

Paul Bearers: Nephews
Cortez Marshall
Mario Marshall
Taurris Marshall
Rico Marshall
Julius Marshall
Ralph Marshall Jr.
Marquinn Marshall
Rance Sutherlin (Derrick)
John Sutherlin
Melek Davis

Honorary Paul Bearers
Kenneth Cannon
Clinton Malone
Lester Wayne Fletcher
Jerry Trice
Eric Turner

Interment
Calvary Memorial Gardens
Decatur, Alabama

Acknowledgments
The Family of Rev. Johnnie Marshall is grateful for the overwhelming love and support expressed during the loss of our loved one. We have been deeply touched by your prayers, telephone calls, cards, flowers, food, and other acts of kindness.

SPECIAL THANKS TO SHARPLEY FUNERAL HOME AND STAFF.

In Loving Memory



Rev. Johnnie Marshall Sr.

Sunrise: June 18, 1955

Sunset: October 28, 2011

Saturday, November 5, 2011

12:00 Noon

Westside M.B. Church, Rev. George Smith, Pastor
Bishop Teresa E. Snorton, Officiating
Presiding Prelate of the Fifth Episcopal District
Rev. Ollie L. Hatchett, Sr.
Presiding Elder, Huntsville District

Obituary

Pastor Johnnie Marshall was born June 18, 1955 to the late Willie James and Essie Mae (Hill) Marshall. He graduated from Decatur High School in 1973, and joined the US Army. Johnnie later graduated from Athens State and became employed with Saginaw Steering Gear for seventeen years and Dunlap for five years.

Johnnie Marshall married his high school sweetheart, Mamie Maria Watkins. They enjoyed thirty-five years of marriage together.

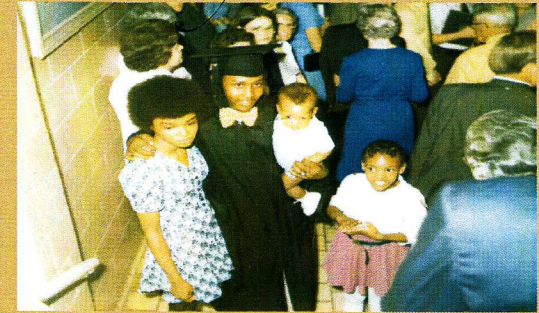
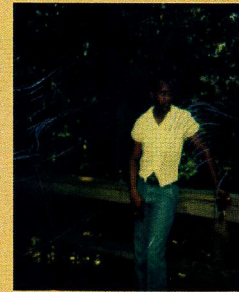
He dedicated his life to Christ at an early age and joined Westside MB Church where he served as deacon, church clerk, and Bible school teacher. He accepted his call to the ministry in 1989 and served as pastor of East Florence M.B. Church and Curry Chapel CME Church. He served as Pastor of Mount Pleasant CME Church of Hartselle Alabama until his passing.

Rev. Marshall devoted his life to his ministry, even through failing health. He put blood sweat, and tears into rebuilding Curry Chapel CME Church from the ground up after it burned. Despite being diagnosed with cancer, he persevered until Curry Chapel was completed and open for worship.

During his life he served as Vice President of Morgan County NAACP and mentoring Pastor of Decatur City Schools. It was his passion to help children in the Decatur School system.

