



## James Stanley Marshall

January 27, 1923 - June 8, 2014

James Stanley Marshall died at home surrounded by his family on June 8, 2014, at 12:30 P.M. in Tallahassee, Florida, where he had lived for many years with his beloved wife Shirley.

Stanley was born on January 27, 1923 on a farm 20 miles north of Pittsburgh, PA. He was the sixth child and only son of Mildred and Walter Marshall. His dad operated a 73-acre farm.

He attended elementary school in Indiana Township and enrolled at the high school in Springdale, a nearby town. Later in life, he was named to the Twentieth Century Hall of Fame at Springdale High School. Following his graduation in 1940, Stanley attended the State Teachers College at Slippery Rock, PA, where he earned a BS degree in education.

Our country's entry into World War II brought about a change in plans. Stan enlisted in the U. S. Army in December 1942, just a year after Pearl Harbor. He served in an army field hospital in France and Germany and was discharged in April 1946.

Stan was married in 1944 to Ruth Cratty, whom he had known in college at Slippery Rock. That marriage lasted until 1964.

Stan's first teaching job was in Seneca Falls, NY, where he taught high school science and coached basketball and track. He then spent a year at the New York State Ag Tech Institute in Alfred, NY, where he taught physics and the lab tech methods he had learned in the army. While in New York, Stan was awarded the Master of Science Degree in 1950 and a PhD in 1957 by

Syracuse University. Then came the much desired invitation to join the faculty at the State University College at Cortland, NY, where he became a professor of physics and remained for six years – until the invitation came to move to Tallahassee to join the faculty at Florida State University.

Dr. Marshall was urged by Dean Mode Stone of the FSU School of Education to establish a program to prepare science teachers for Florida's secondary schools. The Department of Science Education was established at FSU in 1958 and was headed by Stan until 1966, when he became Associate Dean. In 1968 he became Dean of the School of Education. He also held an adjunct appointment in the Physics Department.

Dr. Marshall assumed the FSU presidency in February, 1969 and retired from the presidency in August, 1976.

Dr. Marshall's service to education includes serving as Founding Director of the Turkish National Science High School in Ankara, Turkey, a project of the Ford Foundation. He was also education consultant to governments of nine countries in the Middle and Far East and South America. He is senior co-author of a widely used series of elementary school science textbooks, published by Scott Foresman.

After serving as FSU president, Dr. Marshall started a local business and dedicated himself to public service. In 1978, Marshall founded Sonitrol of Tallahassee, Inc., and operated the company for ten years. Sonitrol is engaged in electronic security and fire protection for businesses and residences in the Tallahassee area. Dr. Marshall founded The James Madison Institute in 1987 and served as its President and CEO from 1987 to 2000. In 1995, Dr. Marshall was named to the Florida Commission on Cabinet Reform. In 1997-98, he served on the Florida Constitution Revision Commission. He served by presidential appointment as a member of the Federal Judicial Nominating Commission for Florida, and as an advisor to Florida Governor Bob Martinez through membership on the Governor's Economic Advisory Committee .

Dr. Marshall served from 2002 to 2005 on the Board of Trustees of Florida

State University and for four years as chair of the Bethune Cookman University Board of Trustees in Daytona Beach. In January 2005, he was appointed as a member of the Florida Board of Governors. He also served on the board of directors of the Southern Scholarship Foundation, and as a member of the Advisory Board of The American Studies Institute of Harding University. Dr. Marshall received Honorary Doctorates from The University of Florida, Harding University (in Searcy, Arkansas), Flagler College, and Bethune Cookman University.

Dr. Marshall dearly loved Florida and the Tallahassee area and was passionate in serving the community. He served as Chairman of the Leon County United Way and as a member of the Board of Directors of The Tallahassee Memorial Regional Medical Center and the Tallahassee Area Chamber of Commerce. He also served as president of the Deeb Scholarship Foundation and as the Founding Chairman of PEN of Florida, a non-union professional teachers' organization. He received, in 2002, the Lifetime Leadership Award by the Tallahassee Area Chamber of Commerce. Stan has been a member of the Rotary Club of Tallahassee since 1969 and served as Club President in 1992-93. He received the Frederick Clifton Moore Award in 1995 and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Dr. Marshall and his family have been active members of Trinity United Methodist Church in Tallahassee since 1958. For many years the Marshalls owned and operated 250-acre cattle farms in Gadsden County, FL and later in Southwest Georgia.

Throughout his life, Dr. Marshall was also involved in serving national organizations relating to science education, medicine and the military. He was the Founding Editor of The Journal of Research in Science Teaching and served as an advisor to Encyclopedia Britannica Films, the National Science Foundation, and the U. S. Department of Education. He served as President of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, Southern Region. He served for five years on the Secretary of the Navy's

Advisory Board on Naval Education and Training and as advisor to the Secretary of the Army on On-Campus Army ROTC programs. He served for five years as a member of the Board of Regents of The National Library of Medicine, and is a Fellow of The American Association for the Advancement of Science, where he served on the AAAS Commission of Science Education. He was married for 48 years, until his death, to the former Shirley Slade of Gladewater, Texas. They have five grown children and fourteen grandchildren; eleven boys and three girls. The children are son David Marshall (wife JoAnn); daughter Sue Jones; son John Marshall (wife Rebecca); daughter Kimberly Rosero (husband George), and son Drew Marshall (wife Jodi). The grandchildren are Matthew and Peter Marshall; McLain Jones (wife Matille), Kimberly Jones Lindsay (husband Ryan) and Carson Jones; Luke, Kate, William and Matthew Marshall; Jackson, Benjamin and Carson Rosero; and Lilly Ann and James Marshall.

As the patriarch of the Marshall family, Stanley's legacy is his love, valued life lessons, extraordinary work ethic, the strength to meet each new day with a zest for life, a commitment to do the best at every task, and especially to love and care for each other and those we meet. In addition, Dr. Marshall felt that one of his greatest legacies is the founding of the James Madison Institute in 1987.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to Big Bend Hospice. A memorial service will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, 120 West Park Avenue, Tallahassee, on Monday, June 16 at 11:00 A.M. Should friends desire, in lieu of flowers contributions may be sent to the Southern Scholarship Foundation, Inc. at 322 Stadium Drive, Tallahassee, Florida. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home, 850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com), is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
120 West Park Avenue  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. May the outpouring of sympathy, the kind acts of friends and strangers, as well as your memories give you comfort to help you endure the days ahead. The Bible also offers comfort. “For God is near to those broken at heart. “ Ps 34:17,18. Our Creator promises that there will soon be a time when “death will be no more.” Revelation 21:4. I hope this brings you comfort.

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**Williams Family** - June 11, 2014 at 10:53 AM