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 Raehurn Andrews
- Michael Francis Blake
- Dennis Michael Blewms
- 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. Lajierman
- 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 Dacson Stamback
- 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 Jr.

**Staff:**
- Charles E. Kautz, Athletic Director
- Brian R. O’Connor, Dir. of Admissions
- Jeffrey P. Nathan, Parthenon Sports Writer
- James Joseph Schruer, 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. Merril Rutlen
- Parker Ward
- Norman Weichmann

**Crew of DC-9:**
- Captain Frank Abbott
- Jerry R. Smith, First Officer
- Chareene Poat, Stewardess
- Danny Deese, Charter Coordinator
- Patricia Vaught
Memorial Service
Noon on November 14th, 2006
Memorial Student Center Plaza

Presentation of Colors
Marshall ROTC

Welcome
Benjamin M. Sandy, Student Body President

Invocation
Pastor Steve Harvey, Marshall Football Team Pastor

Remarks
Mark Snyder, Head Football Coach
Dr. Stephen J. Kopp, President
Red Dawson, Assistant Football Coach 1968-1972

Musical Selection
Maple Leaf Brass, Student Quintet

Laying of the Wreath
Benjamin M. Sandy, Student Body President and
Ceredo Fire Department Honor Guard
Mark Snyder, Head Football Coach and
2006 Marshall Football Captains

Silencing of the Fountain
Maple Leaf Brass, Student Quintet
"Amazing Grace"
Sarah Keeney

Benediction
Pastor Dan Byrd, Revolution Ministries

Retirement of Colors
Postlude: Marshall University Alma Mater
Maple Leaf Brass, Student Quintet
Marshall ROTC

Reception to follow Ceremony
Memorial Student Center 2nd Floor, Shawkey Dining Room
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

A Special Thanks To All Who Helped Organize

Student Government Association:
Executive Staff: Ben Sandy, Dominique Elmore, Megan Barbour, Chris Childers, Ashley Wilmoth, David Kluemper, Sean Hornbuckle, Robert Kohl, Chris Roberts

Student Government Senate

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity

Maple Leaf Brass Quintet:
Joshua Richardson, Melinda Kelle, Cory Hessler, Patrick Billups and Rebekka Kaupat.

2006 Football Team Captains:
Bernie Morris, Doug Legursky, Matt Couch, & Shavar Greer.

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 14th, 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.”