

Faith Gladstone Marshall, Ed.D. born August 13, 1924, in Brooklyn, New York, died in Houston, Texas on January 12, 2017 at age 92.

Faith Marshall was the oldest of three children of Sally and Saul Gladstone of Brooklyn, New York. She was loved immensely and respected by everyone who knew her. She was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, [teacher](#), educator, mentor to young teachers, and community leader. She was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years, Louis Marshall, and is survived by devoted children Ellen Ruth Marshall (Robert Arnold) of Villa Park, California, David Aaron Marshall (Maija Freimanis) of Chicago, Illinois, and grandchildren Astrid Carla Marshall (Jefferson Li) of New York City, and Max Benjamin Marshall of Brooklyn, as well as her brothers Marvin Gladstone of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Alan Gladstone of Geneva, Switzerland. Faith studied English literature at Brooklyn College, graduating in 1944 with a BA degree and teacher's certificate. She bravely travelled across the country alone, by train, to work as a teacher at the [Tule Lake](#) Japanese American Internment Camp in California during World War II, teaching and caring for young Japanese children in the camp. Her recollections of that experience are moving and revealing.

In 1945 she moved to Houston to marry her high school sweetheart, Louis Marshall, a chemical engineer. She taught in the Houston public school system for two years, after which she and Lou returned to New York. Faith subsequently studied at Columbia University School of Social Work and earned a Master's Degree in Education at Adelphi College. She also earned certification as school administrator from Hunter College. For many years she was a teacher in the Great Neck, New York, public school system, eventually serving as principal at the Cumberland and Lakeville Schools in Great Neck. She had a natural talent for teaching, and was rewarded with innumerable cards, letters and remembrances from her devoted students and staff. She was known for her sensitive approach to unlocking the distinctive potential of each child.

Faith and Lou returned to Houston in 1977. At the age of 58 she entered the University of Houston, receiving her doctorate degree in 1983. She continued her work in education as principal of the I. Weiner School and as a faculty member at the University of Houston College of Education. Her focus was on mentoring first year elementary school teachers in becoming more effective in the classroom and in overcoming the formidable hurdles face at times by young educators. She developed and implemented a highly successful program that proved to be ahead of its time for the intensive support of first-year teachers. She was also especially proud of her National Defense Education Award Scholarship and three Kettering Foundation Fellowships for the advanced study of educational administration.

Faith Marshall was an active participant in her synagogue and community. In New York during the 1960's, she co-chaired interfaith campaigns to reconstruct the A.M.E. Zion Church, and to build a senior citizens center in Great Neck. She was among the founding trustees of Temple

Isaiah of Great Neck. Even after retiring from the University of Houston in 1998, she continued to volunteer, teaching parenting classes for parents referred from the court system, and working at the DePelchin Children's Center. She devoted much time and energy to Congregation Beth Israel, chairing the Horvitz Scholar in Residence program for 3 years. For 9 years she ran the "Coffeecake and Conversation," in which members of the congregation shared their varied areas of expertise. She was honored as Beth Israel Sisterhood's "Woman of Influence" in 2004, and she received the Helene Susman Woman of Prominence Award from the American Jewish Committee in 2009.

Most of all, Faith Marshall will be remembered for her tremendous generosity. She contributed to the lives of everyone she touched. She had only kind words and encouragement for her family, friends, students and colleagues. She was a master at involving the children around her in creative learning. Even while on vacation on remote Drummond Island, Michigan, she arranged a reading session for local youngsters and her own grandchildren at the local library, an event that Astrid and Max still remember with amusement!

The family acknowledges with special gratitude the loving care provided by Catalina Alvarez in recent years.

The funeral will be held Monday January 16, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Proler Family Chapel at Beth Israel Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 1101 Antoine, Houston, TX. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the University of Houston's Faith Gladstone Marshall Endowment Scholarship, or to a [charity of the donor's choice](#). The Scholarship was established in her honor by her daughter, Ellen Marshall, and is awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student who has demonstrated a commitment to civic improvement through their work and community service and a realization of individual potential through education. Donations can be sent to: University of Houston System Donor and Alumni Records, P.O. Box 867 Houston, TX 77001-0867 or by calling toll free (877) 755-0559.