, 5910 West Norfolk Road, Portsmouth with Dr. Melvin O. Marriner, Senior Pastor officiating. The family has entrusted J. T. Fisher Funeral Services, to handle the final care arrangements. Condolences can be sent to www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com. The family will receive friends at 5932 Hampshire Green, in the Churchland area of Portsmouth.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grove Church
5910 West Norfolk Road
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Marshall Franklin, Sr.



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - February 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We are very sad to hear about Marshall.
My heart and prayers go out to the family.##imported-begin##Terri
and Quentin Ward##imported-end##

March 09, 2009 at 10:40 PM



“ May God forever bless the family of Marshall Franklin##imported-
begin##gloria gilchrist campbell##imported-end##

March 05, 2009 at 04:08 PM



“ Today is a great day. A day that love reaches everyone. I am thankful that loves heals wounds of the heart and soul. I rememeber everything you have taught me. From the lessons you spoke during hair cuts, to the days of now. You saved this country we call the U.S.A. You gave it your all twice. I will not let this country fail you. I will push forward and see that things are handled properly. I am Ron A. Denson, a product of Horace E. Franklin. I can not and will not lose.##imported-begin##Ron A. Denson##imported-end##

March 05, 2009 at 11:45 AM



“ Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in Him, for He shields them all day long, and the one the Lord loves rest between His shoulders. Deuteronomy 33:12
My prayers are with your family in this time of loss. Shana Baum##imported-begin##Shana Baum##imported-end##

March 05, 2009 at 09:08 AM



“ To the Franklin Family:

I was so sorry to hear of the death of Marshall. You know that we are family-connected and I, too,grieve with you all. Marshall was a good person and I will always remember him that way. My heart goes out to all of you and you're in my thoughts and prayers. Love to all of you. Hope to see you soon.

Rita##imported-begin##Rita Copeland-Wright##imported-end##

March 04, 2009 at 10:30 PM



“ To the Franklin family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Marshall was a former classmate at Crestwood High School. In fact the last time I saw him was at our 40th class reunion in June 2006. We were all so glad to be together again after so many years. He was so happy and that is how I will remember him. When we lose a love one, they leave something very special behind, memories and as long as you have those memories of Marshall he will live on in your hearts. May God continue to bless you and give you peace. Marian###imported-begin##Marian Jennings Robinson###imported-end##

March 04, 2009 at 08:57 PM



“ Geraldine and family. I am truly sorry for your loss. May God continue to bless each one of you and know that you all are in my daily prayers.

Shantelle M. Ransom
QVC Suffolk/ Manifest###imported-begin##Shantelle M.
Ransom###imported-end##

March 04, 2009 at 08:29 PM



“ Family,
Please except my condolences. i am one marshalss Crestwood high Classmates, who suffers from his passing too. May God grant you the strenth to endure this time of sorrow.
i will remember his as an upright man who deserved only the best of what life has to offer.
May he rest in eternal peace
his friend and your,
Donald###imported-begin##Donald Harrell###imported-end##

March 04, 2009 at 08:11 PM



“ God bless your family##imported-begin##Kendra Hawks and family##imported-end##

March 04, 2009 at 05:53 PM



“ Marshall will be surely missed. A good friend throughout high school and a good person.##imported-begin##Emerson Robinson##imported-end##

March 04, 2009 at 02:29 PM



“ Our Deepest Sympathy to Alberta and the Franklin Family. We pray grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. May the Lord minister comfort, strength and hope to you and your family as only He can do during this difficult time. May you find rest in God alone. Prov.18:10
"The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous run into it, and is safe." Psalm 18:2 "The Lord is my rock, amd my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower." May the Lord bless and keep you during your time of bereavement and always. We are so sorry for your loss. We love you.##imported-begin##James, Diane & Aaron##imported-end##

March 04, 2009 at 12:57 PM



“ March 5, 2009

*The Family of:
Bro. Marshall Franklin, Sr.*

Dear Franklin Family:

On behalf of Pastor Jerome L. Williams, Lady Shajuan Franklin Williams and the New Testament Church Family, we extend our condolences to the family Bro. Marshall. We want you to know that we are praying for and with you. We pray your continued strength in the Lord. He will supply your family with peace. Please let His Word be a comfort to your family and always remember:

*“I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.”
Psalms 118:17*

We, here at New Testament Church, know that there are no words that will ease the pain caused by the death of your father, brother, uncle, cousin and friend, Brother Marshall. We can only offer you the promise that God offers each of us assurance that your loved one is now in the embrace of our Heavenly Father.

God Bless You.

*Dr. Jerome L. Williams,
Pastor###imported-begin###Pastor Jerome Williams###imported-
end##*

March 04, 2009 at 10:45 AM



“ *To the Franklin Family
I considered Marshall as a friend back in our school days. We had a lot fun together growing up and attending Crestwood High School. The last I remember seeing him was always good memories of the laughs we had together. Family, he is already missed in the hearts of many, so be encouraged and know his living was not in vain. We will continue to pray for all. God bless.##imported-begin##Bishop Earl C. Hinton Sr##imported-end##*

March 04, 2009 at 09:36 AM



“ *Much love to the family during this difficult time. May god bless you and keep you.##imported-begin##Denise Felton##imported-end##*

March 04, 2009 at 08:54 AM



“ *May God keep you in this time of sorrow.
My family and I are so sorry for what occurred last week.##imported-begin##Dora L. Terrell##imported-end##*

March 04, 2009 at 08:14 AM



“ *My heart and prayer goes out to the Franklin family in your hour of bereavement. May God bless you all.##imported-begin##Janice L. Pierce##imported-end##*

March 04, 2009 at 06:26 AM



“ With Deepest Sympathy to the Franklin family on your loss. Marshall was a former Classmate at Crestwood High School, Class of 66. Geese carried himself in such an exemplary manner. Continue To Hold On to God's Unchanging Hands.

God Bless,

Larry B. Riddick,
Brooklyn, New York##imported-begin##Larry B. Riddick##imported-end##

March 03, 2009 at 09:51 PM



“ My condolences to Marshall's family. I remember "Geese" from Crestwood. He was a quiet and focused person in school and it looks like he kept that focus.

God Bless the family!##imported-begin##Bettye Buffaloe Grayson##imported-end##

March 03, 2009 at 04:46 PM



“ To the Franklin family, I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you all in my prayers during this difficult time. Lean on your faith in God to get you through this.

Alberta, it been a long time since our school days but hang in there faith will get you through this##imported-begin##Beth (Rose) Key##imported-end##

March 03, 2009 at 09:30 AM



“ *Sister Juanita Ebron and Family:*
May God bless and keep you in your time of bereavement. Keep praying and remember, God is always with you.##imported-begin##Calvin and Barbara Bullock##imported-end##

March 01, 2009 at 06:22 AM