



Kerry Lee Marbury

March 21, 1952 - June 23, 2019

Kerry Lee Marbury, 67, of Fairmont, passed away at his home on Sunday, June 23, 2019. He was born in Fairmont on March 21, 1952, a son of the late Arthur Laster and Lizella Hines Marbury Lewis.

He graduated from Monongah High School and later attended Fairmont State University where he earned his BS in 1990, and later earned his Masters from WVU in 1991; he became a professor of Humanities and Race, Class, and Gender at Fairmont State University, as well as an FSU Safety Director.

Kerry was an immensely talented athlete, earning such accolades as: All-State 1968 & 1969, All-American 1969, West Virginia Back of the Year in 1969, and ranked in the top 100 players in the U.S. in 1969. He lettered in football for four years, track for four years, and basketball for two years; he played football at WVU from 1971-1972, and was drafted by the Cleveland Browns in 1976, but eventually left football by the age of 24.

Despite his talent and education, Kerry will be remembered most of all for his love of family, friends, neighbors, and laughter.

Kerry is survived by his wife, Deborah (Freeman) Marbury, of Clarksburg; daughter, Trevia Holland and husband Manual, of Fairmont; brothers: Marcus Lewis, of Carolina, Willie Marbury Sr., of Michigan, and Charles Keith and wife Dorothy, of Michigan; sister, Lydia Robinson, of Michigan; grandchildren: Cameron Marbury and girlfriend Valeri Barnett, and Naythan Holland, all of Fairmont; great-granddaughter, Kyonna Marbury; aunts: Juanita Arnold, of Fairmont, Norma Jean Thompson, of Fairmont, Nellie Hines, of Carolina, and Wilma Reeves, of South Carolina; uncle: Chester Hines, of North Carolina; mentor: Dr. Paul Edwards, whom Kerry lovingly called "Dad"; as well as many loving nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brother, James Marbury, and sister, Toni Drake.

Family and friends are welcome to call at Calvary Temple Assembly of God, 28 Calvary Lane, Fairmont, WV 26554 on Saturday, June 29, 2019, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., with services starting at 1:00 p.m.

at the church, with Pastor Tim Shuttlesworth officiating. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Cemetery

Woodlawn Cemetery

335 Maple Ave

Fairmont, WV, 26554

Events

JUN **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Calvary Temple Assembly of God

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JUN **Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ REST ON FAMILY YOU WILL BE TRUELY MISSED.FROM ALL OF YOUR ALABAMA FAMILIES!!

Linda Marbury - July 02 at 10:26 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the family. I met Kerry at FSU and we became good friends.

Kerry never knew a stranger and he truly cared about people. I will miss him.

RIP my friend.

Tom & June Fast

tom fast - June 28 at 05:28 PM



“ I don't even know where to start. First, I want to introduce myself...Kerry has been my neighbor for the past 12 years. My son, Gage, loves and adored Kerry. Kerry was just simply amazing with him. I can never repay Kerry for everything he did for Gage. Gage would visit Kerry almost daily, if he could. I truly loved Kerry. He was the best neighbor ever and I know I will never find any other like him. I look up and his house and can't help but cry. I will never have him stop me on our road just to check in. He stopped me one day and said "I heard you were moving". I hung my head and reluctantly muttered a yes. He then said "you aren't allowed to because I will never have neighbors as great as you. If I have to I will put chains on your door to keep you here". I could go on and on about how wonderful Kerry was because he just was and he didn't have to be. He accepted my son with all his "special needs" and had patience with him that most people don't even attempt to have with Gage. My heart is truly hurting and it feels unreal. This past Thanksgiving I was making my first ever dinner and I had my son ask Kerry if he would like to join us or if I could send him up some food. Kerry only wanted a turkey leg and I made sure he got it as soon as it got done. I saw him one day later on in passing on our road and I just had to stop Kerry and ask him if he liked his turkey leg. He told me that it was amazing and that he ate it for 3 days because it was the biggest turkey leg he'd seen. That made me feel so good knowing that he enjoyed it soo much. Kerry was one of the reasons us moving here in the next few months made it so hard to do. I knew I'd never be blessed with such an amazing human in my life and my kids lives. I'm so truly sorry for your loss. I know you lost one of the greatest men in this world. Love you Kerry and I take comfort in knowing you will be watching over Gage for eternity.

April Lemley - June 28 at 01:36 PM



“ I met Kerry at the home of my Cousin back in 2001. As I shook hands with him I said, Mr. Marbury, it is indeed an honor to finally meet you. He smiled and said, please just call me Kerry and I replied, Yes SIR. When I moved back home in 2015 he became my neighbor and whenever I was in my yard working he always stopped to talk and mostly we talked about his best friend, Coach Nick Saban and Alabama Football. I will miss seeing and talking to you. I will miss you as a friend and as a neighbor.

