



Mr. Barnette Marshall

January 16, 1938 - August 3, 2024

This is the life and legacy of Barnette Marshall; sunrise January 16, 1938, sunset August 3, 2024. He was born in Marlin, TX, the last child to P.H. Marshall and Clara Marshall. Barnette gave his life to the Lord in his early years. Barnette attended Booker T. Washington High School in Marlin, TX. Barnette was united in holy matrimony to his high school sweetheart, Essie Lee Hunnicutt in 1959. Shortly after their marriage, the couple moved to Milwaukee, seeking to build a better life in preparation for starting their family. They were blessed with three children, Dora Lynette, Rodney, and Chandra. From an early age, he displayed a passion for building and creating. It was a passion that led him to a distinguished career as the foreman for the construction of many of the landmark buildings that grace the skyline of Milwaukee. His designs were not just buildings; they were reflections of his work ethic and dedication to his craft. He later on went to establish B.E.R.C. Rentals where he and his beloved wife established affordable housing for Milwaukee residents for over 40 years.

Barnette was a man who truly embraced life's simple pleasures. He had a deep love for fishing and spent countless hours on the water, often taking his cherished Boston Whaler out for a peaceful day of casting lines. Whether it was the thrill of a good catch, the serenity of the open water, or the challenge of piloting the boat off of six-foot swells, he found joy in these moments. Barnette was also never one to shy away from an adventure. He loved to hit the road for a spontaneous road trip, exploring new places and

creating lasting memories with his loved ones.

Barnette is survived by his wife, Essie Marshall (Hunnicutt); his son Rodney Marshall (Sharron); his grandchildren Ayanna Marshall, Kazia Washington (Stewart), Zonea Grant, Imani Marshall, Zarea Fonge, Nya Marshall, Miles Marshall; his great grandchildren, Krystal Washington, Xavier Grant, Jeriya Washington, and Pharra Washington; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, P.H. and Clara Marshall, his daughters Dora Lynette Marshall and Chandra Marshall-Fonge, and a host of siblings.

He was a man of quiet strength, whose actions spoke louder than words. He taught us the value of hard work, the importance of caring for more than ourselves, and the joy of simple pleasures. His legacy lives on in the values he instilled in his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and in the countless lives he touched with his generosity, kindness, and many, many backyard barbecues and fish fries.

Barnette's warmth, generosity, and spirit of adventure will live on in our hearts. As we say goodbye, let us remember the love he shared and the lessons he taught us.

Cemetery Details

Glen Oaks Cemetery

4530 N. Green Bay Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

AUG 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LE

“ Thank you Mr. Marshall for blessing us with housing when we hit hard times! Your love and understanding will never be forgotten. Rest in peace Sir! 🙏🙏❤️

Letice - March 11, 2025 at 11:19 PM

OM

“ I met Mr. Marshall in 1970. He serviced as a volunteer for the Boy Scouts of America their in Milwaukee to help boys become boy scouts and to embark on adventure. Mr. Marshall would become a life long friend of my husband and his family. Ms. Ora Malone

Ora Malone - October 13, 2024 at 02:30 AM

OM

“ To the family of Barnette Marshall, My sincere condolence. I pray that the memories you builded and shared will substain you in the coming weeks months and years. May God be your source of strength and hope when you are in need and forevermore. The Lord has called Barney home, his journey in this world is complete (that you can rejoice in), but it will not be the end because the lord has promised much more.
Mrs E. Marshall you are not along in your grief, hold dear and close the love you and Barney shared, all around you are many widow it too is a journey. May God Keep you and bless you. Ms. Ora Malone

Ora Malone - October 13, 2024 at 02:11 AM

RM

“ *Barney, I will miss you waking me up at 5 a.m. to go fishing in Muskegon, MI. We shared many joyful hours on the lake and I'll cherish the memories of catching those big catfish.*

*Roy Malone
231-773-8950*

Roy Malone - October 11, 2024 at 09:05 PM

DT

“ *Dorinda S, Janice T & Sherry T planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Barnette Marshall.*

Dorinda S, Janice T & Sherry T - August 29, 2024 at 10:43 AM

AS

“ *Alton And Dorothy Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Barnette Marshall*



Alton and Dorothy Scott - August 27, 2024 at 04:08 AM

SS

“ *Uncle “Burnette” ...I love you....and I will always miss you.*

Stephanie Smith - August 26, 2024 at 09:49 PM

NR

“ *Thank you so much for your great love toward your Great Great twin neices and their mother and my boys and I. You are the greatest*

Nellie Ruth - August 26, 2024 at 01:24 PM

JW

“ Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to Mrs. Marshall and the family. I wish to thank you for allowing Mr. Marshall to be such a positive influence in my life with his words of wisdom and dedicated friend to my parents and family. Thank you for allowing me to be member of Super Troop and having my wedding reception at your home. God bless you. J. Watts



J. Watts - August 26, 2024 at 08:18 AM

CF

“ Celestain Fonge. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Barnette Marshall.



Celestain Fonge. - August 25, 2024 at 08:40 PM

FS

“ From Marie and Sheniqua purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mr. Barnette Marshall.



