



## Matthew L. Marcus

November 17, 1961 - January 19, 2022

Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom and love, touched the heart of his beloved son, MATTHEW LLOYD MARCUS, on January 19, 2022, at University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, MD where he transitioned into His presence after a lengthy illness. Matthew Lloyd Marcus, devoted husband, loving father, dedicated son & brother was born on November 17, 1961, in Baltimore City, Maryland to Matthew Marcus Jr. and the late Carrie Stokes Marcus. Matthew was educated in the public schools of Baltimore City, a graduate of Forest Park High School, studied Welding. Due to his maturity and strong work ethic, while as a student, he was entrusted to a position to work in his high school after school performing an array of different jobs. Some years later in furthering his education himself, he learned additional trades enrolling in night classes at Westside Skills Center studying Electrical Wiring. At an early age, Matthew along with his little sister Florence, following behind him, decided to officially join the church, and receive Christ by getting baptized on Mother's Day, May 14, 1972, by his grandfather, Matthew Marcus Sr., founder of Little Ark Missionary Baptist Church, now Ark Church. Always referring to this as a monumental and honorable event in their lives, to be baptized by their grandfather, in what they referred to the baptism pool as "Chilly Jordan" being that it was in the deep wells of the floor of the old part of the church. A memory that would forever be theirs to share and reflect upon and laugh about together. He would often speak gratitude to his parents and grandparents for introducing him to Christ at an early age, for it was those

teachings that kept him strong, kneeling, and depending on the Holy Father for strength to face the many battles that would come his way. He put his faith first, not fear. In January 1985, by chance he met the lady who would later become the love of his life, Dana Mack, as he lovingly called her his Snuggapuss, best friend, Ride or Die, through their mutual friend Tina Craig Richardson. Remaining good friends who eventually would begin to date about a year and a half later for several years. Oh, what a love they shared, you hardly saw one without the other. Speaking their own language and enjoying their kind of humor. They married in 1995 and from this union they were gifted with one son: Christopher Matthew Marcus. The joy of being a father washed over him. Matthew loved his family dearly and did everything within his power to provide, love, protect and ensure their well-being and safety to the end.

**The Hard Worker:** Matthew held a few different positions from 1984-2001, he worked for the Edgewood Management Corporation in Baltimore City. He later became Property Landscaping Supervisor. He later secured a position in 2001-2006 with Stella Maris in Timonium working with the Landscape/Grounds Division. In 2006-2020 Matthew joined the Facilities Management Dept with First Transit Inc., as a Fueler at BWI Airport. During his tenure at First Transit Inc., Matthew was able to fulfill one of his longtime aspirations of acquiring his Commercial Driver's License (CDL). He studied very hard training to go on to be able to operate Transit Buses, Tractor Trailers, etc. He was so proud of this accomplishment.

**The Entrepreneur:** While working in the Landscaping/Horticulture field garnering many skills and talents, Matthew in 1987 decided to form his own side business that spun into so much more. Hence, Marcus Landscaping Services was created. Providing landscape designs, planting, walkway layouts with lighting, etc. He even introduced his son to the various tasks in his business and would beam with pride whenever he had Chris with him. He was happiest when he was putting together a plan for a client, giving them a glimpse into what he could transform their properties into, albeit a small pond, solar lanterns that lit up their walkway, to adding small boulders to their lawn giving it a rustic look. Mackie