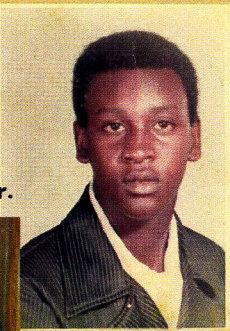
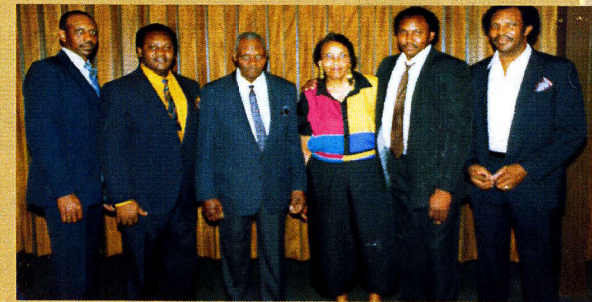
He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Clara (Bama) Sutherlin. He leaves to cherish his memory a devoted wife, Mamie (Maria) Marshall, one daughter, Hope Marshall (Tuscaloosa, AL); two sons, Johnnie Marshall Jr. (J.J.) and Michael Marshall (Decatur, AL). He has four brothers Ralph (Stella) Marshall, Eddie (Mary) Marshall, Larry Marshall, and Michael Cowley all of Decatur, AL. Five sisters Shirley (Sam) Fletcher of Athens, AL, Janice Marshall of Decatur, AL, Barbara Davis of Hillsboro, AL, Angel Dawson of Columbia, South Carolina, and Jacqueline (Tommy) Fletcher of Atlanta Georgia. Two uncles Eddie Lee (Ollie) Marshall of Decatur, AL and Russell Moore of Birmingham, AL. Four aunts Emma Jean (Ernest) Hoyle of Alexander City, AL, Nell (Lonnie) Ware of Atlanta, Georgia, Edna Marshall of Anniston, AL, and Edna Hambright of Bessemer, AL. Five sister-in-laws Johnnie Knight, Annie (David) Johnson, Mary Orr, Ann Horton, all of Decatur, AL and Linda (Gary) Haley of Lawrenceville, Georgia. Three brother-in-laws Robert Watkins, John (Patricia) Watkins, and Willie Ray (Laura) Watkins all of Decatur, AL. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

All Those Yesterdays...



The Beginning

On June 18, 1955, Willie and Essie Mae Marshall were blessed with a baby boy, Johnnie Marshall Sr.



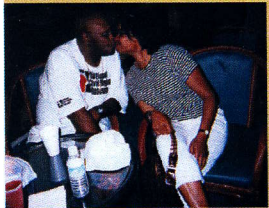
*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."
...Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV)*





"The loves of my Life..."

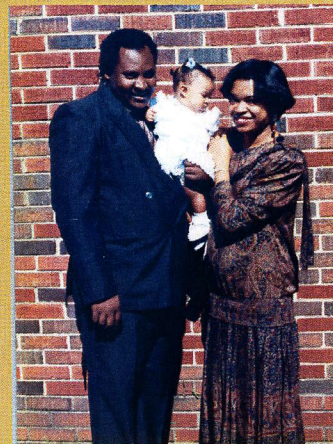
My wife...



...& the Church



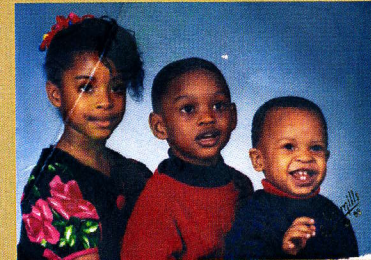
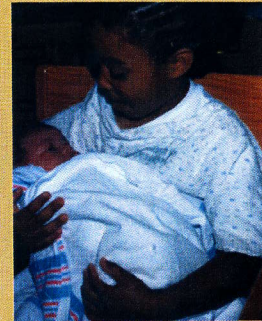
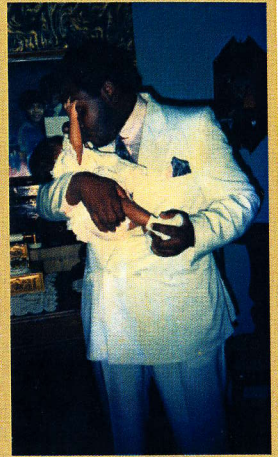
**"Husbands, love your
wives, just as Christ loved
the church"
...Ephesians 5:25 (NIV)**



