



## Mr. Marvin Holmes-Masterson

June 12, 1967 - July 17, 2018

Celebrating The Life Of Marvin Holmes Masterson, Esq.:

Marvin Holmes Masterson, Esq. was born to James Marvin Masterson and Dr. Althea Holmes Masterson on June 12, 1967.

He attended St. Timothy Lutheran Elementary Middle School. He later graduated from Cass Technical School where he excelled as a sousaphone player in the band and the swim team. He received state honors in swimming. He was captain of the swim team his senior year. Marvin was also a member of the National Honor Society. He was a 1989 graduate of Dartmouth College. At Dartmouth he was very involved in extra curricular activities, and he was the assistant in the English as a second language lab. Marvin taught language arts in an elementary school in New York City and worked at Saks and Harvé Bernard prior to entrance into law school. He was a 1994 graduate of the University of Maryland Law School. He worked for the Baltimore Orioles in food service during his law school years.

Marvin remained in Baltimore. He became very active in the political arena. He was the Assistant Secretary of State of Maryland, one of the youngest ever appointed to this position. He was also appointed Secretary of Minority Affairs, State of Maryland. Marvin taught election protocol to election workers prior to elections. He was involved with youth and mentoring. He served on several boards of directors including the YMCA of Central Maryland, Weinberg

Family Center and the NAACP. He was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention twice.

During his high school years, Marvin was an officer in the Youth Caucus of New Detroit, Inc. The Caucus sponsored trips to Washington, D.C. in the Close Up program.

Marvin's early interest was to be a doctor, so he volunteered at Sinai Hospital. However, he worked in the legal department at NBD Bank the summer after his first year of college and his interest changed to becoming a lawyer.

Marvin's activities extended to Cincinnati, Ohio, his next city of residence. Among them was a member of the Board of Directors of Orion Academy and Alliance Academy Schools and president of the North Avondale Community Association.

Marvin was a Christian. He demonstrated it in his daily life. He was a member of Outer Drive Faith Lutheran Church since preschool age. As he grew he became active in activities including Sunday school and youth group. He spoke for the youth at the retirement celebration of longtime pastor, Rev. Theodore Daniel. He returned while in college to be speaker on a Youth Sunday. Marvin was a founding director of the Open Church in Baltimore.

Marvin was a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and he was active in Baltimore and Cincinnati in the fraternity.

Marvin became ill shortly after his arrival in Austin, Texas. However, his personality was such that he gained friends quickly. He exuded love to all, and he was well liked. He had friends he met in elementary school through law school and beyond. The family has received a deluge of positive comments and accolades.

Marvin was employed with General Electric Corporation Aviation as Digital Contract Counsel.

Marvin loved his family unconditionally. He was totally devoted to his parents especially his ailing father. He was considered "The Rock."

# Cemetery Details

## Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park Cemetery

35667 W. 8 Mile Road  
Livonia, MI 48152

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Friday, Jul. **27**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Saturday, Jul. **28**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Outer Drive Faith Lutheran Church  
17500 James Couzens  
Detroit, MI 48235

## Funeral Service

Saturday, Jul. **28**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Marvin Holmes-Masterson*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *So sorry I'm just now finding out of Marvin's passing! What a tremendous loss to this world!! REST with GOD Sir! Peace to his family!! Knew him from when he lived in Baltimore! A GREAT GUY!*

**Billy Best** - June 12, 2019 at 02:25 PM



“ *I am still in shock over Marvin's passing. He was a gentleman that I am so glad that our paths crossed. I worked with him in Baltimore, MD at MRAS. This makes heaven even sweeter knowing that we will meet again in heaven. John3:16*

**Deena Schwinn** - July 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM




“ *To my cousin, Althea: I was deeply saddened on the passing of my cousin Marvin. It was truly shocking. You and the rest of the family have my deepest sympathy. May GOD wrap HIS loving arms of comfort around all of you in this time of sorrow and always. Rest in peace Marvin.*

**Terri Morris** - July 29, 2018 at 01:29 AM



“ *MARVIN and I were close cousins and he was also my daughter, Araina's, godfather. He shall TRULY be missed by the family. R.I.P. MARVIN "WE LOVE YOU"! THE BLIGEN & SMALLS FAMILY*

**Sandra Bligen Smalls** - July 28, 2018 at 03:52 PM

 Bruce Copeland

“ Marvin and I were friends since he lived in New York City. We were volunteers at a CBO in Brooklyn and subsequently teachers at the same time. We hung out many times and visited each other's homes throughout the years. I really will miss him and am emotional as I write this message. He was a true friend for almost 30 years. You are all in my prayers.

