

Presbytery of St. Augustine
Memorial Resolution
The Rev. Dr. Marvin Lutz
1933 - 2017

Whereas the Rev. Marvin Lutz was born on October 4, 1933, and on April 23, 2017, entered the eternal kingdom, we the Presbytery of St. Augustine do resolve to give thanks to Almighty God for Marvin's life and ministry and honor Marvin with the following memorial:

Marvin Lutz was born in St. Petersburg, FL to Roland and Doris Lutz. Marvin was the seventh of nine children in his family. Marvin was an avid baseball aficionado who enjoyed spending time at spring training events and rooting for his beloved Cardinals.

Marvin briefly attended the University of Florida before serving in the US Army. After his service, Marvin returned to the University of Florida to finish his degree in journalism. Marvin was also a graduate of Union Theological Seminary where he obtained a Master of Christian Education and a Master of Divinity.

Marvin was a "justice warrior" who firmly believed in, advocated for, and fought for human rights. He engaged in the work of forgiveness and reconciliation in the areas of civil rights, gender, poverty, and reproductive rights. For 20 years, he was the Executive Director of the Max Suter Women's Center for Reproductive Health borne out of Clergy Consultation Services in Jacksonville, Florida. He was passionate about the Pro-Choice Civil Rights Movement protecting women's reproductive rights. He was also passionate about equal rights for all. He participated in inner city ministries and taught Ethics at Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Florida.

Much like Jesus, Marvin's heart was always with those on the margins of society: the poor, the oppressed, the hurting, the exploited. He confronted and challenged injustice at all levels. Marvin used his gift of listening to provide a welcoming ear to those in need, and used his quick wit to challenge the systems of injustice. Through his ministry, Marvin touched many lives and provided a visible witness and a bright light for those he encountered.

What brought Marvin much joy was living in the moment with his family by enjoying the lake with them, whipping up some mac 'n cheese, or flipping the best pancakes one could hope for. His quiet, gentle spirit and ministry of presence provided his family, and the world, with an acute awareness of their value and worth.

Wherefore, the Presbytery of St. Augustine does adopt this memorial resolution, giving thanks for the life and ministry of Marvin Lutz, and it resolves that this resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the October 3, 2017, meeting of the presbytery.