



Celebration of Life

Pastor Marcel Ball, better known as Marty, was born on October 15, 1954, to the late K.B. and Alberta Ball in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was the oldest of six children. Marty was a devoted and protective brother. Marty was educated within the Philadelphia Public School System and went on to work alongside his father in the family business, Ball Rubbish Removal Demolition. Marty held various positions, and he was truly a born leader.

Marty joined the United States Marine Corps in 1972. Marty also completed Watterson Security School. In all his achievements, Marty's certification in bible study and his love for the word of God enabled him to follow his desire to spread the good news of Christ. In all his achievements, Marty would meet and marry the love of his life, Minnie, and would remain married for forty-two years, until his passing. He always stated, "Till death do we part".

Marty, alongside his wife Minnie, served, worked, and was a beacon to many souls while pastoring Highway Temple of Love. Marty and Minnie were ordained on September 21, 1986. In 2006, on October 29th, he was installed as Pastor of the Highway Temple of Love. Marty and Minnie, together, inspired and counseled countless couples. Preaching, teaching, and changing one life at a time. Marty was a role model and confidant to the men in his family and community. Marty was a very logical and practical thinker; to know him was to love him. He always welcomed a great debate. Marty became a Prince Hall mason and joined the Holmesburg Lodge #137.

Marty completed a computer course and received his certification. He would go on to open a computer repair shop. Marty would later, along with his wife Minnie, start his own demolition company called Demolition Masters. Marty was an entrepreneur at heart.

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Marty had a way of attracting special family and people who were considered his favorites in life; very few would he allow entrance into his inner circle, and everyone knew precisely who they were. Marty was a scholar of the bible, and there wasn't a Bible passage that he didn't have a response to. He had a great sense of humor and a love for knowledge. Marty enjoyed playing pool, and he played with the Ball Busters. He was hard to beat at the pool table, especially when Minnie was present. He enjoyed a good game of chess, Cowboy and Sci-Fi movies. On any given Saturday, you could walk into his home and catch him watching a Cowboy movie with a large cup of juice, and the look on his face as he greeted you would tell you what kind of mood he was in. Marty went to sleep quietly at home on July 7, 2025.

Marty was preceded in death by his beloved parents, K.B. and Alberta Ball, as well as his brother, Samuel Ball.

Marty leaves to cherish his memories, his beloved devoted wife, and Co-Pastor Minnie Ball: one stepdaughter, Gwendolyn (Marvin), and one stepson, Allen (Tiffany). One special daughter, Renee Williams. Siblings; Shirley Ball, Bonita Greene (Miller), Tanya Brown (William), Sheryl Lyles, Emanuel Ball, Quinn