

Remembrance . . . Life Reflections



JAMES MARSHALL, SR.

9/10/1948 – 12/28/2021

James Marshall, Sr., loving husband, father and grandfather, passed from this life on December 28, 2021, in Freeport, Texas, surrounded by his loving wife, daughter and grandchildren. He was born on September 10, 1948, in Brazoria, Texas, to George and Leola Marshall.

James was born into a nurturing and loving family. He was known as “Uncle Bubba” to his nieces and nephews. James was a proud graduate of the Class of 1967 from Sweeny High School, Sweeny, Texas. After high school, he furthered his education at Prairie View A&M University and obtained a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He served as a reservist in the United States Marine Corp.

James was married to his soulmate and best friend, Ruby, for 50 years.

At an early age, James attended Jerusalem Baptist Church and that is what led to him becoming a deacon at this church. Over the years, James served as an assistant church secretary and then he became church secretary and Superintendent for the Sunday School. Also, he was president of the Brotherhood for American Baptist Southern District Association and he served as overseer for the Shepherd Boys League. He served as a deacon at Greater Mount Zion Church.

James trained with the Federal Highway Administration where he designed some magnificent highways and bridges. He worked for Dow Chemical for 27 years and then worked as an educator for BISD. While working as an educator, he taught math and science in the district. He also worked in the Special Education department. He made such an impact on his students that they still remember him to this day. James retired from Brazosport High School after teaching for 15 years.

In his spare time, he enjoyed watching sports, traveling to see his grandson’s play sports, barbecuing and spending time with his family.

James is preceded in death by his parents, George and Leola Marshall; his sister, Linda Marshall; his brother, Reverend Robert George Marshall; his son, James Marshall, Jr.; and his daughter, Chandra Beasley.

James memory will forever be cherished by his loving wife of 50 years, Ruby Marshall of Freeport, TX; daughter, Shonda Marshall of Freeport, TX; sisters, Bobbie Gee of Houston, TX, Helen Parker (Robert) of Missouri City, TX; and JoAnn Marshall of Brazoria, TX; brothers, Lee Otis Marshall, Sr. (Vivian) of Houston, TX and Elder Donald Marshall, Sr. (Beverly Ann) of Pearland, TX; son-in-law, Quincy Beasley of Spring, TX; sister-in-law, Zeola Bonner (Gerald) of Freeport, TX; brother-in-law, Finish Walton of Freeport, TX, two granddaughters, Quiara Beasley and Journey Marshall of Houston, TX; two grandsons, Randy Robertson, II. and Joshua Robertson of Freeport, TX; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and friends.

There’s A Tree That’s Good For The Healing

I told a friend the other day that I would soon be coming His way;  
I told him this body was getting weak, surely but slowly there’s a leak.

Sometimes I would get up and sit back down, but still I make it around.  
Someone told me about a tree, and just one leaf would heal me.

I knew death was coming as a thief, so I asked my friend to pull my leaf.  
Don’t worry and don’t fret, because today, I have not one regret.

No more rocking from side to side. I’m going where I’ll be satisfied;  
No more prescriptions to be filled. This old body is already healed.

This shouldn’t take you by surprise. I told you I was going to Paradise;  
I said it wouldn’t be very long, you would look for me and I’ll be gone.

I’ve fought a real good fight. Between me and God, it’s all right;  
I don’t want you to be sad. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad.

James



A Legacy of Love

A husband, father, and a grandfather too,  
this is the legacy we have from you.  
You taught us love and how to fight,  
you gave us strength, you gave us might.

For all of us you gave your best,  
Now the time has come for you to rest.  
So go in peace, you’ve earned your sleep,  
Your love in my heart, I’ll eternally keep.

Your loving wife,

Ruby



Celebration Service



"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my  
departure is at hand, I have fought a good fight,  
I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

II Timothy 4:6-7

Processional . . . . . Clergy and Family

Prayer of Comfort. . . . . Bishop Jeff Williams

Scripture Readings

Old Testament . . . . . Pastor Gene Gear  
New Testament . . . . . Pastor Martha Soberon

Solo . . . . . Minister Reginald Hall

Resolutions . . . . . Greater Mount Zion Church  
(all others will be acknowledged and given to the family)

Acknowledgement

Solo . . . . . Kimberly Sadler

Reading of Reflections . . . . . Reginald “Ace” Edwards  
Helen Parker  
Quiara Beasley  
Shonda Marshall

Solo . . . . . Sister Darlene Bonner

Proclamation of the Word . . . . . Elder Roland K. Hendricks

Recessional . . . . . Clergy, Family and Friends

DEACON JAMES MARSHALL SR



We'll always remember that special smile, that caring heart,  
that warm embrace you always gave us. You being there for  
Mom and us through good and bad times no matter what.  
We'll always remember you, because there will never be  
another one to replace you in our hearts.  
The love we will always have for you.

*Ruby, Shonda, Quiara, Journey, Randy & Joshua*



### *Our Family Chain*



We knew little that morning that God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you, and you did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you, the day God called you HOME.

You left us *peaceful memories*, your love is still our guide;  
And though we cannot see you, you are ALWAYS at our side.

Our Marshall Family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

*Bobbie, Helen, Jo Ann, Lee Otis and Don*

### *Active Pallbearers*

Randy Robertson, Sr.  
Quincy Beasley  
Todd Bowie  
Dedrick Thompson



Don Marshall, Jr.  
Willie Lewis  
Kendrick Smith  
Shmir Lewis

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Randy Robertson, II.  
Joshua Robertson  
Kevin Smith

Donald Marshall, Sr.  
Lee Otis Marshall, Sr.  
Sweeny Class of 1967

Deacons of Greater Mount Zion Church

### *Acknowledgements*

The family of James Marshall, Sr. would like to thank everyone  
for your support during our time of bereavement. We have been  
comforted by your visits, food, flowers, prayers, thoughts  
expressed in every card, phone calls, texts, words of  
encouragement, and other thoughtful deeds. Thank you for any  
consideration shown to us during the passing of our loved one.  
It is our earnest and sincere prayer that all of God's blessings be  
showered on you in unlimited and abundant measure.

The Family of James Marshall, Sr.

### *And He Shall Rest*

Paradise Memorial Cemetery  
Brazoria, Texas

### *Final Arrangements Entrusted To:*

Dixon Funeral Home  
2025 E. Mulberry Street  
Angleton, Texas 77515  
(979) 849-8800 (979) 798-9113

*Programs by Lynn Smith*

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

*Deacon James Marshall, Sr.*



*Sunrise*

September 10, 1948

*Sunset*

December 28, 2021

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,  
I have kept the faith."  
II Timothy 4:7

Thursday, January 6, 2022  
11:00AM

**GREATER MOUNT ZION CHURCH**

6437 FM 521  
Brazoria, Texas 77422  
**Elder Donald Marshall, Sr., Officiating**  
**Elder Roland K. Hendricks, Eulogist**