



## Dr. Frederick Leon Marsh

March 4, 2020

Frederick Leon Marsh

Born December 20, 1935 in Richmond, Virginia. Died March 4, 2020 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Father Henry Lavender Marsh, Jr., mother Lucy Phillips. Preceded in death by his wife, Dr. Anna L. Ellington Marsh. Survived by brother, Henry L. Marsh, III, sister-in-law Rose Marie Rushin, brother-in-law, Eric Ellington, son Frederick H. (Felicia), grandchildren, Ari, Milan and Bryant and several nieces and nephews.

Fred's mother died when two (2) years old. He went to live with his Aunt Amy and Uncle Otis Palmer who had no children of their own in Carrollton, Virginia. At the age of ten (10), Fred moved back to Richmond, Virginia to live with father and siblings. He graduated from Maggie Walker High School in 1954.

Fred went to Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois. While at Blackburn, Fred participated in track for four years. As a senior, Fred served as President of the Chemical Society. Fred graduated from Blackburn College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mathematics and Chemistry. Fred stayed involved with Blackburn College long after graduation. Fred wrote the definitive chronicle of the first African-American students to attend Blackburn College and later served as President of the Blackburn College Alumni Association.

Fred went on to the University of Minnesota in the Department of Chemistry as a teaching assistant and laboratory instructor of quantitative and instrumental analysis. Fred also taught chemistry to the medical school students and often there were people who had both Fred and his future wife as instructors. Fred went on to receive his Doctor of Philosophy in Analytical and Physical Chemistry in 1965.

Married Dr. Anna Louise Ellington on December 26, 1964. Son Frederick Hope born on February 24, 1967. Fred went to work for Gould National Batteries in 1965 as a Senior Electrochemist. While working at Gould, Fred was a participant in several patents and a number of publications. Fred worked at Gould National Batteries for twenty-five (25) years. Retired early from Gould National Batteries to take care of his wife, Anna, who suffered from Multiple Sclerosis and took care of her until her death in 1998.

Funeral service 11:00 AM Sat., Mar. 14, with visitation one hour prior at Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel, 2610 - 19th Ave NE, Mpls. Interment Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, AL. Memorials preferred to Anna L. Ellington scholarship fund at Meharry Medical College.

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Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999

# Cemetery Details

## Elmwood Cemetery

Maple Street & Plum Street  
Rockford, MN 55373

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hillside Chapel  
2610 19th Avenue N.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55418  
(612) 781-1999  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

## Chapel Service

MAR 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Fred was my uncle, married to my aunt. I will miss him and his welcoming of me when I visited. Fred was a staunch supporter of me.

JoAndrea Rushin - September 16, 2020 at 05:48 PM

CS

A man to be respected and admired. RIP Uncle Fred.

Charles Tomasco Smoot - May 25, 2021 at 01:35 PM

SL

I worked with him every day for 10 years at GNB. It was my first job out of college. I have never met a more intelligent and caring person and I still love him to this day beyond measure. Thank you Fred for your leadership and kindness...

Steve Larsen

Steven Larsen - October 17, 2024 at 07:26 AM