



## Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall

December 9, 1932 - August 19, 2011

Mother Selma Salena Bell Marshall was born December 9, 1932 in Sharkey County, Mississippi, the first child born to the union of the late Theodore Roosevelt Bell, Sr., and the late Mother Estella Bell Reaves.

Mother Marshall accepted God as her personal savior at an early age at the Church of God in Hollandale, Mississippi, under the leadership of her grandfather, Bishop Tobias Bell. Mother Marshall married George Ivory Marshall on November 29, 1953. Mother Marshall later joined with the Church of God in Medon, TN, where she served as Choir Director for many years, and has also served as a First Lady, Sunday School Teacher, Cook, and Secretary. She never found her hands idle and was a faithful and devoted member of the Church of God even in declining health. Mother Marshall graduated from the State of Mississippi's educational system where she earned her High School Diploma. Mother Marshall was a homemaker, seamstress and domestic laborer. She worked at Oakley Fashion and the Jackson-Madison County School System, where she retired after over a decade of employment. She enjoyed many hobbies such as sewing, baking, canning, reading, traveling, trying new and different recipes, listening to gospel music and singing. She had a genuine love for her family and friends, always ready to lend a helping hand or offer words of encouragement.

Mother Marshall was preceded in death by three brothers, Theodore Bell, Jr., Charles Bell and Jerry Wayne Bell.

Mother Marshall departed this earthly life on August 19, 2011. She leaves to

cherish her sweet and precious memories to her husband of nearly 58 years, George Ivory Marshall, six daughters, Sandra (LeRoy) Freeman, South Holland, IL, Debrah L. Marshall-Scurlock, Wanda G., Treila D. and Jessalyn S. all of Medon, TN, Camilla L., Louisville, KY; seven sons, Dwight W. (Gloria) Ripon, CA, Preston L. (Lori) Corona, CA; Dexter A., Jonesboro, GA, Eric G., Vallejo, CA, Jarvis G. (Sonia), Carman S. (Kimberly), Jackson, TN, Markedus D. (Brandie) Medon, TN; twenty-two grandchildren, Kendra, Kamisa, Terrence, Jacquelyn, Gerald, DeKesha, Diandrea, Marsalena, Taryn, Shauna, Aaron, Torriah, Darius, Brandon, Nicholas, Sedarius, Samaria, Selena, Cameron, Sydney, Jarron and Brennan; twenty-three great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; six sisters, Delores Washington, Richmond, VA, Marva A. Bell, Chicago, IL, Willie Mae Jefferson, Jackson, MS, Dotsie M. March, San Francisco, CA, Geraldine Martin, Rialto, CA, Rev. Dr. Arnetha (Roger) Inge, Los Angeles, CA; five brothers, Printes G. Bell, Willie Vernon (Gene) Bell, both of Jackson, MS, Morris (Marilyn) Bell, San Francisco, CA, Donnie (Barbara) Bell, Glen Alan, MS, Terry Wayne (Debra) Los Angeles, CA; sister-in-laws Mattie L. Bell of Hollandale, MS, and Sandy Bell of Napa, CA; five additional sisters-in-law, Dorothy Marshall, Jackson, TN, Shirley Marshall, Memphis, TN, Ruby (Matthew) Jenkins, Lathrop, CA, Sadie Jenkins, Daly City, CA, Dorothy (Travis) Herron, Williamson, CA; and five brothers-in-law, John (Ann) Marshall and Herman (Betty) Marshall, Detroit, MI, Paul (Margaret) Marshall, Clackamas, OR, Robert Marshall Medon, TN, Larry (Jacqueline) Marshall, Jackson, TN; five stepbrothers and stepsisters, Calvin Oliver Reaves, Arthur Lee Reaves, Jerry Wayne Reaves, Rosa Beatrice Alexander, Gail Denise Richardson. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends to cherish her memory. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

# Cemetery Details

## Marshall Chapel Church of God Cemetery

28 Marshall Chapel Rd.  
Medon, TN 38356

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.  
807 N. Hays Avenue  
Jackson, TN 38301  
(731) 427-7411  
info@stephenson-shaw.com  
<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