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**Bruce Copeland** - July 28, 2018 at 03:25 PM

BR

“ We have so many relatives spread out in different areas and social media has helped to bring us together. Marvin and I came together thru other cousins and communicated Cousin/friendship, which was a blessing discussing family history and getting to know each other. He was a good soul and will be missed, gone too young and too soon, but God knows best. SIP Marvin and may the rest of the family be comforted and keep him close in the heart. 🙏❤️

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**Blondell Richards-Blankson** - July 28, 2018 at 11:18 AM

DM

“ Marvin was such a pleasure to meet. Finding out we're cousins was awesome. I am so glad to have met him. He has such an awesome person. May he rest in rest.

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**Danielle Masterson** - July 28, 2018 at 10:49 AM

DR

“ Marvin was a good friend. We shared many wonderful college memories. He will be missed by us all. I send my condolences from Louisiana.

-much love, Debra Roberson, Dartmouth class of 1989

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**Debra Roberson** - July 28, 2018 at 09:29 AM

LB

“ Love Demaune & The Millard (in Baltimore) purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mr. Marvin Holmes-Masterson.



Love Demaune & The Millard (in Baltimore) - July 27, 2018 at 07:26 PM

SR

“ Marvin has been a true blessing to everyone, and to me since Aug 2005 when he became my manager at MRAS! I have many fond memories of him that I'll forever hold close to my heart. He went from manager to very dear friend. My sincere condolences to Mr and Mrs Masterson. May God heal your hearts.

Shanicka Rice - July 27, 2018 at 12:39 PM

TE

“ The Greene's - Barbara, Dionne, Emily & Elijah purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mr. Marvin Holmes-Masterson.



The Greene's - Barbara, Dionne, Emily & Elijah - July 27, 2018 at 08:13 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Marvin Holmes-Masterson.



July 27, 2018 at 12:04 AM

KW

“ *Kathy S. Mangan and John T. Willis purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Marvin Holmes-Masterson.*



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**Kathy S. Mangan and John T. Willis** - July 26, 2018 at 11:54 PM

JW

“ *Our deepest sympathies to Marvin's parents, siblings and extended family. Marvin was a treasure to all who had the privilege to work with him and be with him in his numerous endeavors. He enriched all he touched. With much love, Kathy Mangan and John Willis*

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**John Willis** - July 26, 2018 at 11:02 PM

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“ *North Avondale Neighborhood Association purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Mr. Marvin Holmes-Masterson.*



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**North Avondale Neighborhood Association** - July 26, 2018 at 09:41 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Marvin Holmes-Masterson.*



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July 26, 2018 at 08:40 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Marvin Holmes-Masterson.



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July 26, 2018 at 10:47 AM



“ *Rebecca Everett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Holmes-Masterson*



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**Rebecca Everett** - July 25, 2018 at 09:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Marvin Holmes-Masterson.



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July 24, 2018 at 03:10 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Marvin Holmes-Masterson.



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July 24, 2018 at 03:03 PM

RM

“ *In memory of Marvin Holmes Masterson:  
“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant  
mercy has begotten us again to a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ...”*

*1Peter1:3 NKJ*

*Our thoughts, prayers, and love we graciously extend to The Family  
of Marvin Holmes Masterson during this critical time.*

*Rosalind Moody-Lanton and Family*

*Cincinnati, Ohio*



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Rosalind Moody-Lanton - July 24, 2018 at 02:52 PM