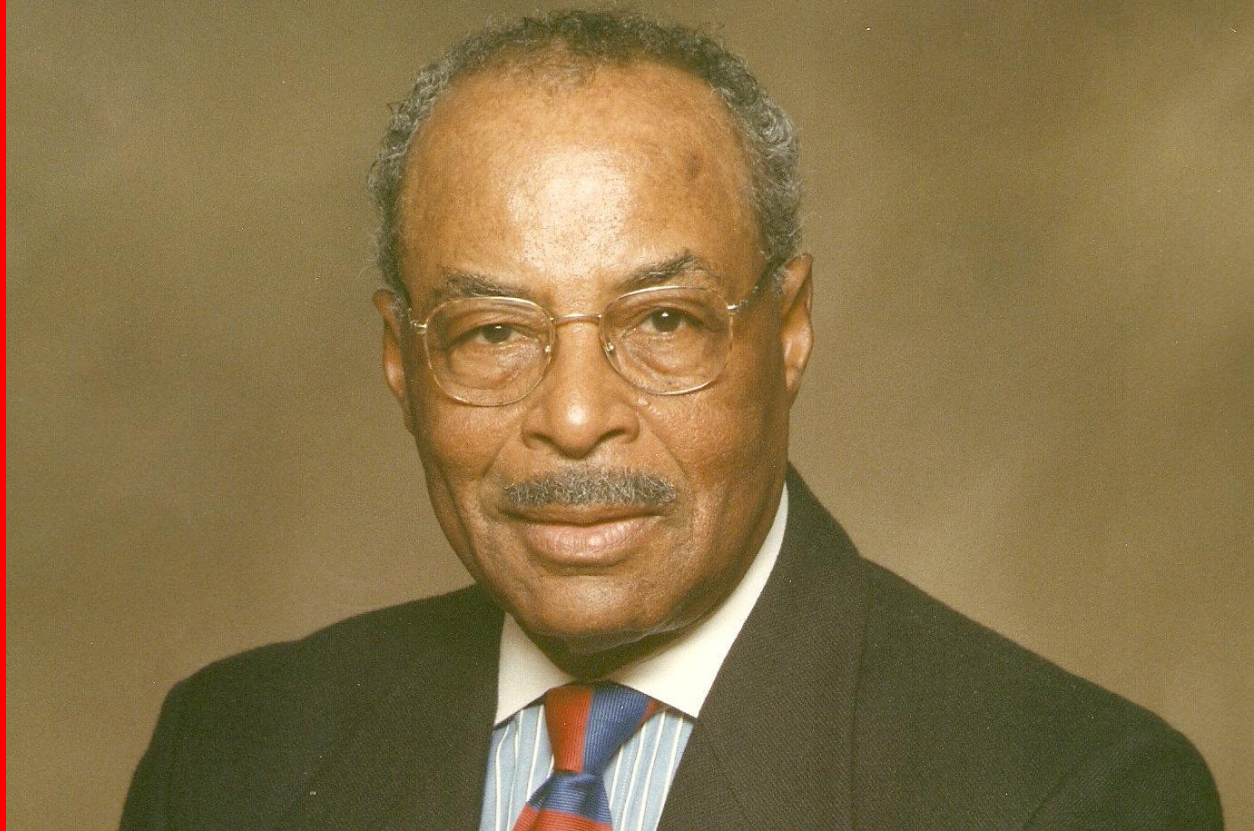


Lemuel F. Osborne

June 24, 1929-March 16, 2011



Tuesday, March 22, 2011

12:00 Noon

Parkway Gardens Presbyterian Church

1005 E. Shelby Drive

Memphis, TN 38116

Rev. Brian Henderson

~Officiating~

Obituary

Lemuel F. Osborne, was born June 24, 1929, to Vivian Conyers and Lemmie Osborne in Chicago, Illinois. He was the only child to this union. Lemuel was reared in a Christian home and was taught the values of having Christ as the center of his life.

After serving two years in the Army as Sergeant, he began his educational journey by serving as principal of Hollywood Junior High School in Jackson County, Alabama. After a brief stint in Mississippi Industrial College, he started his long-time service to the Memphis City Schools by teaching and coaching at Douglass High School.

