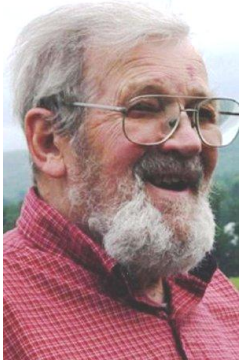


## Frederick Marshall, 95, teacher and traveler

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After he retired in his 70s as a high school teacher in Montgomery County, Frederick L. Marshall found a summer career working in the Alaska wilderness. "His first trip to Alaska was with a conservation group out of West Chester," his wife, Patricia Gillespie, said in a telephone interview. "And he just fell in love with everything that was Alaska."

Besides hiking in the Brooks Range, she said, he worked for years at tourist outposts known as Alaska Wilderness Lodges, "as bartender, bookkeeper, riding herd on the college staffs."

Mr. Marshall, 95, of Downingtown, who retired in 1993 after 14 years at The Hill School, the private prep school in Pottstown, died Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Neighborhood Hospice in West Chester. "He liked Alaska so much," his wife said, "that he went one year, to watch the start of the Iditarod," the dogsled race of more than 1,000 miles, which in March 2012 ran from Anchorage to Nome.

Mr. Marshall didn't limit his adventures to Alaska, his wife said, but rafted down the Colorado River and hiked in England and Scotland. Before going to The Hill School, Mr. Marshall was principal at the former Collegeville-Trappe High School from 1962 and then a mathematics teacher at Pottsgrove High School until 1978. Mr. Marshall graduated from Clarion (Pa.) High School, earned a bachelor's in science education at what is now Clarion University in 1938 and a master's in education at the University of Pittsburgh in 1948.

He began his career as a mathematics teacher at Bradford (Pa.) Junior High School, where he became assistant principal. While in Bradford, he was a Boy Scout troop leader at the First Methodist Church there and director in the 1950s at a summer camp for the Elk Lick Boy Scout Council. During that time, he was a member of a legislative committee of the Pennsylvania State Education Association and a state representative to the National Education Association.

Besides his wife, Mr. Marshall is survived by daughters Sarah Marshall Larimer and Deborah Marshall Mueller, three grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. His former wife, June Marshall, died in 2009 and their son, William Marshall, died in 1993.