Roger Carr, Jr.

Roger Carr, Jr. - June 27 at 08:26 AM



“ My heart is heavy that one so inspiring and helpful has left this earthly life. My first memory of Kerry was at a Monongah Football Championship game - I believe - I was there with my father - standing along a fence and he ran - FAST down the side line. I remember say “he’s fast real fast” and my dad laughed and said there’s no one faster. That’s Kerry Marburg you’ll hear about him for years to come. I was probably 8 at the time. Recent memory was seeing him at FSU and he was always talking to students - stopping in the parking lot, side walk, or in the hallway whenever a student had a question or needed advise. He has touch so many many lives - he will be missed. I’m sure he’s an angel in the presence of the Lord and that lightens my heart to some degree. God Bless his family - my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kathy Crescenzi - June 27 at 12:57 AM



“ I REMEMBER YEARS AGO WHEN I VISITED AUNT LOUISE FOR THE SUMMER IN CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA AND I MUST HAVE BEEN ABOUT 15 YRS OLD AND KERRY 14 YRS OLD AND WE PLAYED BASKETBALL AND HAD OUR WRESTLING MATCHES AND I WOULD PEN KERRY DOWN AND ABOUT A YEAR LATER KERRY CAME TO DETROIT MICHIGAN TO VISIT OUR HOME DURING THE SUMMER AND HE SHOWED THE FAST BLAZING SPEED THAT HE HAD AS WE PLAYED AROUND DURING THE SUMMER. I LEARNED THEN THAT I COULD NOT OUT RUN KERRY NOR COULD I PEN HIM DOWN WHEN HE WAS RUNNING BECAUSE I HAD TO CATCH HIM FIRST. OVER THE YEARS WE LOST CONTACT EVEN THOUGH WE ARE FIRST COUSINS. I LOVE KERRY AND HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. ADDISON T HINES

ADDISON T HINES - June 26 at 08:19 PM



“ Professor Marbury did not know me, but we were contemporaries at WVU. One of my fondest memories from Old Mountaineer Field is his 100 yard return of the opening kickoff against Penn State in, I'm guessing, 1972 (a game that PSU won on a touchdown by John Capalletti, the year he won the Heisman Trophy. The ABC TV

replay showed beyond any possible doubt that Capalletti fumbled short of the goal line and one of our guys landed on it. Frank Samsa maybe. But there were no official replays in those days, and the jinx remained alive for another 12 years.) I was seated in the bowl end of the stadium, with my mother and aunt – the only time they saw a game there – and we watched the return from behind. It was wonderful!

I hope this memory will bring a little bit of a smile to your faces. My deepest condolences on your loss.

George Somerville
Richmond Virginia

George A Somerville - June 26 at 05:18 PM



“ At a particularly low point in my life Kerry reached out with encouragement and friendship. .Then the news paper had a big article about his life and his illness. I had that newspaper story on my bulletin board until last Friday for inspiration. It helped me to keep on when it would be easier to quit.To think of others instead of myself. It was a pleasure working with him . Kathleen Hurst

Kathleen Hurst - June 26 at 10:10 AM



“ So sorry for your loss! Kerry Marbury was one of the best athlete that ever played in West Virginia. He had world class talent. I went to school in Preston County and graduated in 1967. His football team was the best, because of Kerry. He achieved great success in life. RIP Kerry, You made West Virginia Proud. I will never forget seeing you play football. I will be praying for your family.

John Wilkins
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

John Wilkins - June 26 at 07:04 AM



“ Coach will be truly missed. When i would call him he would say whats going on son. Loved this man. He knew what to say during hard times and showed so much love. To the family you were blessed to have a awesome family member. Thanks for sharing him.

Gary Burney - June 26 at 02:28 AM



“ Coach was my professor of Race, Class and Gender at Fairmont State in the Fall of 2004. He was and still is the best professor I have ever had. He left each of us with meaningful lessons and words about humanity and ourselves, by being honest and caring.
My thought and prayers go out to all who have been touched by him.

Brenda Massey - June 26 at 01:06 AM



“ Great Friend.

Don Pitman - June 26 at 12:10 AM



“ Mr. M when he was in a good mood and not too tired he was nice and fun to talk too. He may not have said much but he always said Hey to me and told me to say Hey to my Mom. I took his Race class when I was at Fairmont State. Overall he was one of the nicest laid back people I met. RIP Mr. M! I liked you and my Mom Bobbi Dodd always liked you! So sorry that this happened...

Duke Dodd.

Duke Dodd - June 25 at 07:48 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Marion County Senior Citizens.

Vicki Nichols - June 25 at 03:06 PM