Mr. Osborne started his administrative assignments with Memphis City Schools as an Assistant Principal at Manassas and Southside High. He served as principal of three Memphis City Schools: Ford Road Elementary, Longview Middle, and Sherwood Junior/Middle School. He was principal at Longview during the transition from Junior High to Middle School and was instrumental in bringing the Middle School Concept into Memphis City Schools. He was one of the earliest recipients of the Career Ladder Level 3 certificates for principals.

As an involved and concerned educator, Mr. Osborne belonged to many educational organizations and served on the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Association of Middle Schools and the National Association of Middle Schools and was Past Polemarch of the Memphis Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He received several recognitions during his career including Kappa Alpha Psi certificate of Merit and being recognized as Title I Principal of the year. One of his most memorable honors was in being recognized, along with Kemmons Wilson and Elvis Presley, by the Whitehaven Jaycees. He was honored as their Outstanding Educator of the Year.

Lemuel, as an active member of the community, served on the Board of Directors of the Blues City Cultural Center. He received a certificate of merit from the United Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and once served as an Honorary Sgt-at-Arms for the Tennessee House of Representatives. He climbed the ladder of Masonry to receive his thirty-second (32). Also, his favorite pastime led to one of his noted accomplishments. As an avid golfer, he was a founding member of Pro-Duffers South Golf Club and served as its president for five years. He was also a founding member of Pro-Duffers USA.

Mr. Lem as he was affectionately called is survived by his children: Keith (Kim) Osborne, Jacqueline (Clevon) Tucker and Randy Osborne who preceded him in death; 5 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, special cousin: Mrs. Delores J. Hill; Goddaughter, Mrs. Trina Payne, Godson, Torry Milam, numerous cousins, and a host of other Christian friends and relatives to all to mourn his passing.

Invictus

Out of the night that cover me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate;
I am the captain of my soul.

William E. Henley



Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Song

Parkway Gardens Choir

Scripture

Leon Griffin

Prayer

Mac Tuggle

Song

Jennifer Mason

Expressions (3 minutes)

Family

Friend

Neighbor

Fraternity

Pro Duffers South

Commodore Primous

Dr. Charles Brown

Kappa Alpha Psi

Dr. William Terrell

Song

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Acknowledgements

Obituary

- Silently Read-

Soft Music

Eulogy

Rev. Brian Henderson

Pastor, Parkway Gardens

Presbyterian Church

Recessional

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven... Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1; Joshua 1:9

Dear Family and Friends,

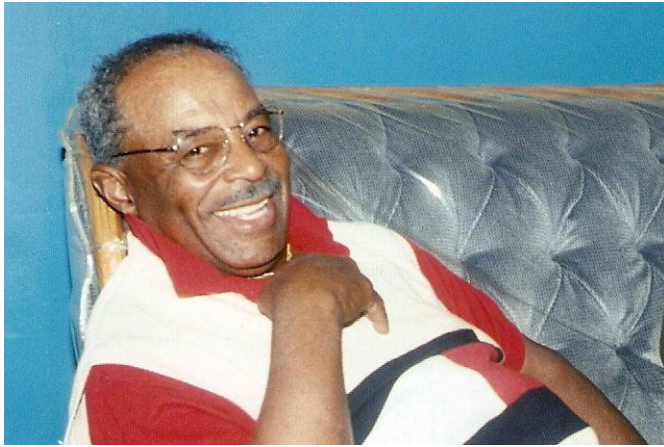
I want to let you know that I have moved. I received a call from God who informed me that my new home is ready and that I could move in immediately. You know that I have been packing up and getting ready to go, but there were some final touches. Well, my new home is finished and its such a beautiful sight to behold! It is located in an exclusive estate and sits behind the Pearly Gates. Of course, the streets are paved with gold and everyday is Sunday. I have lived in many places before, but none can compare. There is a peace, joy, and happiness here and I have no more pain. There is sweet serenity everywhere. I could go on and on about my new home, but I have to get fitted for my new wings. I look forward to seeing you.

Let me give you my new address:

**Lemuel F. Osborne
1557 Heavens Way**

P.S. I don't have a telephone yet, but just call God. If you don't know his number, he is listed in the Good Book on every page. Take comfort in knowing that my new home is much better than my old one.





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