



Mary E. Marshall

August 6, 1940 - July 25, 2015

Mary Edythe Marshall, the beloved daughter of the late Estella Barry Marshall and Frank Marshall, Jr., was born on August 6, 1940. After a brief illness, she passed away on July 25, 2015. She was educated in Baltimore City Public Schools, graduating from Frederick Douglass High School. She matriculated and culminated interdisciplinary programs of study in higher education at Baltimore City Community College, Morgan State University and Maryland Institute of Art. As a lifelong learner, avid reader and bibliophile, she studied and mastered a wealth of knowledge about African American history and culture, the African diaspora and the history of labor and unionist movements in the United States. As a family historian, she researched and chronicled accounts of the Fortie family, a free African American family from whom her maternal grandfather descended, that founded a private day school for African Americans during the 1800's when the state of Maryland did not provide public education for African Americans. In addition, she investigated the activism of the Fortie family in African American Methodism during the 1700s. She also examined the outmigration patterns of the Cralle and Sutton families from whom her maternal grandmother descended, from Northumberland County, Virginia, to Baltimore, Maryland, in the early nineteenth and twentieth centuries. A dedicated federal employee for more than four decades, she worked at the Internal Revenue Service prior to her tenure at the Social Security Administration. As Vice President of the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, Local 1923, she advocated for fair

employment practices and worked to resolve labor relations issues. She was based at the Wabash Avenue site of the Social Security Administration. Referred to affectionately as "Miss Mary" by her colleagues, she always personified integrity, honesty, commitment and strong resolve in the execution of her duties. Her interpersonal skills were exemplary. Therefore, she was highly regarded for her talents as a "people person." Her dedication to the arts and civic engagement was realized by her memberships in the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C., the Greater Baltimore Section of the National Council of Negro Women and the Joshua Johnson Society of the Baltimore Museum of Art. She garnered recognition for her volunteerism at the Greater Baltimore Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., and the Blacks in Wax Museum. In the 1990s, she was a prime architect in organizing and hosting the Kunte Kente African American heritage festivals held in Baltimore. She enjoyed diverse interests that included Afro-centric jewelry-making, genealogy, traveling, collecting antiques and patronizing African and African American arts and culture. Her travels to Senegal and Morocco were joyous ventures and sojourns. Playing the game of jeopardy always served as a welcome challenge for her. As a resident of the Original Northwood Community, she took pride in gardening and home-decorating. Enthusiastically, she sponsored trips for colleagues and friends for cultural excursions to the Studio Museum of Harlem and to Broadway performances such as "The Lion King." She is survived by her sister Barbara, devoted family and friends ... and by all who would call her family and friend and by all she would call her family and friend.

Cemetery Details

Arbutus

1101 Sulphur Spring Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21227

Previous Events

Wake

AUG 4. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary E. Marshall*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. I loved Mary. She was great union steward and even greater person. Mary will be missed. With Love. Frank Merritt*

Frank Merritt - August 04, 2015 at 02:43 PM



“ *To my friend Ms. Mary I am going to miss our conversation 09:00am in the morning while she were eating her breakfast . We would talk about history and how proud she was that I was at Howard working toward my third degree , Death is a force that man can not solve however, God knows best rest well my friend may God bless your family and know you made a difference in my life and others . A.Ford*

Min. Anthony L. Ford - August 04, 2015 at 10:03 AM



“ *May your heart soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate her life.*

E. HUSKEY - July 31, 2015 at 09:22 PM

RT

“ I considered Mary as a good friend. I worked with her at SSA and she was always pleasant and we always shared a laugh and joked with each other. Her personality and smile will truly be missed. My condolences to her Family.



Rodney Tate - July 30, 2015 at 12:14 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary E. Marshall.



July 30, 2015 at 11:02 AM

CB

“ To the Family of Mary E. Marshall: May the love and fond memories that you have of Mary be a source of strength to you in the days ahead. And may you find comfort in the bible's promise of the hope of a resurrection at Rev 21:3-4

C. Bell - July 29, 2015 at 06:40 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 - July 29, 2015 at 08:46 AM



*Will always love my sister . from her brother
Frank James Marshall*

Frank Marshall - August 07, 2015 at 10:27 PM

SB

*I remember Mary as a Beautiful person...Rest In Perfect Peace Mary
cause God has you in his loving arms.*

SHAVON BINUYO - August 19, 2015 at 02:41 PM

FR

Will always remember. We lived LIFE and had a GREAT time!

Francena - February 15, 2016 at 07:26 PM