From Marie and Sheniqua - August 25, 2024 at 06:17 PM

DS

“ I met Essie first at work and I met Mr. Marshall when he did a fish-fry for me and Essie on one of our lunch breaks. Mr. Marshall was one of the friendliest, nicest, kind person with a great sense of humor. It's hard to believe he is gone. The way he took care of family and friends was truly a great lesson learned in humanity and love. Rest in peace Mr. Marshall. Much LOVE to Essie and Family.

Dorinda
AKA 33

Dorinda Smith - August 25, 2024 at 11:30 AM

DP

“ Thank you, Mr. Marshall, for the backyard basketball games, the "Grisham Street Jumpshot", the backyard barbecues, the wonderful holiday celebrations, the life lessons, and the "Palmer Street Gees"! Rest easy sir. You embodied the word "Family" to everyone you knew.

Love Always,
Dennis

Dennis Piggee - August 25, 2024 at 12:07 AM

GC

Mr Marshall, to a man I love like my father always will remember your smile and always will have a special place in my heart. Until we meet again R.I.H

Gregory CoBB - March 11, 2025 at 06:51 PM

DP

“ Dennis and Lorna Piggee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Barnette Marshall.

Dennis and Lorna Piggee - August 24, 2024 at 11:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Barnette Marshall.*



August 24, 2024 at 11:56 PM



“ *Barnette was a one of a kind cousin. My earliest memories of him were the regular trips he , Essie, Rodney, and Sam would make to Marlin. He never hesitated to jump in a vehicle and drive here.*

While here, he made the rounds visiting family, friends and schoolmates. If time permitted, we'd get a fishing trip in to a local lake or river. If something needed repairing at mom's house or other property, Barnette would go into his trunk, get work clothes and tools and fix whatever he could. A real special person!

He loved Booket T. Washington Reunions and attended most years. I will always remember waking up after a full day of rolling with him and a long night of sitting up talking to realize at 7 or 8 that morning , Barnette was already up and out..." the energizer bunny. Lol"

Lastly, he was the greatest host when family visited Wisconsin. He'd hv activities, meals, and tours all planned like a city guide.

Thank you Barnette for all the love, wisdom, and great times.

Rest easy my Brother 🙏

Cousin Jimi Lynn

Jimi Lynn - August 24, 2024 at 07:44 PM

BG

“ *The Hunnicutt Family is praying for the family. We will continue to lift Essie and the rest of family in prayer. Betty Hunnicutt Glover & Dr. Stephanie Smith.*

Betty Glover - August 23, 2024 at 10:02 AM

WS

“ *R.I.P Classmate.
“Someone who shared so much life with you will always be a part of you. Bonds like yours are forever.”
I was a classmate with Barnette and Essie Lee. My brother and his wife, Alton (Bobby) and Dorothy were in Milwaukee on business several years ago and spent a week with Barnette and Essie Lee. They still talk about the hospitality Barnette and Essie showed them. I have not seen Barnette or Essie Lee since 1958 but talked to Barnette some years ago. My wife, O'Dean, grew up in the community where Essie Lee lived as child.*

Wayne & O'Dean Scott - August 20, 2024 at 01:08 PM

KS

My name is Karen Smith my husband was Earthly who was best friends with Barnett until he died in 2015. Barnett was best man in our wedding in 1959. I know he will truly be missed he had the kind of personality that you couldn't resist. God Bless his wife Essie and his family praying for his family and friends. God Bless Love all of You especially Essie.

Karen Smith - August 21, 2024 at 04:07 PM

W.

Cousin, Uncle, videographer, host, chef, chauffer/real estate expert, handyman.....

At some point in my life, I've witnessed Barnette exhibit all these titles....and more. His life was an example of hard work with no complaints, enjoying nature (along with the rewards and finer blessings of life). I never heard him complain about being too tired to cook, drive, work, or anything elsehe lived the phrase "Just Do it"....and he did it with joy! There was nothing more important than family, love and commitment to Barnette. He made driving between Wisconsin and Texas seem like a short commute. He was making videos of family events, long before we ever had digital camera phones. His real estate and fishing advice have not only been repeated but will always be remembered by Ronnie and me.....because "when Bernie spoke, we listened"! His love for Essie, Sam, Rodney, Sharron, grands, and entire family is to be admired. We have continuous prayers and love for Essie and family. Rest Easy, Barnette.....you are missed.

*Cousins
Wanda and Ronnie*

w.lynn - August 26, 2024 at 12:41 PM

CW

“ Charles W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Barnette Marshall.

Charles W. - August 18, 2024 at 01:52 PM

CW

“ Charles W. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Barnette Marshall.



Charles W. - August 18, 2024 at 01:52 PM

KC

“ *My beloved neighbor, Mr. Marshall since I moved here back in 2011. He always watched over my home and was good friends with my husband, Elder Walter Coleman.*

Since my husband's passing in 2020, Mr. Marshall would often bring me a plate of food. One winter day I heard a snowblower going. It was Mr. Marshall doing my snow for me. I will miss his dearly!

I did not know that on the last time he came across the street to speak to me that would be our last conversation here on this earth. To his wife and family, I share in your sorrow. A good man has left us!

Love Kathy Carson-Coleman

Kathryn Carson - August 17, 2024 at 10:44 AM