

Celebrating the Life of *Catherine Marshall*

Sunrise
February 20, 1944

Sunset
April 9, 2025



Wednesday, April 16, 2025
Visitation: 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Service: 10:00 a.m.

New Jerusalem Holy Church
2637 Pitkin Avenue • Brooklyn, NY 11208
Pastor Floyd Gilmore, Officiating

Obituary

Catherine Marshall was born on February 20, 1944, in Spartanburg, South Carolina, to the late Booker T and Mary Magdalene Young. She was the youngest of their 10 children, born alongside her twin brother, Calvin, who sadly passed away shortly after birth. From an early age, Catherine was known for her gentle and nurturing spirit, especially toward her nieces and nephews. One of them, Otis “Sonny”, lovingly nicknamed her “Bey” when he was a toddler—his way of saying “baby”—and the name stayed with her ever since.

During her childhood, Catherine and her family relocated to Cincinnati, Ohio, where she was raised in the Downtown Cincinnati area, specifically the much talked about “627 Court Street”, alongside her mother and siblings. As the youngest at home, she naturally took on the role of caregiver to her siblings’ children. It was during this time that she developed her skills in braiding hair, cooking, and tending to others with love and compassion—qualities she admired deeply in her mother, Mary.

Catherine later became a devoted mother to Douglas and Cynthia Young (who preceded her in death). Determined to build a brighter future, she met and married her husband, the late Billy Marshall, Sr., in November of 1970. Together, they welcomed two more children, Lisa Marie and Billy Jr. After a brief period living in Georgia, Catherine moved her family back to Ohio, settling in Columbus to be closer to her family. Their home was filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories. Catherine poured herself into creating a peaceful and nurturing environment for her children, always leading with care and dedication.

Inspired by her early experiences caring for family, Catherine pursued a career in cosmetology. She earned her license and soon became a highly respected beautician in the Columbus area. Her time at Mr. D’s Beauty Salon left a lasting impression—clients didn’t just come for a hairstyle; they came for Catherine’s warmth, wisdom, and friendship. She had a remarkable ability to make people feel seen, heard, and beautiful—both inside and out.

Drawn by a desire for new beginnings, Catherine eventually grew restless in Columbus. But she always knew one thing for sure: as long as she had her curling irons and a stove, she could not only make a living—she could make people feel special. In 1993, she made a bold move to New York City, where she joined her son Billy and quickly found her place in the vibrant Bedford-Stuyvesant community.

There, she continued her passion as a hairstylist. Her talent, coupled with her signature warmth, earned her the affectionate nickname “Money Maker” from the salon’s owner, Robert. Women from all over sought her out—not just for her artistry, but for the love and care she poured into every appointment. Even after the passing of the salon’s owner, changing shops, and her eventual retirement from professional styling, loyal clients continued to visit her home, trusting no one else to “beautify” them like Cathy could.

Catherine’s life was deeply rooted in faith. In 2002, she attended a Wisdom from Above luncheon hosted by Dr. Betty Price—a moment that became a turning point in her spiritual journey. Inspired and renewed, she became a devoted member of Crenshaw Christian Center New York under the leadership of Apostle Frederick K.C. Price. She found joy in service, proudly serving as both a Hostess and an Ambassador, worshipping each Sunday with a heart full of gratitude and praise. In 2015, following Billy’s ordination, Catherine felt called to a new chapter in her spiritual journey. She left Crenshaw Christian Center to support her son in ministry, becoming a foundational pillar of Overflow Christian Center. There, she continued her faithful service, wearing many hats within the ministry with grace, humility, and unwavering dedication.

Known lovingly as “Mamma,” Catherine was the heart of every family gathering. She was an extraordinary cook, and Thanksgiving at her home was more than a meal—it was an experience. Her stuffing, baked macaroni and cheese, candied yams, roast beef, and collard greens were legendary, each dish prepared with the kind of love only she could give. She poured that same love into her family, never missing a birthday, graduation, reunion, or wedding. We were all confident that we could always count on her—for support, for strength, and for unwavering love.

After a courageous battle with cancer, Catherine was ready to be with the Lord. She passed peacefully on Wednesday, April 9th at 6:00 a.m., with her faith intact, her heart full, and praise on her lips. We take comfort in knowing that as she closed her eyes here, she opened them in the presence of the Savior to whom she had dedicated her life.

Catherine Marshall is survived by her three adoring children, Douglas E. Young of Cincinnati, OH, Lisa Marie Young of Columbus, OH, and Billy Marshall, Jr. (Paula Marshall), of Brooklyn, NY; brother, Booker T. Young of Youngstown, OH; sisters, Oleema Jones of Detroit, MI, Lucille Yett of Cincinnati, OH, Lily Mae Johnson of Cincinnati, OH, Callie Summers of Cincinnati, OH; grandchildren, Reginald Brown, Damon Brown, Douglas E. Young, Jr., Tiffany N. Young, Kiesha Wright, Demetrius Wright, Zada J. Young, Morgan McBroom, Jarvis A. Young, Ciera Cassie (Trayon Cassie), Sheree Young, and Victoria Marshall, a whole host of great grandchildren and great great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

To Be Absent From The Body, Is To Be Present With The Lord!

Order of Service

OfficiantDr. Cynthia Cordero

Organ Prelude“When We All Get to Heaven”

Parting View

PrayerElder Letitia Williams

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 23.....Minister Diannah Sparks

New Testament: John 14:1-6Richard Bailey

Selection LaTasha Spencer-Jordan

Acknowledgement of Cards,
Telegrams and Condolences Dr. Cynthia Cordero

Remarks (2 minutes please) (open to the attendees)

ObituaryMs. Nila Bragg

SelectionDawn Tallman

Eulogy..... Pastor Floyd Gilmore

BenedictionPastor Floyd Gilmore

Recessional“In A Little While” CeCe Winans (audio)

(No Final Viewing)

Interment
Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

I'd Like The Memory Of Me To Be A Happy One...



Acknowledgements

The family of Catherine Marshall wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement. We would like to especially thank Perfect Peace Funeral Services, Pastor Floyd Gilmore, the Overflow Christian Center Church family and the amazing staff of the MSK Hospital. May God Bless and Keep You! The Young/Marshall Family.

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