



Ferriel Marshall Sparrow

May 12, 1944 - May 15, 2014

FERRIEL MARSHALL SPARROW (affectionately known to many as "Bird") was the son of the late Fannie B. Lawrence Sparrow Fields and Hunter Sparrow. He was born May 12, 1944 in Baltimore, Maryland and departed this life after a very long illness on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at the Future Care Coldspring Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility. He graduated from Edmondson High School in 1962. He served in the United States Air Force from 1963 to 1969, having achieved the rank of Sergeant. In 1974, he received a B.S. degree from Morgan State College and in 1980, he received an M.B.A. from Morgan State University. After graduating, Marshall established Able Carpets and Floors which has been in continuous operation until his health failed. He contracted services for privated homes and many commercial establishments including churches (New Psalmist Baptist Church and First Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church) and flooring renovations and carpet designs for his alma mater, Morgan State University. He was baptized at an early age and later became a member of the Wayland Baptist Church where he enjoyed singing in the church choir. Many years later, he became a member of the First Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church where he continued to worship until he was no longer able to attend. On June 3, 1989, he married the former Jacqueline D. West. Together they enjoyed traveling, family gatherings and entertaining. Marshall was a fun-loving person. He was always meticulously dressed, never without a hat. He loved music, watching westerns and was an excellent seafood cook. He loved to fish and was an avid fan of the Baltimore Ravens.

Marshall belonged to Ravens Roost #55. He also enjoyed attending the Morgan State Homecoming and Gala events each year. He leaves to cherish his memory: a loving, caring, devoted wife, Jacqueline; daughter, Carla F. Sparrow of Bel Air, MD; two sons, Kenyon N. Sparrow (Vera) of Newport News, VA and Tshaka Bellamy of Decatur, GA; stepdaughter, Nichele A. Saunders (Jerome) of York, PA; four grandchildren, Jordan Shearin of Parkville, MD, Kaelyn, Trevor and Sophia Sparrow of Newport News, VA; mother-in-law, Mrs. Wilhelmina Barlow of Baltimore, MD; sister-in-law, Victoria Schuyler of Orlando, FL; brother-in-law, Alonzo Ramsey Jr. (Valerie) of Baltimore, MD; and a host of loving aunts, uncles, nephews, cousins and friends. He will be greatly missed.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 22. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

MAY 23. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Great Dalton Baptist
4302 Garrison Blvd
Balto., MD 21215

Service

MAY 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ferriel Marshall Sparrow*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Assalamu Alaikum, May the Blessing from Allah(SWT) be with the Sparrow Family in their moment of Grief and I and sending you my warm Sympathy for the loss of your Loving Farriel. My name is Mohammad AbdulAziz and I first met Sparrow back in 1965 when we started a singing group that I called the "Lyrics" and Sparrow was our lead singer and he had a very beautiful voice and I knew that he was from the Church with that voice. Our other singer's name is Jimmy Brooks from Delaware I believe and I'm from Pittsburgh, Pa. and we Three were the top singing group while we were stationed in Sembach, Germany, When I returned from overseas from the United States Air Force in 1966, I first ran into Farriel in Baltimore, Md at the Left Bank Jazz Club on 1717 N. Charles Street, The Famous Ballroom about 5 years later. Sparrow and I remained the best of friends when ever I came to visit my family in Baltimore at 3917 Bareva Road, West Baltimore right off of Doefield Ave. I just came out of surgery with a new Hip replacement 7 weeks ago and still recovering and I am unable to come to the funeral since I'm now living in Fort Pierce, Florida. I pray that all will go smoothly with all the arrangements and my prayers are for my main man Sparrow the Bird Man. Take care, love and peace.
Sincerely,
Mohammad AbdulAziz*



Mohammad AbdulAziz - May 21, 2014 at 08:16 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss, may Jehovah give you comfort in your time of need. 1 Corinthians 1:3,4.

carolyn - May 18, 2014 at 09:09 AM

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“ I would like to express my condolences to the Sparrow Family. Please take comfort in Jehovah words “There is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.” Acts 24:15 There is hope to see our love one once again...My prayers is with your family.

Annitta - May 16, 2014 at 07:46 PM

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“ Our family would like to express condolences to The Sparrow Family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible where He assures us that our loved ones have the hope of a resurrection to a beautifully restored earth. He even promises us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.

linn & family - May 16, 2014 at 05:11 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - May 16, 2014 at 04:57 PM

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*We as Jehovah's Witnesses understand your anguish over the loss of a dear loved one. That is why we eagerly desire to bring you hope from God's word the bible. we trust in God's truth, one reason is because the bible gives us fine examples of His promises. We find at Revelation 21:4, God promises to wipe the tears from our eyes for death will be no more nor outcry, or pain, there will be joy because of the resurrection. Continue to have faith and continue to pray to the God of truth, In the name of Jesus, Amen
A caring JW*

E.Norton - May 19, 2014 at 01:49 PM