



Marshall Gaines "M.G." Duncan

December 21, 2020

Marshall Gaines "M.G." Duncan, age 95, died on Monday, December 21st in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Born in Powell, Tennessee, Marshall grew up in Andersonville and served in the Navy during World War II. Marshall is a graduate of Carson Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee and in 1955 received a Master of Theology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. After pastoring churches in both Texas and Tennessee from 1950-1965, Marshall served as a missionary in Kenya, East Africa from 1965-1990. After retiring from the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Marshall served as an Interim Pastor for churches in Alaska and Hawaii.

Marshall is preceded in death by his first wife, Margie Rains Duncan, who died in 1983 (m. 1950), and his parents, Hugh and Eulelia Duncan. He is also preceded in death by five brothers, Hugh Duncan, Jr., George Duncan, Bill Duncan, Jimmy Duncan and John Duncan, and two sisters, Annetta Gilbert and Myrtle Brookshire.

Marshall is survived by his wife, Julia Cruze Duncan (m. 1983) and his two sons, M. Alan and Andrea Duncan and Ken and Cindy Duncan. He is also survived by his three granddaughters, one grandson and nine great-grandchildren: Betsy and Philip Barr (Nathaniel and John-Alan), Beth-Ann and Jared McDonald (Callie, Scott and Deacon), Chrissy and Dave Williams (Carter and Duncan) and Curt and Caroline Duncan (Arden and Hollis). Marshall is also survived by two sisters, Sue and Jay Craft and Sarah Duncan, as well as numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws.

Marshall had many international friends, missionary colleagues, and ministry partners whom he dearly loved.

Due to current COVID conditions, there will be a private family graveside service at Black Oak Baptist Church Cemetery in Clinton, Tennessee. In lieu of flowers, Julia requests donations be made in honor of Marshall Duncan to the International Mission Board of the

Southern Baptist Convention.

Comments



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marshall Gaines "M.G." Duncan.



January 04, 2021 at 02:21 PM



“ Dear Family,
My heart feels for you all and send my deepest sympathy and prayers. It was such a privilege to know Marshall and Margie in our years together in East Africa. We know he is now enjoying the joy of Heaven. May the Lord be your comfort and peace.

Myrtice Owens - December 28, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ Marshall and Margie were like brother and sister to me in Mombasa. I love the whole Duncan family and am so grateful for all the help and encouragement Marshall gave to missionaries and nationals in fixing cars, appliances and sharing the Gospel. I was glad to meet and have fellowship with Marshall and Julia when they came through Oklahoma City several years ago. Helen Gilmore Day

Helen Gilmore Day - December 27, 2020 at 09:51 PM



“ This is Liz Allen Haefs, daughter of Walter and Billie Joy Allen. My parents were at Southwestern Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth in 1955 also working toward fulfilling requirements for the IMB. They were in East Africa from 1961- 1991 with a 7 year break while my younger brother Walt was diagnosed with Friedrich's Ataxia. We knew Marshall and Margie during our years in Africa and loved them as uncle and aunt. We pray for comfort during this time for you as their family. We know there's a sweet reunion with so many of our mission family in heaven as our parents are there now....Dad in March 2016 and Mom in October 2020. Praising Jesus for eternal life promised to us and thanking HIM for the reward your parents enjoy now. Liz Allen (Haefs)

Liz Allen Haefs - December 27, 2020 at 08:41 PM



“ Marshall was my second cousin he helped me to share experiences he had in Kenya with the children in vbs

carolyn hil - December 27, 2020 at 07:53 PM



“ Marshall Duncan was my hero for many years when I worked with Royal Ambassadors. Getting to meet him was like meeting the Apostle Paul, he had such a heart for the nations. I lost my dad back in January and I'd say they've meet by now and swapped stories All I can say is "well done thy good and faithful servant". Praying for peace and comfort for the family. Alan Dunsmore

Everett Dunsmore - December 27, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ Dear Duncan family. So sorry to learn of he home going of Marshall . Of course we all know he is rejoicing in heaven and he has a large missionary family welcoming him now that so many have gone on ahead. I have such pleasant memories of our time there with him in language school there at Limuru. Our son Jeff played with Allan & Kennie while we were there. Just want you to know I am praying for you and you go through this time of grieving. Uncle Jake Riemenschneider

Jw Riemenschneider - December 26, 2020 at 10:36 PM



“ Our great BIL has enriched the Rains family fir many years! Served God with all his heart and raised his boys for a training few men could ever dream! I want to especially thank God MG gave me an education of the world that a small town country boy could never see without his generous gifts of ministry! God Bless “The Duncan’s “ and all that follow the teachings of MG!

Eddie Rains - December 25, 2020 at 07:14 PM



“ Eugene and I send our sincere condolences to the Duncan family and know you can rejoice that he is with the Lord and welcomed by a large presence of missionary colleagues. We know the missing of his presence leaves a huge void in your lives. May the Lord surround you with His perfect peace and comfort.

Eugene & Ellamae Elder - December 27, 2020

Martin E. Elder and Ellamae Elder - December 27, 2020 at 06:44 PM



“ I always looked forward to visiting with Marshall & Julia when they were back in Tennessee & visited Dorothy & Paul McGinnis (my grandparents) and/or Bob & Annette McGinnis (my parents). I loved to hear the experiences that they told of missionary journeys and the out of state pastorate times. Marshall will not be forgotten. May I learn to serve others better through the examples that he & Julia set before us. My husband, Tom, referred to Marshall in a recent service at the church he pastors. He told of an experience that Marshall had shared with him. His story stills lives on!

Sharon McGinnis Sartain - December 28, 2020 at 09:30 AM