



Mr. Marcus Edward Battle

October 28, 1958 - November 9, 2023

Marcus Edward Battle, son of the late Marcus Garvey Battle and Alma (Morgan) Battle was born in Chicago, IL on October 28, 1958. He suddenly departed this life and entered into eternal rest in the early evening hours of November 9, 2023, in Silver Spring, MD.

Marcus accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church in Silver Spring, MD, and enjoyed attending Gideon's Army Men's Sunday School class.

Growing up, Marcus spent much of his early life living between Chicago, IL, and Washington, DC. He attended school at Becket Academy in East Haddam, CT, Farragut Naval Academy in Pine Beach, NJ, and Moses Brown in Providence, RI. After graduating from High School, he attended Brown University and transferred to University of Kansas, earning his Bachelor's degree. He then enrolled in Howard University where he earned his Master's degree. While in school, he was a great athlete, participating in various sports. While in high school, he settled on three: football, basketball, and track and field. He excelled in all of them in high school and college, earning titles such as All-State, All New England Champion, All-American, National Junior Olympic Champion, and Under 20 Champion.

Marcus was a pioneer in the area of personal fitness training. He began his

business as a personal fitness consultant/strength and conditioning coach when there was no such occupation. Using his knowledge, he was able to help morbidly obese people lose weight and go on to live healthier lives. While building this business, he worked as a P.E. teacher at Sidwell Friends. Then, he became the strength and conditioning coach for the basketball and track teams at Mount St. Mary's College (where he helped the men's basketball team reach the NCAA tournament for the first time), Howard University, and the University of the District of Columbia.

Throughout his life, he remained active. As a young adult, he tried out and made the practice squad for the Washington Bullets and the Washington Redskins (twice). During this same time, he qualified and competed in the Olympic trials for track and field in 1984 and 1988. He even worked with a couple of track and field athletes who achieved their goal of going to and competing in the Olympics. He continued to play pick-up basketball and became a track and field official, which led to his eventual return to the "Oval Office". Back on the track as a Masters athlete, he broke records, won National and World Championships, was awarded many accolades and resolutions, and was inducted into three Halls of Fame (Moses Brown, DMV Athletes in Action, and Maryland Senior Games).

Marcus was also involved in the community. He was well known at the Gwendolyn Coffield Community Center, where he was the president of the advisory board for a number of years. He was also the "guardian of the weight room". He spent much of his day there assisting others with their workouts and ensuring the equipment was being used properly.

Marcus had a very loving and caring heart, and therefore made many, many friends around the world. While working at Fit For Life Medical Center, he became the exercise police for morbidly obese patients. He was known as "Mr. Fine Trainer".

He encouraged people to do and be the best that they could be. He was not afraid to speak up when he felt something was wrong, someone had been overlooked, or when he thought something should be going a certain way. His voice could be heard around the stadium, indoors and out. He was a cheerleader to many! Even if he didn't know you, he would comment on what you were doing and give pointers on how to improve. He offered assistance whether you asked for it or not because it was his job to help others be the best that they could be. He even helped his competitors...during track meets! At track meets, prior to the start of his competition, he would always invite the jumpers and officials to gather for a word of prayer.

His caring extended beyond the track. He could often be seen buying food for the homeless or sliding them money to get through the day. He would promote the business of others, trying to help them build their empire, by using their services and spreading the word about how great their business was.

Marcus leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Tracey, five children Marcus X. Battle, Alonzo Singleton, Malcolm Battle, Sade Singleton, and Merci Singleton, three grandchildren La'Niya Johnston, Zoey Singleton, Anthony Flowers III, father-in-law Rev. Dr. Walter G. Berryman of Richmond, VA, two sisters Erica McIntyre of Sun City, AZ, Kewana Battle Mason of Washington, DC, in-laws Gary & Krista Darcus, Sylvia Berryman, Jonathan Berryman, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Jezerel
420 University Blvd
Silver Spring, MD

Service

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

IM

“ Greetings, I was watching the movie Hoosiers and thought about Marcus. He was at Moses Brown and I was at Portsmouth Abbey. He motivated me to work harder to compete with him. My senior year, at a dual meet at Moses Brown, he beat me in the high jump. My then girlfriend, who also knew Marcus, reminded me of this once. So, I went on to Boston College in the high jump, setting the school record, because a young Marcus beat me in high school. He was warm and welcoming and a great rival; he made me better athlete and showed me we could also be good and kind.. My sympathies to his family. Please know he was always a good guy and a smiling and pushing friend and competitor.

Ignatius MacLellan

Ignatius MacLellan - March 16, 2024 at 09:49 PM

RS

Wow! I did track and field for several seasons at Moses Brown. I can still picture him doing the triple jump like it was yesterday. He was a gifted and graceful athlete. It is very hard to believe that is gone.

*Rob Settipane, MD
Moses Brown '76*

Robert Settipane - May 07, 2024 at 07:45 AM

VM

“ I work out at Cofield and just recently found out that Marcus had passed. Devastating. He was a wonderful man and I always look forward to seeing him there. I will miss him a lot.

Victor Macia - November 27, 2023 at 11:21 AM

MH

“*Marcus and I met each other as teenagers attending Howard University in Washington,DC. We worked out together or played basketball against or with one another at least twice a week from 1977-82. We went to parties, shows, and sporting events together and became friends and confidants. He was always someone I looked out for during Howard Homecoming. He was a true gentleman, athlete, and competitor in every sense of the word. My heartfelt sympathy and deepest condolences to his family on his passing. Rest In Heaven my friend, until we meet again!*”

Mark Hall - November 22, 2023 at 04:54 PM

DA

“*When I spoke to Marcus at the 2001 Masters Track and Field Championships I hadn't seen Marcus for at least 20 years . He was warm and direct as if we'd spoke the week prior. Marcus always seemed to take the lead and set the room temperature. He was a great human and I will miss him. Knowing he was around, albeit 3000 miles away, made existing a more enjoyable experience. What a character. Peace Brother. >> Dannie Jackson*”

Dan - November 17, 2023 at 10:41 PM



“*Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Marcus Edward Battle.*”



November 15, 2023 at 09:10 PM

DG

“ It’s you who introduced me to masters track and field. I am forever indebted to your kindness and wisdom. It was you who encouraged and motivated me throughout the years to bring my A-game at competitions. You always reminded us that we were champions! You were everyone’s coach not just mine. Those that didn’t know you definitely “heard” you at the meets. Coach Marcus Battle I know you’ll have your jump spikes on up there. We will forever hear you on this side. Thanks for your love and expertise in the art of your craft: Triple Jumping. Rest in perfect peace COACH 🙏 Dr. Koura Gibson

Dr. Gibson - November 14, 2023 at 08:57 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Marcus Edward Battle.



November 14, 2023 at 08:19 PM

BJ

“ Bruce Becker & Natalie Jennings planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Marcus Edward Battle.

Bruce Becker & Natalie Jennings - November 14, 2023 at 08:19 PM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - November 14, 2023 at 09:03 AM

NE

To my brother Marcus, who I had a wonderful time to share with at Howard.. Peace.. Nelson

nelson - November 17, 2023 at 08:27 PM