



## Dr. Marvin Trammel

December 13, 1939 - January 27, 2024

Dr. Marvin Trammel was born on December 13, 1939 to Millard Trammel, Jr. and Elizabeth Trammel. Dr. Trammel grew up in Kansas City, Kansas with his brothers and sisters Barbara Jean Trammel, Millard Trammel III, and Joyce Elizabeth Trammel. He attended Sumner High School where he met the love of his life and future queen, Mrs. Erma Jean Johnson Trammel. They married in 1959 and were blessed with four children: Mark Christopher and his twin Vincent Patrick, who passed away in 2020, Kimberly Elise, and Karla Elaine Trammel.

Dr. Trammel enjoyed a stellar career as an educational leader, business executive, and entrepreneur. He earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from Kansas University and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from The University of Minnesota.

Dr. Trammel moved to Minneapolis in 1964 to teach English at Edison High School and quickly moved up the ranks as an assistant principal at North High School and as principal at Central High School before becoming an Area Superintendent of the Minneapolis Public School District, being selected an Alfred North Whitehead Fellowship at Harvard University for Advanced Study in Education along the way.

After a successful career in education, Dr. Trammel successfully transitioned

into corporate America and with both Pillsbury and General Mills, recruited and mentored countless young men and women in their professional and personal lives. He had time for everyone and always had the right perspective and advice for anyone seeking his guidance.

After retiring from the corporate world, Dr. Trammel served as the University of Minnesota Alumni president before being recruited as an Executive Leader at the nonprofit YMCA, an organization he truly loved. After leaving the YMCA, and well past his retirement age, he went back to his first love and taught students in an alternative education program in the St. Paul Public School District.

He is survived by his wife Erma; their son Mark, wife Susan Trammel, and their children Samantha Imara and Mark Christopher, Jr.; daughter Kimberly Elise McCrary, husband George E. McCrary and granddaughters AjaBleu and Butterfly Oldham; daughter Karla and grandchildren Lyric Elizabeth and Marvin Linzy; and grandsons Jordan Marvin, wife Abby and great granddaughter Evelyn; Matthew Vincent, wife Rachel and great granddaughter Addison. Also, countless beloved nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral to take place Monday February 5th at Lakewood Chapel, 3600 Hennepin Ave. Minneapolis, MN. Visitation at 9:00 AM, service at 10:00 AM, burial to follow.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Lakewood Memorial Chapel  
3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

## Church Service

FEB 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Lakewood Memorial Chapel  
3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

## Graveside Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)  
3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Church Service for Dr. Marvin Trammel in memory of Dr. Marvin Trammel



Washburn-McReavy - February 02, 2024 at 12:24 AM



“ Sharon Buckner and Thierry family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Marvin Trammel.



Sharon Buckner and Thierry family - February 04, 2024 at 11:46 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Marvin Trammel.



February 02, 2024 at 10:47 PM



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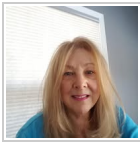
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“ *It is difficult to learn another kind, caring and brilliant man has left us. RIP Marvin.  
Marjorie Taborn*

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**Marjorie Taborn** - February 01, 2024 at 07:49 AM



“ *Mr. Trammel was a respected and loved teacher at Edison High School in the 1960's. He was my favorite teacher and mentor and I will forever cherish all the memories of him. He was such a kind and brilliant man and I am saddened to learn about his passing. To his family, my heartfelt condolences..Rest in Peace dear Mr. Trammel.*

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**Michele LaMere Chung** - January 31, 2024 at 06:57 PM



“ *Mr. Trammel was an amazing teacher, kind and considerate, funny and most caring of his students. As students in those earlier years, we don't often find teachers we truly like and remember so many years later. Mr Trammel is one of those! Memory blessed and eternal!*

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**Luba Lewytkyj** - January 31, 2024 at 12:32 PM