firmly believed in having other skills as to a side hustle. He serviced clients as far as Harford County and throughout Baltimore City/County, with his three proteges/friends (Reginald Hayes, Mr. Butch, and Mr. Haywood). They would load up the truck and hit the road. Even after his health forced him to end his Landscaping career, clients often called him for advice, ideas and simply to share how very much they missed and appreciated his crafts and skills. His business led to him meeting and making some truly awesome friends/acquaintances to whom he was very close with until his departure. Matthew held many titles; son, brother, nephew, devoted and loving husband, father, and friend/confidant to many. One of his fondest titles was “Superman Marcus” given to him by one of his bonus sisters (Tina Richardson). He demonstrated superhuman strength to keep getting back up to fight the battles that seemed impossible to conquer. Little did he know that he would be a trailblazer in his own right, entering a clinical trial at the National Institutes of Health (NIH, Bethesda, MD), that would ultimately lead to a successful protocol of treatment that will help so many others afflicted with a Non-Hodgkin’s Blood Cancer. He and his wife along with their family, and friends promoted the involvement of people of color to be involved in this area, by fundraising for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the Greenebaum Cancer Center. Mackie was also proud to be called “Uncle Bird”, which brought a smile to his face. He’s had the pleasure of seeing the babies born, now, grown into productive adults. His beautiful, bright, welcoming demeanor, along with his bold presence, was what they loved most. Matthew leaves to celebrate his life and memory: his loving wife and soul mate, Dana Mack-Marcus; son, Christopher Matthew Marcus; father, Matthew Marcus Jr.; sister, Dr. Florence Marcus, 2 aunts, Mrs. Phyllis Delaney, 1 uncle, Mr. James Delaney, Mrs. Earleen Cypress; 3 sisters-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Owens, Mrs. Gerleane Robinson, Ms. Veronica Barnwell; 2 brothers-in-laws, Mr. Richard Mack (Rachel Mack) and Mr. Kim Mack (Patricia Mack); special cousins, Zanes Cypress Jr., Zanile Cypress-Curtis, Dr. James Delaney Jr.; and a host

of other cousins, nieces and nephews. In addition, two Sister Wives, Dr. Crystal Day Black and Ms. Anita Pinkney; two bonus sisters, Mrs. Tina Richardson and Mrs. Zina Carryall; as well as Mackie's special angels, who would make one of his favorite meals (Chicken & Dumplings), or bring him cases of soup, or countless snack packs with nourishing goodies, surprise Rotisserie Chickens, and some uplifting spiritual reading material or gifts of encouragement with all things adorned with his infamous Superman Logo. In addition, dearly cherished childhood and work friends.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD

## Wake

JAN 29. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Matthew L. Marcus, Please Click the Link below.



March Life Tribute Centers - January 29, 2022 at 02:14 AM

ST

Beautiful tribute and service for a wonderful person. RIP my friend. Sending prayers and love to Florence and the family. Love the Talbert and Jackson Family. 🙏❤️

Sandy Talbert-Jackson - January 29, 2022 at 12:52 PM

AN

My name is Anastasia and I grew up part of my childhood with Mackie. He was the epitome of a gentle giant even then, when we were in grade school. As a Christian, I was so pleased to hear that Mackie new his LORD & SAVIOR JESUS; so Praise GOD; I will see him again soon and very soon! GOD's blessings on the Mackie's family!

Anastasia - January 30, 2022 at 02:55 AM

ML

“ Mildred Ludlow lit a candle in memory of Matthew L. Marcus



Mildred Ludlow - January 29, 2022 at 01:53 PM

SW

“ Florencie,

*My heart is heavy knowing that Mackie is no longer with us. The memories from our childhood on Dennlyn Road are funny, heart warming and comforting. I pray those wonderful memories comfort you during this difficult time.*

*Susan*

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**Susan West-Johnson** - January 29, 2022 at 12:58 PM

RF

“ Flo my heart & prayers go out to you and your family. Matthew will always be with you, even though you may not be able to physically see him know that his love and spirit will be with you at all times. Love you! Robyne, Alex, Brittney & River❤️

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**Robyne Finney** - January 29, 2022 at 10:05 AM



“ Uncle Bird , was an amazing person!  
Never raised his voice , or hands but instead lifted the hearts of many!  
He was a joy to our family, and he fit in perfectly! We will always be devoted to our uncle's memory as he devoted being a great inspiration to us all in life!  
Rest in peace 🙏🙏🙏🙏  
We soarly miss uncle Bird already!  
And are here for you aunt dana and christopher “  
For as long as you need a shouder!

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**Shijuana Robinson** - January 29, 2022 at 07:15 AM

DO

“ *Darrell Owens lit a candle in memory of Matthew L. Marcus*



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**Darrell Owens** - January 28, 2022 at 11:29 PM

DO

*Uncle Byrd you were a kind, gentle person and will be surely missed. Keep flying with those angels !!! love from Darrell & Robin- and the kids*

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**Darrell Owens** - January 28, 2022 at 11:41 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Matthew L. Marcus.*



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January 28, 2022 at 10:44 AM

JB

“ *Matthew was a wonderful Husband, Father, and friend. I will always remember his gentle spirit and will take comfort in the knowledge that his earthly form is no longer suffering and he is now transformed.*



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**James A. Butler** - January 28, 2022 at 08:48 AM

Dana  
Mack-  
Marcus

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Dana Mack-Marcus** - January 28, 2022 at 12:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Matthew L. Marcus.