## Service

AUG **27**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Macedonia Baptist Church  
106 Glass St.  
Jackson, TN 38301

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc - August 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Dorothy Maxwell-McBride lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



Dorothy Maxwell-McBride - October 28, 2011 at 09:13 AM



*I just want the family to know they had a true jewel with them. Selma was one of the first neighbors I met when I came to Medon to live and she was ALWAYS nice, assisting and caring to me. But know she is in a MUCH beter place than she was in this time last year~Hold on to those beautiful memories.*

Dorothy Maxwell-McBride - October 28, 2011 at 09:18 AM

CM

“ *I remember her unconditional love. Not just for me, but for others as well.* ”



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**Camilla Marshall** - August 30, 2011 at 08:41 PM



“ *DeKesha Tookes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall* ”



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**DeKesha Tookes** - August 29, 2011 at 09:59 PM

BJ

“ *Bernetta Jenkins-Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall* ”



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**Bernetta Jenkins-Tucker** - August 27, 2011 at 11:34 PM

BJ

*Lots of great summer vacations spent at my aunt Selma's home. It was always a warm welcome, full of food, family and much love. You will be missed.*

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**Bernetta Jenkins-Tucker** - August 27, 2011 at 11:37 PM

LT

“ *Lonnie & Charlotte Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



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**Lonnie & Charlotte Taylor** - August 27, 2011 at 05:58 PM

MB

“ *Selma was like and older sister to me she and my older sister was very cose all as long as I can remember. I remember that smile it was so warm and sweet. God blessed us to have you in our Life. for a long time You will all ways be loved by us all. you will be missed. Your extended sister Manasses Pennington Bruton Better Kown as (Nancy)*

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**Manasses Pennington Bruton** - August 27, 2011 at 03:47 PM

LT

“ *I am so honored to had met Mrs. Marshall. When I hear her children speak of her, her loving spirit comes through their words and memories. She was an amazing woman who touched so many. Thank you Marshall kids for sharing her.*



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**LaJoyce Terrell** - August 27, 2011 at 01:31 PM



“ *She was a wonderful person. Whenever r family went to there house, or saw her she always had a smile on her face. I loved going to Tennessee to see all my family. R.I.P. You are and will be missed.*



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**Andre Pirtle** - August 27, 2011 at 01:01 PM

HH

“ *Harriette Bell Howard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



Harriette Bell Howard - August 27, 2011 at 11:08 AM

LB

“ *Lena Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



Lena Bell - August 27, 2011 at 10:49 AM

TP

“ *TraNecia Polk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



TraNecia Polk - August 27, 2011 at 10:47 AM

KD

“ *Keica P. Donald lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



Keica P. Donald - August 27, 2011 at 10:40 AM

LC

“ *Lutricia Cole lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



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**Lutricia Cole** - August 27, 2011 at 10:37 AM

DM

“ *I lit a candle in honor of the life of my auntie, Selma. Being such an inspiration to so many her smile and steadfast love for God will never be forgotten. I love you all*



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**Derris Marshall** - August 27, 2011 at 10:02 AM

AP

“ *I remember Selma as a very friendly and a beautiful smile.*

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**Arnell Taylor Perry** - August 26, 2011 at 06:28 AM

AP

“ *Arnell Taylor Perry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



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**Arnell Taylor Perry** - August 26, 2011 at 06:26 AM



“ *Debrah Marshall Scurlock lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



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**debrah marshall scurlock** - August 26, 2011 at 04:53 AM

FG

“ *Felita Givens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



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**Felita Givens** - August 25, 2011 at 10:13 PM

JM

“ *Jessalyn Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



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**jessalyn Marshall** - August 25, 2011 at 10:10 PM

BI

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Treila D. Love you girl!*



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**Brad Isbell** - August 25, 2011 at 09:57 PM

CC

“ *Celestine March Carney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



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**Celestine March Carney** - August 25, 2011 at 08:29 PM

TM

“ *Treila Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



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**treila marshall** - August 25, 2011 at 07:15 PM

