

Preston W. Marshall Jr., founder of Liberty City’s MLK Parade



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Staff Report

The mention of his name conjures images of Liberty City's Martin Luther King Jr. Parade as it rolls down 54<sup>th</sup> street and culminates in festivities at the park named after King. It should because Preston W. Marshall Jr. was instrumental in the establishment of and the ongoing support of the annual celebration in honor of the slain

civil rights leader. Marshall died on Nov. 15 The MLK parade is one of Liberty City's most endearing events, with roughly 150 groups, including marching bands, dance and drill teams, elected officials, professional floats, equestrian units, classic cars, motorcycle units, faith-based, community and political leaders, civic and community organizations, labor unions, police and fire units, military and veteran groups participating in the parade. Marshall once estimated that previous parades were attended by between 300,000 and 500,000 people. Community leaders are weighing in on what Marshall meant to the community. "With a heavy heart I join the residents of my district and the county on the loss of a friend and community leader Rev. Dr. Preston W. Marshall Jr.," said Miami-Dade County Commission Chairman Jean Monestime. "Dr. Marshall leaves an amazing legacy as he dedicated his entire life to the fight for equality and fairness for all, and the education of our youth and adults." Monestime added, "Dr. Preston W. Marshall Jr., who lived in District 2, was a native of Miami of Bahamian decent and one

of the South's few remaining historic civil rights activist who marched alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and experienced the hardships of "The Movement" in Tallahassee, FL." Marshall's efforts regarding honoring King extended far beyond Liberty City. "President Ronald Reagan appointed Dr. Marshall to serve as a member of the Founding Committee to establish Dr. King's birthday as a national holiday. Monestime shared. Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez said, "I join the residents of Miami-Dade County who are mourning the passing of Rev. Dr. Preston W. Marshall Jr. Rev. Marshall was one of our community's greatest civil rights activists, and one of the few remaining who marched alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the historic march on Washington, D.C. Marshall was a Mott Fellow for Community Education with a Doctorate in Education from Arizona State University. During his 40 year tenure in the Miami-Dade County Public School System, he was selected as one of the first principals for the school systems Community Education Vocational Education Program for high

school drop outs and adults in the Miami's Inner City and Hialeah. He also established the first GED and vocational curriculum for Hispanic and Caribbean immigrants; and was the lead administrator for cities and schools, placing many certified tradesman in jobs. He co-launched many labor union initiatives for equality and issues relating to employment in government, education and transportation. Marshall was also a professor of Social Science and Black History for Miami Dade College and a founding Professor of Afro-centric Music Education at Florida Memorial University, where he also served as the Upward Bound and Special Services Director. Additionally, he was the Director of Teacher Corps of Florida International University, and Dean of Fort Lauderdale College. As a non-violence coordinator, Marshall was an International Police Chaplin, ordained Clergy of Gospel Ministries and Church International, Chaplain for Miami-Dade County Democratic Party, Chaplin for the Opa-Locka Police Department and also served as a Chaplain for various prisons and hospitals.

ROY MIZELL & KURTZ FUNERAL HOME



CAROL A. BROWN, 64, died November 17. Service will be held 1 pm Monday, November 23 at Roy Mizell & Kurtz Worship Center.

DEBORAH MARIE DILLARD, 59, died November 9. Service will be held 10 am Saturday, November 21 at New Mount Olive Baptist Church.

EDDIE JOE MOORE, 77, died November 13. Service will be held 10 am Saturday, November 21 at First Baptist Church Piney Grove.

ALBERT VAUNADO, 75, died November 15. Service will be held 2 pm Saturday, November 21 at Roy Mizell & Kurtz Worship Center.

WILLIE WATKINS, 86, died November 9. Service will be held 11 am Saturday, November 21 at Roy Mizell & Kurtz Worship Center.

EUGENE YOUNG JR., 76, died November 11. Service will be held 11 am Saturday, November 21 at New Bethel Primitive Baptist Church.

JAMES C. BOYD FUNERAL HOME



DONUL BYRD, 90. Service will be held 11 am Friday, November 20 at James C. Boyd Funeral Home.

TYRONE DRAYTON, 63. Service will be held 12 pm Saturday, November 21 at James C. Boyd Funeral.

A. J. MANUEL FUNERAL HOME – Florida City



BERNETTA E. BROWN, 56, Pre-School Teacher, died November 10. Service will be held 1:30 pm Saturday Nov 21 at Kingdom Builders Ministries - Perrine.

JOHNNY L. BRYANT, Service will be held 2:30 pm Saturday, November 21 at A.J. Manuel Funeral Home Chapel - Florida City.