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January 27, 2022 at 05:46 PM



“ *Soar with the angels Matt. Your work here on Earth is done. Rejoice with Him and enjoy your reward. We miss you tremendously.*



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**Denene & crew** - January 27, 2022 at 01:28 PM



“ *Sending you my prayers and condolences*



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**christine Mitchell** - January 26, 2022 at 07:23 PM

LR

“ *Linnyette Richardson-Hall lit a candle in memory of Matthew L. Marcus*



Linnyette Richardson-Hall - January 26, 2022 at 06:44 PM

LR

*Such a beautiful person with an even more beautiful spirit...my deepest sympathies to the family...*

Linnyette Richardson-Hall - January 26, 2022 at 06:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matthew L. Marcus.*



January 25, 2022 at 05:20 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew L. Marcus.*



January 24, 2022 at 05:00 PM

VB

“ VERONICA BARNWELL lit a candle in memory of Matthew L. Marcus



VERONICA BARNWELL - January 24, 2022 at 01:13 PM

VB

*Bird was a gentle giant. He was more of a brother than a brother- in law. He will be missed by so many. It's still so surreal in knowing he is with the Angels in Heaven. Luv ya, Big Guy*

VERONICA BARNWELL - January 24, 2022 at 01:19 PM

DD

*God has blessed you Mackie to be healed with Him and now in eternity with your Mom. May God give peace. strength and courage to Dana and little Mackie until they meet with you again in Heaven. The D'Onofrio Family.*

Darcel D'Onofrio - January 25, 2022 at 08:48 AM

MM

*I will miss you Mackie . There was always that special respect that we had for each other for thirty three years I thank you for that . Rest in peace ,there'll be no scars in Heaven ,for your soul now lives with Christ .  
Marcelina Marcus*

Marcelina Marcus - January 25, 2022 at 06:25 PM

MT

*Ms. Dana, Isaiah 35 tells us of the glorious future of Zion... "the redeemed of the Lord, shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." May you find comfort and peace in God's Word. Praying for and with you and your family. With heartfelt condolences - Michal Thornton and Family*

Michal Thornton - January 26, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew L. Marcus.*



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January 23, 2022 at 11:21 PM



“ *Evang. Satarah Cheeks lit a candle in memory of Matthew L. Marcus*



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**Evang. Satarah Cheeks** - January 22, 2022 at 06:18 PM



“ *Sending light and love to the whole Marcus family! Knowing that your faith looks up to thee, on Purpose! We all connected through Little Ark Church and the love of Jesus. Memories will strengthen when you need them the most! God cares just for you!  
Min. Satarah Cheeks*

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**Evang. Satarah Cheeks** - January 22, 2022 at 06:16 PM

MI

“ *Uncle Bird was such a BEAUTIFUL, KIND, GENTLE SOUL. He had a heart of GOLD he was, warm and loving. Look at how happy my mother is because she knew Uncle Bird loved her. I will ALWAYS remember his smile and hugs. He was a LOVING and CARING to my mother. Rest in Peace!! Uncle Bird*



**Michelle** - January 21, 2022 at 08:51 PM

DS

*Just BROKEN. THE HORNES*

**Dr BEULAH & LEWIS HORNE SR** - January 22, 2022 at 10:32 AM

AT

*My Gentle Giant. Rest on eternal peace. Your smiles and hugs will be missed but not forgotten.  
Alice Toles*

**Alice Toles** - January 22, 2022 at 11:38 AM

JA

*A man with a beautiful soul. May your gentle soul rest in perfect peace Amen. From Matthew/ Jane*

**Jane Azike** - January 28, 2022 at 09:40 AM

DG

*BIRD WAS SUCH A KIND PERSON. I REMEMBER WHEN HIM AND DANA MET. AGAIN I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOST DANA.*

**Denine Griffin** - January 29, 2022 at 09:55 AM