JM

“ *Jarvis Gregg Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



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**Jarvis gregg marshall** - August 25, 2011 at 07:14 PM

CF

“ *Catina Fason lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



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**catina fason** - August 25, 2011 at 06:26 PM

LO

“ I am blessed because of her. One second in time can change ones life forever. One kind word or even a caring gesture can change our perspective immediately. Not often are we fortunate enough to meet someone who changes our life forever. Selma has been one of those key people in my life. I haven't known her all of my life, although I feel as though I have. She has left an imprint in my heart; she has left a legacy that I pray those of us who knew her will live by. You will be missed. I will see you again someday. My prayers are with all of you. Much love. Lizette

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**Lizette Otero** - August 25, 2011 at 01:32 PM

EB

“ Cousin Selma will be deeply missed. Her mere presence made every event better. She remains a blessing to all who met her as she was a true role model. Her behavior and mannerism was always that of a woman of principles and integrity. Our prayers for comfort are with the family. Cousins EC and Hilda

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**E. C. Bell** - August 25, 2011 at 10:29 AM

PM

“ I just wanna say that Cuz Selma was a very beautiful women inside and out. May she rest in peace!

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**Patricia Lynette March** - August 24, 2011 at 12:02 PM

DM

“ Always sweet, and could make a dollar go a long way, always feeding all the kids who would show up at her house at meal time on purpose because they/we knew it was going to be plenty to eat that what we thought. And her beautiful singing, always the same no matter she would find a way to laugh, My most precious memory was when she came to my home really enjoyed her she was in her chair but she found a way to never STOP if there was a way she was going, Love that spirit will miss you so much.....

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**Doris Ann March-Bell** - August 24, 2011 at 12:00 PM

MR

“ My memory of Sis. Selma is that she was the first person who personally came to my house and welcomed me to the community. I really did not know anyone and she made me feel as though she was really happy to have me in this community known as Marshall Community. She showed the love of God and was always the same. I will miss her dearly! Rest in peace dear sister. Carmen Thompson

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**Maria del Carmen Recio-Thompson** - August 23, 2011 at 10:16 PM

JW

“ Jeanetta M. Wardlow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall



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**Jeanetta M. Wardlow** - August 23, 2011 at 10:09 PM

PH

“ I remember Mother Marshall as she would sing and testify about the goodness of the Lord as a bold soldier in Christ.

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**PAMELA MABERRY HURSTON** - August 23, 2011 at 07:07 PM

GI

*Thanks Pamela Mommie was that bold solider. One tough lady. Would not complain at all. Pamela she thought highly of you. I will miss Mommie being here however she still in my heart.*

**gigatt** - August 24, 2011 at 10:00 PM

AC

“*I lit a candle for Sister Selma Salena Marshall”...*



**Alice Coffey** - August 23, 2011 at 06:27 PM



“*Lee Bush-Primous lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



**Lee Bush-Primous** - August 23, 2011 at 04:16 PM

LR

“*Lady Lisa Ricardo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



**Lady Lisa Ricardo** - August 23, 2011 at 02:42 PM

LR

*I'm Very Grateful to God to have met such an Anointed Woman of God who exemplified The Grace, The Compassion and The Love of God. Her faith in God was evident. Though she may have been going through a healing, she never looked like what she was going through. She trusted her God. To watch her laugh and joke with her Kids and family was amazing. To hear her sing with such a genuine Love for her God brought tears to my eyes. Some people can sing but Mother Selma SANG. (Smile) She embodied the scripture of A True Virtuous Woman and yes her seed arise and calls her blessed. Many have done great things but Momma Selma excels them all, because she feared God. Family, may the God of All comfort keep your hearts and mind through Christ Jesus.*

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**Lady Lisa Ricardo** - August 23, 2011 at 03:10 PM

LR

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**Lady Lisa Ricardo** - August 23, 2011 at 03:18 PM

LM

“*Mother Selma, I will always admire you and be inspired by your quiet strength and faith. You were definitely an angel here on Earth and a blessing to all. To the family, I am praying for your comfort and peace.*

