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By Langston Hughes

All life is but the climbing of a hill
To seek the sun that ranges far beyond
Confused with stars and lesser lights anon,
And planets where the darkness reigneth still.

All life is but the seeking for that sun
That never lets one living atom die—
That flames beyond the circles of the eye
Where Never and Forever are as one.

And seeking always through this human span
That spreads its drift of years beneath the sky
Confused with living, goeth simple man
Unknowing and unknown into the Why—
The Why that flings itself beyond the Sun
And back in space to where Time was begun.

Active Pallbearers
Dwight Spencer
Mark Fletcher
Jason Morrow
Conley Morrow
Deron Fletcher
Walter Moore, Jr.
Jonathan Morrow
Franklin Morrow

Honorary Pallbearers
The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Flower Bearers

Acknowledgments
The family of the beloved Lumon Morrow, Jr.
would like to extend our most heartfelt gratitude
for all of the blessings and remembrances we have
received. You've all been so thoughtful and caring,
and we thank God for your support.

A Celebration of Life
for
Luman Morrow, Jr.
8 June 1934 5 September 2007

Monday 10 September 2007
11:00am

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church
1983 Brockett Road
Tucker, Georgia 30084

Reverend Jalandia Lewis, Sr.
Officiating Minister
Prelude ........................................... Musician

Processional .................................... Clergy and Family

Words of Grace ................................. Reverend Jolandis Lewis, Sr.

Opening Hymn ................................... Choir

Lessons from the Holy Scripture
Old Testament
New Testament

Solo: "Precious Lord" ............................ Joyce Rhodes

Poem: "A Psalm of Life" ....................... Laura Ard

Tributes/Reflections ............................ Family & Friends
(2-3 mins, pls)

Musical Selection ............................... Choir

Acknowledgment of Condolence .......... Cynthia Abernathy

Reading of Obituary ........................... Silent Reading

Musical Selection ............................... Choir

Eulogy ............................................ Reverend Andrew Greene

Benediction ................................. Reverend Jolandis Lewis, Sr.

A Time to be Born

Lumon Morrow Jr. was born on June 8, 1934 in Mantua, a community in Greene County, Alabama. He was the fourth child born to Lumon Morrow Sr. and Geneva Morrow. He was affectionately known as “June” to his parents, eleven siblings, and the large Morrow clan.

A Time to Grow

June confessed his belief in Christ at an early age and joined Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Lewiston, Alabama. Before reaching adulthood, he had read the Bible from beginning to end many times. He could quote scripture and discuss the Bible as well as any theological scholar. He was more spiritual than religious, and he loved discussing life, military history, international relations, politics and world events.

A Time to Learn

Even before he began his formal education, he displayed signs of uncommon intelligence. He progressed rapidly through the public schools of Greene County and graduated valedictorian of the Eatmon High School Class of 1951 at the age of 16. He entered Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama the following fall and studied there for one year. Seeking new adventures, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1952 and spent eight years in military service. After receiving an honorable discharge from the armed forces as a veteran of the Korean War, he enrolled at Alabama A&M University in Normal, Alabama, graduating in 1963 with a B.A. degree in Mathematics. He pledged the Nu Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in the spring of 1962, and became a Life Member of the fraternity. After graduation, he accepted a position as a mathematician with Northrop at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama.

A Time to Love

Throughout his life, he understood the importance of love and family. Shortly after going to work at Northrop, he was captivated by a young woman he saw walking across the parking lot at work. Upon seeing her, he knew instantly that he would make her his wife, as he would later tell the story. That woman was a fellow mathematician named Jacqueline Ard, and it was her first day on the job. Jackie affectionately dubbed him “Morrow.” Morrow married Jackie on May 11, 1965 in Huntsville, and they began their life’s journey together. While in Huntsville, their first child Carla was born.

A Time to Move

Morrow accepted a job as a Systems Analyst with General Electric in 1967 and moved the family to northern California, where they lived for 25 years. While in California, Licia and the twins, Maya and Kwan, were born. As the technological revolution developed in the Silicon Valley during the 1970s, Morrow began an expert computer programmer. As new opportunities came, he moved up the corporate ladder, retiring in 1992 from Measures, Inc. After retiring, he yearned for yet another adventure. He returned to school to earn a Commercial Driver’s License, and then he and Kwan drove a twenty-four foot truck cross-country to move the family to Atlanta, Georgia. Morrow and Jackie settled in Stone Mountain, and he contracted as an owner operator with Transco Trucking Co. until he retired for the second time in the year 2000.

A Time to Play

Morrow had a passion for Bridge, competing regularly in local and national tournaments and achieving the distinction of Life Master in the American Contract Bridge League. He affiliated with the Niner Chapter of Omega Psi Phi in San Jose, California, and enjoyed spending time with his frat brothers and their families at fraternity picnics and holiday gatherings. He was a dedicated fan of the San Francisco 49ers. As a season ticket holder for more than a decade, he loved to tailgate at Candlestick Park with other Niner devotees, grilling steak and Ranch Style Beans on the Hibachi. He joined the Toastmasters, a public speaking society, and liked to spend his evenings playing solitaire on the computer and watching Jeopardy and the History Channel. He was an avid gardener wherever he lived, growing fruit trees and whatever crop would thrive in the climate. He took great pride in his garden and in maintaining his yard, and could often be found landscaping his property on his riding lawnmower. He also loved road trip vacations, faithfully observing a Morrow family tradition by driving his family cross-country “back home” to Alabama every summer while they lived in California.

A Time to Go

As quickly as the sun sets, Morrow departed this life on September 5, 2007. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Jacqueline Ard Morrow, their four children: Carla, Licia, Maya, and Kwan; and their eight grandchildren: Jacqueline, Bakari, Niara, Micayla, Erica, Desi, Sklar, and Sharleigh; two children from a previous marriage, Cynthia and Michael; five sisters, five brothers, and innumerable other loving family members and friends.

Interment
Kennedy Memorial Gardens
2500 River Road
Ellenwood, GA 30294

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