A. J. MANUEL FUNERAL HOME – Hollywood



KEVIN A. DORITY II, 18, Student, died November 11. Service will be held 11 am Saturday November 21. Location TBA

FRANCES B. DUNNOM, 77, Food Specialist, died November 16. Service will be held 3 pm Saturday Nov 21 at Jordan Grove M.B.C - Miami.

JAY FUNERAL HOME



CHEVRADO CLARK JR., 19, died November 10. Services will be held 12 pm Saturday, November 21 at Welcome Baptist Church - Fort Lauderdale

MOSES HOLCOMB, 67, died November 13. Services will be held 1 pm Saturday, November 21 at Mt. Pleasant MBC.

TAWANNA LEE, 48, died November 12. Services will be held 1:30 pm on Saturday, November 21 at Morning Star.

REGINALD MARTIN, 55, died November 9. Services will be held 11 am Saturday, November 21 at St. Peters MBC.

RICHARD MCKINLEY, died November 2. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

MAZELIA PIERRE, 93, died November 14. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

PAX – VILLA FUNERAL HOME – Orlando



ISAIAH J HARRIS, 19, Student, died November 7. Service will be held 1 pm Friday, November 20 at Forest Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church - Apopka.

BRADLEY JOSEPH, 0, died November 14. Private service will be held in Orlando.

JACQUES JOSEPH, 75, Tailor, died November 6. Service will be held 10 am Saturday, November 21 at First Haitian Baptist Church of Kissimmee.

NAKIA INGRAHAM FUNERAL HOME



JOHNNIE COLEMAN, 61, Security Officer. Service will be held 11 am Saturday, November 21 in the Chapel.

NORMA WILSON, 85, Nurse, died November 10. Services were previously held.

FREDDY MARTILLO, 56, Jeweler, died November 12. Service will be held in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

THILMAN HORN, 91, Chef, died November 16. Service will be held 12 pm Friday, November 20 in the chapel.

HADLEY DAVIS FUNERAL HOME – MLK



RUTHIE MAE ADAMS, 71, Cordis Tech, died November 11. Service will be held 2 pm Saturday, November 21 at MLK Chapel.

CHARLES EMMANUEL HAWKINS, 53, Laborer, died November 12. Service will be held 4 pm Saturday, November 21 at MLK Chapel.

QUEEN JOYCE NELSON, 65, Entrepreneur, died November 13. Services were previously held.

ERNESTINE WILLIAMS, 83, Nurse, died November 10. Service will be held 12 pm Saturday, November 21 at MLK Chapel.

HADLEY DAVIS FUNERAL HOME – WEST PARK



PEGOLA LOVETTE, 79, died November 15. Services were previously held.

HADLEY DAVIS FUNERAL HOME – Miami Gardens



ROSEMARY BROWN, 57, Housewife, died November 9. Service will be held 10 am Saturday, November 21 at MLK Chapel.

ERNESTINE R. PATTERSON, 63, Homemaker, died November 9. Service will be held 4 pm Saturday, November 21 in the Chapel.

TEDI ROSE WHITSON, 42, Respiratory Therapist, died November 8. Service will be held 11 am Saturday, November 21 at Cornerstone Christian Center.

RANGE FUNERAL HOME



EMMA LEE SAMUEL BAKER, 94, Deaconess, died November 12. Service will be held 10 am Saturday, November 21 at Christian Fellowship M. B. Church.

LEARTIS A. MCCRAY, 77, Laborer died November 9. Services were previously held.

PAX-VILLA FUNERAL HOME – Miami



LIONEL GUY DORILAS, 21, Student, died November 9. Service will be held 12 pm Saturday, November 21 at Notre Dame D'Haiti Catholic Church.

WRIGHT & YOUNG FUNERAL HOME



QUANISHA LAVON ARNOLD, 32, Bus Aid, died November 14. Service will be held 1 pm Saturday, November 21 at Peaceful Zion M.B. Church.

EUNICE BEAUFORD, 90, died November 15. Service will be held 10 am Saturday, November 21 at St. Paul A.M.E. Church.

LATIA WEST-CELIUS, 41, Teacher, died November 10. Service will be held 10 am today at Christ Way Baptist Church.

JOHN CURTIS MCKAY, 27, Laborer, died November 14. Service will be held 10 am Saturday, November 21 at Tree of Life.

JEAN BRANT-NESBITT, 77, Occupational Specialist, died November 15. Service will be held 11 am Saturday, November 21 at Mt. Hermon A.M.E. Church.

EDWIN LEROY WILLIAMS, 30, Hair Stylist, died November 10. Service will be held 2 pm Saturday, November 21 in the Chapel.

LAKESIDE MEMORIAL CHAPEL



VIVIAN GIOVINAZZO, 69, Homemaker died November 7. Services were previously held.

RAQUEL JULIA LIPPSON, 68, died November 15. Private service will be held Saturday, November 21.