

November 14, 2008



“They shall live on in the hearts of their families and friends forever, and this memorial records their loss to the university and to the community.”

WE WILL NEVER FORGET

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On November 14th, 1970, Marshall University's football team chartered a DC-9 jetliner for its return trip from Greenville, N. C., where the Thundering Herd had lost to East Carolina University earlier that afternoon.

At 7:47 p.m., the plane, flying in rainy, windy conditions, clipped the tops of some trees just short of Tri-State Airport and crashed, killing all 75 people aboard. The victims included:

Players:

James Michael Adams
Mark Raeburn Andrews
Michael Francis Blake
Dennis Michael Blevins
Willie Bluford Jr.
Larry Brown
Thomas Wayne Brown
Roger Keith Childers
Stuart Spence Cottrell
Richard Lee Dardinger
David Grant DeBord
Kevin Francis Gilmore
David Dearing Griffith Jr.
Arthur W. Harris
Robert Anthony Harris
Bobby Wayne Hill
Joe Lee Hood
James Thomas Howard Jr.
Marcelo H. Lajterman
Richard Adam Lech
Barry Winston Nash
Patrick Jay Norrell
James Robert Patterson
Scottie Lee Reese
John Anton Repasy Jr.
Larry Sanders
Charles Alan Saylor
Arthur Kirk Shannon
Lionel Ted Shoebridge
Allen Gene Skeens
Jerry Dodson Stainback
Donald Tackett Jr.
Robert James VanHorn
Roger Arnie Vanover
Freddie Clay Wilson
John Patton Young
Thomas Jonathan Zborill

Coaches:

Rickey D. Tolley, Head Coach
Herbert B. Brackett
Albert C. Carelli Jr.
Frank Loria
James M. Moss II

Staff:

Charles E. Kautz, Athletic Director
Eugene J. Morehouse, Sports Info. Dir.
Brian R. O'Connor, Dir. of Admissions
Gary Wilson George, Asst. Sports Info. Dir.
Jeffrey P. Nathan, Parthenon Sports Writer
James Joseph Schroer, Trainer
Donald Booth, Photographer

Supporters:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arnold
Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Chambers
Dr. and Mrs. Ray Hagley
Arthur L. Harris
Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Heath
Mr. and Mrs. James Jarrell
Kenneth Jones
Michael Prester
Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Preston
Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Proctor
Mr. and Mrs. Murrill Ralsten
Parker Ward
Norman Weichmann

Crew of DC-9:

Captain Frank Abbott
Jerry R. Smith, First Officer
Charlene Poat, Stewardess
Danny Deese, Charter Coordinator
Patricia Vaught



ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Noon • November 14, 2008 • Memorial Student Center Plaza

Prelude

John Marshall Fife and Drum Corps,
directed by Dr. Wendell Dobbs

Presentation of the Colors

Marshall University Army R.O.T.C.

Welcome and Introductions

Matt James, Student Body President

Invocation

Rev. Steve Harvey, MU Football Team Chaplain

Remarks

Nancy Campbell, Marshall University Alumni Association President
Mark Snyder, Marshall University Head Football Coach
Dr. Sarah N. Denman, Lifelong Member of the Marshall University Community

Musical Selection

Sarah Moore, Senior Respiratory Care Major from Williamson, W.Va.

Remarks

Dr. Stephen J. Kopp, Marshall University President
Sean Hornbuckle, Student Body Vice President
Joe Johns, CNN Correspondent and 2008 Homecoming Grand Marshal

Remembering Our Fallen Thundering Herd

Laying of the Wreath and Silencing of the Fountain

Coach Mark Snyder and Ceredo Fire Department representatives

Recognition of Our Eternal Marshall Family

Morganna Vigneron and Selina Most,
SGA Chief of Staff and Business Manager

Marshall University Alma Mater

Benediction

Rev. Steve Harvey, MU Football Team Chaplain

Closing Remarks

Matt James, Student Body President

Please join us for a reception following the ceremony in the Shawkey Dining Room on the 2nd Floor of the Memorial Student Center.

Alma Mater

Marshall, gracious Alma Mater,
We thy name revere;
May each noble son and daughter
Cherish thine honor dear.
May thy lamp be ever bright
Guiding us to truth and light;
As a beacon o'er dark water
This is for thee our prayer.

May the years be kind to Marshall;
May she grow in fame;
May her children fail her never
True to her beacon flame.
May her spirit brave and strong
Honor right and conquer wrong;
This the burden of our song
Ever her truth proclaim.

- C.E. and James Haworth

Special Thanks

Student Government Association Executive Staff:

Morganna Vigneron, Chief of Staff	Halima Al-Qawasmi,
Selina Most, Business Manager	Multicultural Affairs Liaison
Tim Ward, Communications Director	Josh Cremeans, Greek Liaison
Cat Staley, Campus Development Director	Michael Wright, Athletic Liaison
Mary Hatfield, Senate President Pro-Tempore	

Student Government Senate

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity

2008 Football Team Captains:

Matt Altobello	Matt Parkhurst
Joe Bragg	Darius Passmore
Phillip Gamble	Chubb Small
Ian Hoskins	Emmanuel Spann
Aaron Johnson	C.J. Spillman
Maurice Kitchens	Cody Tominack
Brian Leggett	E.J. Wynn

About the Fountain

The 6,500-pound fountain stands 13 feet high and was designed and created by artist and sculptor Harry Bertoia. It was delivered to Marshall University in mid-October 1972 and presented to the Marshall community by President John G. Barker on November 12, 1972.

The fountain, located on the Memorial Student Center plaza, is dedicated to those who died in the Marshall plane tragedy of November 14, 1970. It is intended to convey, as in the sculptor's words, "the living (rather than commemorating death) in the waters of life ... rising, renewing, reaching to express upward growth, immortality, and eternity."