



## Kristin L. Marshall

September 15, 1941 - July 26, 2009

Dr. Kristin Linda Marshall's marvelous life began Sept. 15, 1941 in New Amsterdam, NY and came to an end peacefully Sunday morning, July 26, 2009 in Clarion, PA.

Born Kristin Krum to parents William J. and Florence Krum, she grew up with her sister Gretchen in Fort Plain, NY. After attending the public schools where her father was Superintendent, Kristin graduated, cum laude, with B.A, M.A., and PhD degrees in Speech Communication and Performing Arts from Syracuse University. She was a proud member of the Chi Omega sorority. In November of 1963 she married Edward C. Marshall, her lifelong love and her partner in many passions.

Kristin next began her lengthy and rewarding career of teaching and collaboration with her husband on theatrical performances. Throughout her 45 years as a college professor, Kris used her gifts in speech, theatre and music to promote peace and harmony based on understanding among people in regard to racial, gender, and political issues.

After her first jobs in New York, Kristin moved to Georgia with the aim of contributing to racial harmony through her work. It was a time of great racial tensions and conflicts in the South, and she had the opportunity to collaborate with her husband on directing plays to further racial understanding at Valdosta and Albany State Colleges such as *A Raisin in the Sun*. After ten years of teaching, directing and teaming with her husband in colleges from South Georgia to northern Mississippi, the racial unrest surrounding the

assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. in Memphis led them to Tennessee to pursue their goals. Through her leadership at Lemoyne-Owen, a preeminent African American college there, she and Ed continued their work for racial healing through collaborations including a production of Medea as well as a local cable television series.

After two decades of working towards equality between races in numerous southern colleges, Kris moved to San Luis Obispo, CA. Kristin was serving as Musical Director on Ed's production of the Fantastiks at the time when they conceived a child. She then gave birth to their "fantastic" daughter, Krista, in 1981. At CalPoly University she went on to serve as musical director in several of her husband's plays, Godspell and Twelfth Night all while caring for their newborn child, who was featured proudly in the latter show. Kris went next to Illinois, where she directed The Miracle Worker with her husband's help in design and her daughter's contribution as the baby Helen Keller. Her career continued to evolve and change over the next few decades, growing to focus more on gender equality and the history of the women's movement. She continued to teach in the classroom and in the theatre at several colleges in Missouri, Texas, and Georgia. In 1990, Kristin came to teach speech at Clarion University where she finished her career as a tenured associate professor this year. This obituary must truncate much of Kris' other passions, such as her extensive work with children's theatre and oral interpretation productions about women's issues. While in Clarion, she was involved with the local League of Women Voters and Clarion County Democrats. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Clarion where she enjoyed singing in the choir.

Kristin is survived by her husband Edward C. Marshall, a retired professor of philosophy and theatre. Their daughter, Dr. Krista Lynn Cooke, is a family medicine physician at St. Margaret's hospital in Pittsburgh. Her sister, Gretchen Brassard, lives and works in New York.

Services will be held this Saturday, August 1, 2009 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion. Visitation hours with the family will be from noon

until 3:00 pm. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 pm at the funeral home under the direction of Reverend Scott Hauser. A burial of her ashes will take place later in Fort Plain, New York.

Her husband is interested in creating a Great Women Speakers memorial series in her honor at Clarion University. If anyone would like to help in this effort, please contact Ed Marshall at [edromar2@netscape.net](mailto:edromar2@netscape.net).

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ To Ed, Krista & Cleve, Gretchen & John, and Stacey—May God's grace and love be yours in abundance during this difficult time. My fond memories of Kris come from throughout my life: being ring-bearer at her wedding; holiday meals together at the house in Gilbertsville as well as at our house in Morris, being treated to a play at SUCO and pizza afterward in Oneonta, Kris reading from Ecclesiastes into the reel-to-reel tape recorder I got for Christmas at age ten, visits from the Marshalls/Cookes to Mishawaka, and of course, wherever she went, Kris' musical laugh—which she inherited from her mom and from Grandma Grace—in light-hearted moments. If my parents were alive to add their own remarks here I believe they would mention how proud they are too of all that Kris accomplished in her life, just as I am, and surely just as Florence and Bill are. Ed has remarked that Krista is the "greatest gift her mother ever had" and I would only add what an accomplished, gracious and kind-hearted daughter Kris and Ed have raised. Krista, you are the pinnacle of a wonderful legacy your mom leaves behind.

*May the Lord comfort you all—*

*Much love,*

*D. J.*

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**Dr. Donald Campfield** - July 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Many positive experiences and memories of our work with the Making Connections cluster classes, including our out of class trips to Harrisburg and working with Habitat for Humanity in Pittsburgh. May her gentle soul rest in peace.

*Bob*

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**Bob Girvan** - July 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Mr. Marshall and Krista,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Marshall was an amazing woman  
and I will always treasure the fun times at the Marshall house. You  
will be in my prayers. I love and miss you!

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**Stephanie Dechant Rader** - July 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Dr. Marshall was my instructor for two semesters at Clarion  
University. She wrote the textbook used in the class entitled *Great  
Women Speakers* which was educational and interesting. She had a  
passion about what she taught and was dedicated to the  
enlightenment of her students. It was an invigorating experience,  
enjoyed by many. Dr. Marshall will truly be missed.

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**Sara Collins** - July 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Ed and Krista, Please accept my condolences on your loss. She will  
be missed in the League of Women Voters and the Feminist  
Reading Group. She always had cogent observations and good  
contributions. I regret that I will be out of town on Saturday and miss  
the memorial service.

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**Janice Horn** - July 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ We have lost a wonderful friend and talented coworker. My thoughts  
and prayers are with Kristen's family during this difficult time. May  
peace be with you.

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**Shelly Williams** - July 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ To Krista and family,

*I am so sorry for your loss. Yo and family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Andrea Girvan** - July 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM