

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Marseen Merchant



Saturday, May 22, 2021

Viewing

Nine until Ten O'clock in the Morning

Funeral

Eleven O'clock in the Morning

Bethlehem Christian Church

Cedar Lake, Texas

Rev. Kenneth Bree

Senior Pastor / Eulogist

Remembering Marseen Merchant

There are so many precious memories of Marseen that we are not real sure where to start. Three days before Christmas in '43 Phillip Merchant, Sr. and Pearlina Merchant received one of their best Christmas gifts ever. On that Wednesday, December 22nd they were excited to welcome their new baby boy into the world. What a gift... Marseen was born on that day in Hawkinsville, Texas!



Marseen grew up in Bay City, Texas. He learned great work ethics as a young man. He knew what it was to pick cotton with his family as well as work in the rice fields with his siblings and father. He enjoyed his family and were close to them all. He and his brother Philp were together since they could recognize each other. Only eleven months apart, they were best friends and trusted each other relentlessly. In school Marseen excelled in science and math bringing home excellent grades through his school career. He was a proud Hillard High School Class of 1962 graduate who finished at the top of his class. Following his high school career Marseen matriculated to Texas Southern University in Houston where he continued to excel in the areas of

science and math. In just three short years, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. Following graduation from undergraduate school Marseen landed a position with Celanese as the first black chemist to work at the Bay City, Texas facility. Marseen also worked at several other Celanese sites including Dallas and Clear Lake. For thirty-three years He was a faithful employee with Celanese. God blessed him to retire from Celanese in 1999.

Marseen's devotion to God and Christian values were very deeply rooted in his family's heritage. Marseen's great, great, great grandparents, March and Joyce Merchant, were local members of Bethlehem Christian Church in the early 1870's. Also, Marseen's great grandparents, Alexander, and Rebecca Smith, were local members of the church and Cedar Lake community in the early 1880's. The Merchant and Smith families have worshiped at Bethlehem Christian Church and supported the Cedar Lake Community for more than 100 years. As befitting to this strong family history, Marseen accepted Christ at an early age and became active in church. Marseen joined the Sacred Heart Memorial Christian Church in Bay City, Texas as a child.



In 1966 Marseen married Randolph Baugh and Birdie Lee Luddington's daughter, Charlotte Baugh. Charlotte was the love of his life. They were able to enjoy many aspects of marriage. In 1978 they welcomed their son, Michael Dewayne Merchant to the world. There were many good times in the Merchant's household. They were able to care for their family and enjoy each other. They enjoyed family vacations, going to museums, driving to Oklahoma, and seeing the countryside as they spent time with each other and grew together. Those were some great days. After nearly fifty years of marriage, Marseen had the heartbreaking challenge of saying goodbye to Charlotte on this side as she transitioned on November 22, 2014.

Marseen loved fishing! Red Snappers, Shrimp and Red Fish didn't have a chance when he was around. Not only could he catch them, but he could fry them up as well. His family and friends also looked forward to him firing up one of his three BBQ pits and grilling some of his famous sausage or ribs. When he wasn't on the lake or the grill you could find him relaxing watching The Westerns... Yes he really enjoyed movies, actors and shows like *The Long Ranger*, Clint Eastwood in *The Good, The Bad and the Ugly*, *Hop-a-Long Cassidy* and Roy Rodgers were some of his favorites.



He was a person you could depend on. He understood that a man's word was his bond so Marseen would tell you the truth and prided himself in keeping his word. If Marseen could give you one thought of advice, he would tell you to be true to yourself. Do not fool you self! Be realistic on the outcome based on what you can do and not on what someone else can do.

On Friday, May 14, 2021 after a very courageous and hardy battle with cancer, Marseen went to sleep on this side. Marseen will be dearly missed by everyone who knew him. Those who will often reflect on these and other precious memories of Marseen include his son, Michael; his siblings Phillip Jr. (Arvis), and Joyce (Johnny); his nieces and nephews Taunya (Christopher), Tiffany, Phillip III (Dorothy), Jennifer, Johnny Earl, Jr., Jeanna, and Jeneen; his grand nieces and nephews Megan, Armaund Alexander, Jeffery Adam, Tayla, Alexander, Taryn, Aarilyn, Tynese and Brooklynn Elyse; his great grand nieces and nephews De'Anne, Amauri, Aiden, Anayah, and Cyre. Marseen had many cousins, other relatives, and host of other special relatives including Pinky Austin, Lavendar (Eric) Watters, Patrick Franklin, and Morris Woods who loved him dearly and will miss him tremendously.

Celebrating the Life of
Marseen Merchant

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional of The Family

Scriptural Readings

Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer

Remarks

(Please limit to two minutes)

Musical Selection

Anthony Smith

Eulogy

Pastor Kenneth Bree

Recessional

Marseen Merchant & Charlotte B. Merchant

April 2, 1966



1975



1976



1977



1978

Happy Anniversary

April 2, 2008



1999







Honorary Pallbearers

Aric Davis
Alexander Hawkins
Johnny Earl Hawkins, Jr.
Christopher Journet
Phillip Merchant, III
Roosevelt Smith
Williams Charles Smith

Active Pallbearers

Anthony Smith
Douglas Smith
Ira Don Smith
Jay Smith
Kenny Smith
Woodard Smith

Acknowledgements

The family acknowledges with grateful appreciate, friends and relatives for your prayers, visits, cards, flowers, and all expressions of kindness shown during the passing of our loved one. We deeply appreciate all that you have done. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

-The family of Marseen Merchant



Interment

Smith Cemetery
Cedar Lake, Texas

Final Care

Lakeside Memorial Funeral Home

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