



Marland Deen

November 4, 1934 - November 9, 2021

Marland Deen, age 87, of Waldorf, Maryland, passed away on November 9, 2021.

Marland was born on November 4, 1934 in Wright City, Oklahoma, son of the late Willie Lee Deen and the late Annie Marie (Scarborough) Deen. Marland graduated from Wright City High School. He then attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant for one year, before joining the United States Air Force and serving his country from 1954-1958. Upon his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Marland continued his college education at the University of Oklahoma in Norman from 1958-1961.

Marland worked his first job at the age of 11 and had various jobs throughout his younger years. Upon leaving the University of Oklahoma in 1961, he began a career as a Sales Manager for Capitol Records in Dallas, Texas and Nashville, Tennessee. He was later the Owner/Operator of McKenny's (Deen's Little Store) in Waldorf, Maryland from 1965-1995. Marland also held elected office in Charles County Government, serving as both the President and Vice President of the Board of Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland. Following his time in public service, Marland concluded his working career working for Allied Insurance, Husick Construction, Waldorf Walmart, and Waldorf Ford and Dodge.

Marland dedicated his life to helping those in need in Charles County and throughout the State of Maryland. He was an active member of several civic and fraternal organizations and served on the board for many of these organizations, which included the Waldorf Elks, Moose, Jaycees, Kiwanis, the American Legion, Charles County Christmas in April, Physicians Memorial, Charles County Department of Social Services, Southern Maryland Health Systems Agency, Charles County Board of Public Safety and Board of Fire and EMS, Health Partners of Charles County, and the Charles County Habitat for Humanity.

In addition to his parents, Marland was preceded in death by his brother, Edward (Billy) Deen; sister, Dorothy Gentry; and his first wife, Rayetta Deen.

Marland is survived by his wife of 27 years, Zeta Mae (Hollingsworth) Deen; daughters, DeVonna Ann (Eddie) Dalton of Geismar, Louisiana and DeNae Ambee (Samuel) Babbitt of Crozier, Virginia; and grandchildren, Alejandra and Isaac Babbitt. From his marriage to Zeta, he is also survived by daughters, Lisa Michelle (Thomas) Smith of Middlesex, North Carolina and Mary Ann Phillips of Lanham, Maryland; son, LaRue Phillips of Lanham, Maryland; and grandchildren, Mara and Thomas Smith. He is also survived by his sister, Reba Haynes; brother, Wayne Deen; several nieces and nephews and their families; and a special friend, Adelaide (Ralph) Martin.

A Visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 from 3PM until time of Funeral Service, with Air Force Honors, at 5PM at Raymond Funeral Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646. All attendees will be required to observe COVID mitigation measures, which include the wearing of a face mask while inside the funeral home.

Interment will take place on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 11:15 AM at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Marland's memory may be made to Hospice of Charles County, 2505 Davis Road, Waldorf, Maryland 20603.

Cemetery Details

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

11301 Crain Hwy
Cheltenham, MD 20623

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
5635 Washington Ave.
La Plata, MD
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<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

Service

NOV 17. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marland Deen*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Marland Deen*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Sandy FehI & Bob Johnston purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Marland Deen.*



Sandy FehI & Bob Johnston - November 22, 2021 at 06:37 PM



“ *Marland was great friend, I'm sadden read of his passing.*

I admired him for his extensive service to the community. Few have even come close to the level of working to help those in need and to leave this world better than he found it.

I don't even begin to know of all the different organizations that he rose to leadership in (local, state, and regional.) I served with him in Kiwanis Club and and on the founding board of the United Way of Charles County (at his request, BTW.)

Finally, there were 3 people that inspired me to do the work that I have done in community service, Marland was at the top of the list.

Joe Crawford - November 19, 2021 at 03:18 PM

CG

“ So very sorry for the loss of Maryland, we will keep everyone in our thoughts and prayers.
Curtis, Mary & Sonny Gooding.



Curtis Gooding - November 17, 2021 at 05:05 PM



“ Remembering fondly the rodeos, the parade down 301, crab feast, Christmas parties for the children, and many many functions at the Elks where Marland was always a part of. He was always there with a helping hand. Rest in peace Marland.
Carol (Hicks) Hodak

Carol Hodak - November 16, 2021 at 08:03 PM

KC

“ I am sorry to hear of Marland's passing. He was a friend of my parents (Charlie Hicks and Carol (Hicks) Hodak. Many good memories, especially at the store and the rodeo that was held at the Charles County Fairgrounds back in the day.

Kimmie (Hicks) Cox - November 16, 2021 at 07:54 PM

Jl

“ Jimmy Richards & Sons Exc Inc purchased the beautiful in Blue for the family of Marland Deen.



Jimmy Richards & Sons Exc Inc - November 16, 2021 at 02:44 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marland Deen.* ”



November 16, 2021 at 12:37 PM



“ *Linda Hollingsworth (Roy) and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marland Deen.* ”



Linda Hollingsworth (Roy) and Family - November 16, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ *Dawn of Remembrance Basket was purchased for the family of Marland Deen.* ”



November 16, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marland Deen.* ”



November 15, 2021 at 09:11 AM

KL

“ *Marland was a very kind man with a gentle soul! He always had a smile on his face! Marland is with our Lord. Condolences to his family. May God provide peace and comfort to you all!*



Kathleen S. Leighty - November 12, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Marland Deen.*



November 12, 2021 at 09:35 AM

LA

“ *I will always love Marland, my brother-in-law, once married to my sister, Rayetta, his first wife. He was a tough mentor to me and a hard driver when I worked for them during the summers to earn money for college. I will always remember his love of learning and push for high academic achievements in his children and me also. He had his heartaches and his griefs, but he loved his children and his country. He did what he could to make a better world for the next generation to come. To Zeta, his second wife and Lisa, DeVonna, DeNae and all of his family, remember Marland as a man who fought to make a difference in this world in the only way he knew how. Now, his battle is over, and he can rest in peace in the arms of the Lord Jesus whom he did honor and accept for his life. Lavonne Baker, Nov. 11, 2021.*

Lavonne - November 11, 2021 at 01:10 PM

RP

As a young State Trooper newly assigned to the Waldorf Barrack in 1965 , I first met Marlon at Deens Little Store - he was a friend to the Md State Police - a great community supporter and I am proud that he became my life long friend - RIP Marlon and I hope to catch u on the rebound.

*Major (Ret) Ray Presley
Maryland State Police*

Ray Presley - November 17, 2021 at 03:40 PM