



## Mr. Daniel Summey Marshall

March 31, 1926 - July 29, 2010

Daniel S. Marshall

Daniel Summey Marshall, 84, died Thursday, July 29, 2010, at his residence in Arden, NC.

Dan was born on March 31, 1926, in Charlotte, NC, to Hunter and Julia Adelaide Marshall, and attended the public schools in Charlotte, graduating from Central High School in 1943. He received a bachelor of science degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1949. Returning to Charlotte, he married Joan Cansler in 1950 and held several jobs in the fields of business and finance, eventually becoming the business manager and treasurer at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education (PSCE) in Richmond, VA.

However, Dan came to realize that his true interest was in teaching and guiding young people, and he returned to school to earn a masters in education from the University of Richmond in 1965. He spent the remainder of his career teaching math and psychology on the high school level, and working as a counselor. After a number of years at John Marshall High School in Richmond, he went on to teach at Woodberry Forest School, also in Virginia, and A. C. Reynolds High School in Asheville, NC, before retiring in 1986. He was a member of Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in

education

Although his influence on hundreds of students over the years was incalculable, Dan Marshall's teaching career was just one of the ways in which he affected the lives of those around him. His combination of a gentle nature with a fierce passion for justice could be seen early on during his years at PSCE, when he insisted that the women on the school's faculty receive salaries and benefits equal to those of the men. He was always engaged in the issues of the day through his writing, speaking and activism, whether the cause was civil rights, the environment or opposition to war. More recently Dan, along with his wife Joan, became active in the struggle for equal rights and dignity for gay men and lesbians, and people with AIDS, through their leadership in organizations such as CLOSER and P-FLAG. Dan was always active in church work -- again, with a special emphasis on working with young people -- whether as a Presbyterian, a Quaker, or most recently, as a member of the Episcopal Cathedral of All Souls in Asheville.

Dan had a lifelong enthusiasm for music and the beauty of the outdoors. He enjoyed playing the piano and organ from an early age, and occasionally played for weddings and funerals. He spent much of his summers, both as a child and an adult, in the North Carolina mountains, and thus considered it a kind of "homecoming" when he moved to Montreat with his family full time in 1972. He enjoyed exploring the mountains in one of several beloved Jeeps that he owned over the years. Dan believed in engaging in life in a positive manner, and was convinced that difficulties were best met with a sense of humor and plenty of chocolate.

Dan Marshall was preceded in death by his wife Joan, his son Scott, and his brothers Hunter, Charles and Doug. He is survived by his daughter Susan Bezubek and her husband Felix of Cary, NC; his daughter Carolyn Brodersen and her husband Edward of Tallahassee, FL; his son David Marshall and his

wife Sarah of Asheville; his daughter Kate Marshall of Arden; and a number of nieces and nephews. He is also survived by a large number of friends and former students who will remember and value how he lived his life governed by his motto of "love, laughter and learning."

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, August 15, at the Cathedral of All Souls in Asheville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cathedral of All Souls Friends of Music Fund, 9 Swan St., Asheville NC, 28803.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue is assisting the family. Condolences may be sent through the website [www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Daniel Summey Marshall*

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October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Dan Was A Wonderful Friend To Me. I have know him and his family since I was 15 and im now 30. He will be missed. Your Friend Sam!*

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**sam** - August 06, 2011 at 04:18 PM



“ *David, Jim and I were sorry to read of your father's death in the Charlotte Observer. He and your mother were truely ahead of their times and we have good memories of them when we lived in Asheville. I have fond memories of you when I worked as a lifeguard at the YMCA - those were some fun times. Just know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this time. Sue and Jim Trollinger*

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**Sue Trollinger** - August 13, 2010 at 12:23 PM

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“ *The members of the Metropolitan Community Churches Sacred Journey extend their deepest condolences to the family and give honor to the legacy left by not only Dan, but also Joan. The Metropolitan Community Churches, founded in 1968, is a human rights movement and ministry operating as a Christian denomination in 25 countries around the world. MCC has often been and continues to be one of few leading advocates for vulnerable people in places where religious orthodoxy, sexism, and homophobia can result in violence and death. These same principles were shared by Dan and Joan and they often worked with the former Metropolitan Community Churches Asheville on preserving the rights of everyone. The members of the former MCC-Asheville extend their special condolences as we worked so many times with him through CLOSER, LFR and PFLAG. Know that this man will be missed and never forgotten!*

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**Brent Pack** - August 09, 2010 at 05:10 PM

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“ *Mr. Marshall, or Dan as he insisted we call him (but not in front of other teachers or Mr. Dalton) was the first teacher to ever treated me like an adult instead of a child. You didn't have to ask his permission to go to the bathroom. He considered his students as adults unless they proved otherwise. He respected us and we all loved him for it. You will be greatly missed Man Darshall. (You'd have had to be one of his students to get that last part.)*

*Lane Pressley (aka Pane Lressley)*

*AC Reynolds Class of 84*

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**Lane Pressley** - August 09, 2010 at 12:25 PM