**"If you think I'm cute,
you outta' see my
daddy!"**

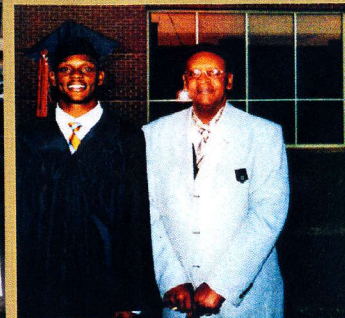
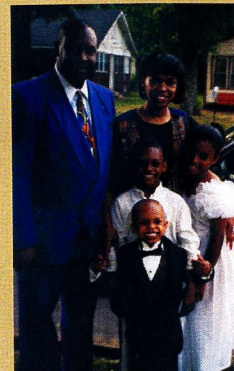
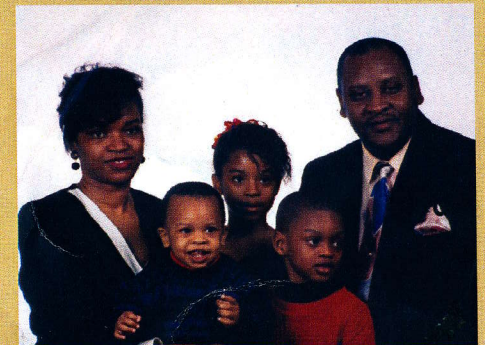
The bond between a father and daughter is one like no other. One that can never be replaced, and yet endures eternally. Thank you for being my everything; my rock, my hero. For being my daddy.

Love always and forever,
Hopie



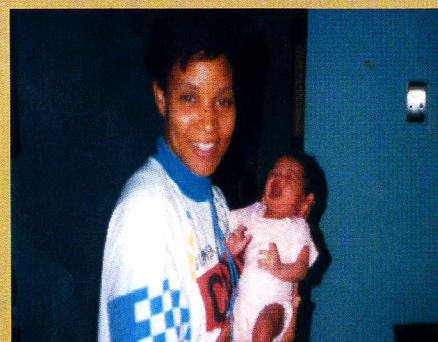
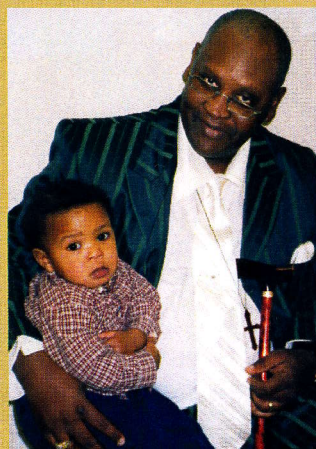
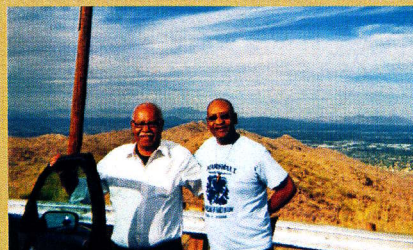
The "Marshalls"

**Hope, J.J., and
Michael**



**"Train up a child in the
way he should go; and
when he is old, he will
not depart from it."
...Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)**

Family & Friends



"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."
...John 15:13 (NIV)

Order of Service

Prelude
Processional
Call to Worship

Westside MB Church Choir

Presiding Elder Ollie Hatchett,
Sr.

Opening Song

Minister George Allen
Love Chapel CME Church

Affirmation of Faith

Minister Carolyn Cole
Mount Pleasant CME Church

Prayer

Rev. Adolphus A. Elliot Sr.
Gurley CME Church
Taurris Marshall

Solo

Readings from the Holy Scripture
Old Testament

Rev Darius Crayton
Bridge Builders International Church
Rev Arnold B. Northington
Antioch CME Church
Westside MB Church Choir

New Testament

Song

Expression (3 minutes)

Rev. Willie Green
St. Luke M.B. Church
Rev Hurley Grissom
Oak Grove CME Church
Rev. Rex Jarman
Love Chapel CME Church
Jerry Trice
Classmate

Tribute
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Video Presentation
Sister Ada Jackson
Kendall Shoulders
Saxophonist "Amazing Grace"

Eulogy

Bishop Teresa E. Snorton
Presiding Prelate of the Fifth
Episcopal District

Duet

Jaye Allen and Ada Jackson
Mount Pleasant CME Church

Closing Prayer

Rev James E. Copeland
Armstead Chapel CME Church
Westside M.B. Church Choir

Recession

Repast at the Westside Missionary Baptist Church Davis Center