*With Love and My Deepest Sympathies,*

*Lisa Marshall*

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**Lisa Marshall** - August 23, 2011 at 02:34 PM



*Thanks Lisa. That was nice of you.*

**Eric Marshall** - August 23, 2011 at 04:46 PM



*THANKS LISA*

**debrah marshall scurlock** - August 24, 2011 at 07:25 AM

AC

“ *Anita R. (March) Cole-Godwin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



**Anita R. (March) Cole-Godwin** - August 23, 2011 at 02:15 PM



“ *Eric Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



**Eric Marshall** - August 23, 2011 at 01:40 PM

SB

“ *Sharia L. Bell-Cornelius lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



**Sharia L. Bell-Cornelius** - August 23, 2011 at 01:38 PM



“ *Diandrea Singleton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



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**Diandrea Singleton** - August 23, 2011 at 01:13 PM

FJ

“ *Felicia Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



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**Felicia Jones** - August 23, 2011 at 01:04 PM

FJ

*Although I did not know Mrs. Marshall....I know her son Eric and I can tell through him she was a wonderful woman!*  
*Diamond Fe*

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**Felicia Jones** - August 23, 2011 at 01:11 PM

EM

*Thanks Diamond*

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**Eric Marshall** - August 25, 2011 at 04:28 PM

SJ

“ *Stephanie Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



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**Stephanie Jones** - August 23, 2011 at 12:54 PM



*To be absent in the Body is to be with Him, Although You have transition from your earthly temple Your Goodness and Loving Memories Will forever Remain!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

**Stephanie Jones** - August 23, 2011 at 12:57 PM

CW

*“ Aunt Selma was a true woman of God. I have never seen her mad or raise her voice to anyone. Even raising all of her children she was what anyone would want in a Mom. Rest on auntiee you deserve it. Hope to see you in that better place one day. Love to the family.  
Carolyn D. Wilkes, Chattanooga, Tn.*

**Carolyn D. Wilkes** - August 23, 2011 at 05:19 AM

LB

*“ Loyce,Doris Bell&Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



**Loyce,Doris Bell&Family** - August 23, 2011 at 01:48 AM



*“ Carolyn Mosley-Holloman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



**Carolyn Mosley-Holloman** - August 22, 2011 at 11:37 PM

AM

“ Allen Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall



Allen Marshall - August 22, 2011 at 10:49 PM

BM

“ I remember being in church with Selma and hearing her sing and pray during prayer services reminds me of how much she loved the Lord.

Selma was a wonderful woman who loved her family and her church. We are praying for the family. May God Bless the entire family in your time of sorrow.  
Bishop L. E. Marshall



Bishop L. E. Marshall - August 22, 2011 at 10:44 PM

DP

“ I remember Mrs. Marshall when I was at Malesus Elementary School as a student. She always had such a sweet spirit and kind demeanor. She took such pride and did such a fine job keeping our school so clean. She will be missed! \*Hugs\* to you, Treila!

Dawn Pearce - August 22, 2011 at 09:06 PM

SB

“ Sandy Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall



Sandy brown - August 22, 2011 at 09:04 PM

FP

“ Have to say that the thing i remember the most is the cooking that she used to do. Love d to eat meals over at the house and enjoy the good times and fun.



Frederick Pirtle - August 22, 2011 at 08:01 PM

CB

“ Clara McBride Brandon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall



Clara McBride Brandon - August 22, 2011 at 07:48 PM



“ Brenda Mosley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall



Brenda Mosley - August 22, 2011 at 06:47 PM



Prayer's to the family

Brenda Mosley - August 22, 2011 at 06:48 PM

DO

“ *Dollicia lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



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**Dollicia** - August 22, 2011 at 06:45 PM

DO

*I chose Periwinkle just for you auntie...I know your soul is at rest now....Kiss my mommie for me and the rest of the family.*

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**Dollicia** - August 22, 2011 at 06:47 PM

GM

*Love that Dollicia.....Gerri*

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**Gerri Martin** - August 25, 2011 at 01:25 AM

AM

“ *Amanda Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Selma Salena Marshall*



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**Amanda Moore** - August 22, 2011 at 06:40 PM