

November 14, 2007



“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 Tacket 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 Prestera
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, 2007 • Memorial Student Center Plaza

Presentation of Colors

Marshall ROTC

Welcome

Dominique Elmore, Student Body President

Invocation

Pastor Chuck Lawrence, Christ Temple Church

Remarks

Teddy Kluemper, Class of 2002, MUAA Board of Directors

Mark Snyder, Head Football Coach

Dr. Stephen J. Kopp, President

Parker Ward, Surviving Family Member

Musical Selection

Bravura Brass, Student Quintet

Laying of the Wreaths

Dominique Elmore, Student Body President
and Ceredo Fire Department Honor Guard

Mark Snyder, Head Football Coach,
and 2007 Marshall Football Captains

Silencing of the Fountain

“Amazing Grace”

Sarah Moore • Bravura Brass

Benediction

Jerry Losh, BCM Minister

Postlude: Marshall University Alma Mater and Retirement of Colors

Bravura Brass • Marshall ROTC

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:

Dominique Elmore, David R. Kluemper, Sean Hornbuckle, Rachel Sargent,
Jessica Quick, Matthew W. Rucker, Matt James, Amy Isble, Ronald L. Jones

Student Government Senate

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity

Bravura Brass:

Angela Crum and Josh Richardson, trumpets; Nicolas Amis, horn;
John Galloway, trombone; Matthew Murphy, tuba

2007 Football Team Captains:

Bernard Morris, Albert McClelland, Doug Legursky, Cody Slate,
Ian Hoskins, Brian Shope, and Maurice Kitchens

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."