



## Wendell Marshall

September 18, 1949 - July 13, 2025

ELDER WENDELL MARSHALL was born on September 18, 1949, in Cheraw, South Carolina, to the late Nathaniel and Odessa Marshall. He received his early education in the Baltimore City Public School System and graduated from Frederick Douglass High School in 1967. He later attended Morgan State University where he became a proud member of the BQE fraternity and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology.

In a story that became family legend, Wendell first laid eyes on Diane Patricia Matthews at the May Ball at C.C.B. in 1970. She had just been named first runner-up for May Queen. Turning to his friends, he declared, "I'm going to marry her." Years later, fate intervened when he saw her again while picking up his sister at the Maryland National Bank. This time, he knew she was "the love of my life." Wendell asked her out in 1975, and shortly thereafter, he asked her mother for permission to marry her—before proposing to Diane herself. She said yes, and they were married on August 21, 1976, at Shiloh Christian Community Church by Reverend Richard H. Wallace. Their union was blessed with three children: Patricia, Ninette, and Wendell Jr. They remained devoted partners for 49 years until his passing.

In 1976, Elder Marshall joined the Baltimore Police Department, where he served the city faithfully for 37 years. His service included leading two Police Athletic League centers in Cherry Hill and Towanda. Known affectionately as

“Officer Friendly,” he also worked as a youth training officer for Baltimore City Public Schools. Throughout his distinguished career, he received several commendation medals in recognition of his dedication and impact.

Elder Marshall and his wife shared a deep spiritual bond and a passion for raising their children in both opportunity and faith. Under the leadership of Pastor Elder Jessie Carter of the Church of Deliverance Apostolic Faith, the family committed themselves to walking in God’s Word.

In 2008, Elder Marshall was baptized and received the gift of the Holy Ghost, beginning a new chapter in his spiritual life. He was ordained as an Elder on July 5, 2014, by Bishop Joseph Showell at the International Bible Church of Jesus Christ Inc. He later joined his wife in church leadership at the Church of Deliverance.

A man of quiet strength and genuine warmth, Elder Marshall enjoyed reading, walking, and spending time with his grandchildren. He was a loving husband, a devoted father, and an avid listener, a quality that endeared him to all who knew him. Despite overcoming various health challenges, he remained active in the ministry, especially through the Church of Deliverance Outreach Ministry.

Elder Wendell Marshall’s life was a testament to faith, service, and enduring love. His commitment to God, family, and community stood as a beacon of what it means to be a faithful servant. He served diligently until the Lord called him from labor to reward.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his beloved wife, Pastor Diane Marshall; three children, Patricia, Ninette and Wendell Jr.; grandchildren, Antonio (AJ) Mints Jr., Mikayla Jackson, Tyler Mints and Mahlia Jackson; siblings, Ralph Marshall and Evangelist Edna Gibbs; sisters-in-law, Jacquelin Marshall and

Vanessa Watkins; brothers-in-law, Craig Watkins and Rollin Tolliver; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21207

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUL 25. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

1st Apostolic Faith Church  
27 S. Caroline Street  
Baltimore, MD

## Wake

JUL 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

1st Apostolic Faith Church  
27 S. Caroline Street  
Baltimore, MD

## Funeral Service

JUL 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

1st Apostolic Faith Church  
27 S. Caroline Street  
Baltimore, MD



# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wendell Marshall.

July 22, 2025 at 08:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Wendell Marshall.



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“ 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 18, 2025 at 09:12 AM