

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING  
TO THE GLORY AND HONOR OF GOD

IN MEMORY OF

MR. ROBERT CALLOWAY CUMMINGS



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2006

11:00 A.M.

HINES MEMORIAL  
CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE REVEREND KENNETH D. McMILLIAN  
PASTOR

THE REVEREND CARLTON MAHONE  
PRESIDING ELDER

THE RIGHT REVEREND OTHAL H. LAKEY  
PRESIDING PRELATE

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD THE OFFERING OF PRAISE

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE AND THANK GOD FOR THE LIFE OF ROBERT CALLOWAY CUMMINGS

THE MUSIC OF THE ORGAN MR. ERSKINE WEAVER, ORGANIST

THE SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

THE PROCESSIONAL *"LARGO" FROM XERXES* HANDEL

THE HYMN OF PRAISE 27 *"BLESSED ASSURANCE"* KNAPP

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH; AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD; WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD, AND BURIED; THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SITTETH AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY; FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD. I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT; THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS; THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS; THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. **AMEN.**

THE INVOCATION REV. LORENZO L. HEARD, INTERCESSOR

THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE *PSALM 46* DR. MAURICE CHERRY, READER  
THE GLORIA PATRI MIENEKE

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY GHOST; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN. AMEN.

THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE I PETER 1.3-9 ELDER BOBBY EARL DAILEY, READER

## WE CELEBRATE THE LIFE, PASSIONS, AND TIMES OF ROBERT CALLOWAY CUMMINGS

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC *"NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE"* MASON  
WILLIAM JONES & RHEMA

THE RESOLUTION HINES MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
THE ELKS LODGE

THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS MRS. LYDIA MICHELLE DAILEY

## WE SURRENDER THE LIFE OF ROBERT CALLOWAY CUMMINGS TO GOD AND HIS ETERNITY

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC *"KNEEL DOWN AT THE ALTAR"* MARTIN

THE EULOGY THE PASTOR

THE RECESSIONAL *"THE BLOOD WILL NEVER LOSE ITS POWER"* CROUCH

THE SERVICE OF COMMITTAL  
RIVERSIDE CEMETERY

**THE SEASON OF LIFE FOR ROBERT CALLOWAY CUMMINGS** began on May 21, 1928 in Albany, Georgia where his seed was planted and nurtured by the late Robert Cummings and Lucille Calloway King. As he sprouted, he was affectionately known, as "Tootie Boy" and was educated in the public schools of Dougherty County. He was slated the best dressed and most likely to succeed by schoolmates at Monroe High School. While matriculating at Albany State College studying Mathematics, he met the woman of his dreams, Wardell Brooks.



Realizing as he blossomed that marriage is ordained of God, he took unto him Wardell Brooks Cummings on June 2, 1950, and they became one flesh. With this union six children Barbara Ann, Phyllis Faye, Gail Renee, Lydia Michelle, Rosalyn Kaye, and Robert Calloway were born. His daughter Gail Renee preceded him in death.

Heeding the call of Christ, he joined the Shiloh Baptist Church, and in 1959, he became a member of the Hines Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Family. Having served as Assistant Superintendent of the Church School and Chairman of the Board of Stewards, at the time of his death, he was a trustee and an avid member of the Men's Church School Class.



He labored patiently as a Civil Service Employee for the Albany Marine Corp Logistics Base and later furthered his career and retired as a Purchasing Supervisor for Bank of America.

A strong proponent of civil rights for all people, he marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and spent nights in jail during the Albany Civil Rights Movement. He strongly believed that his children were entitled to all privileges as any other child. Serving as a Little League Baseball Coach, he was instrumental in the integration of the City of Albany's Department of Recreation and helped to guarantee that recreational services were made available to the boys and girls of his community.



Realizing his service to mankind extended beyond his church and family, he strongly supported the Henry Link Johnson Lodge #633, the Monroe High School Booster Club, and the Albany State University Alumni Association and was one of the founders and the first President of the Holiday Society Club. He served as treasurer until his death. During his tenure as President, the mortgage of the clubhouse was burned. He joined the Henry Link Johnson Elk Lodge #633 in 1979 and served as a trustee until 1981 when he became the Exalted Ruler and served until 1998. During his service to Elkdom, he also served as bookkeeper for Henry Link Johnson. In 1980, he joined the Southern District Past Exalted Rulers Council #33 and was granted the "PAST EXALTED RULER DEGREE." In 1983, he was elected Vice Antler of Council #33 and served faithfully as Vice Antler and Financial Overseer of the council for twenty-three years. Having joined the Georgia State Association in 1980, in 1981, he was awarded the "PAST STATE PRESIDENT DEGREE" and during this tenure, he served as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Auditor until 1999 when he was elected Treasurer of the Georgia State Association. In 1981, he joined the Grand Lodge; in 1983, he was awarded the "PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER DEGREE," and in 1997, he was named "DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED



RULER DEGREE". During his tenure as Exalted Ruler of Henry Link Johnson Lodge #633, the mortgage was burned and new property was purchased. He served as President of the Monroe High School Booster Club for many years.

The vines of his life were plucked up on Tuesday, September 12, 2006. The joy and fulfillment of his life were his family and friends whom God had given him. He leaves to cherish his memories, a truly, devoted, and dedicated wife, Wardell Brooks Cummings and his five children: Barbara (Irad) Percell Vanterpool, Bronx, NY, Phyllis Faye Cummings, Albany, GA, Lydia (Bobby) Dailey, Columbia, MS, Rosalyn (David) James, Albany, GA, and Robert (Tonya) Calloway Cummings, II, Albany, GA; seven grandchildren: Kisha (Simmey) Davis, Albany, Joseph Percell, Bronx, NY, Reginald James, Rodney James, Robert Calloway Cummings, III, and Malcolm Cummings of Albany, and Andrew Dailey, Columbia, MS; one great-granddaughter Alexis Guest, Albany; two brothers-in-law, Kermit (Sherry) Brooks and Larry Brooks, Albany, GA; one sister-in-law Elmira Whitfield, Leesburg; two god-daughters: Janai Poullard, Albany, and Jasmin Hunt, Bronx, NY; a devoted friend Alfred Smith, and a myriad of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



## HONORARY ESCORT

STEWARDS, STEWARDESSES, TRUSTEES  
HINES MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## FLOWER BEARERS

USHER'S MINISTRY  
GREATER SECOND MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

HOLIDAY SOCIETY CLUB

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

HENRY LINK JOHNSON LODGE #633

### 'INVICTUS'

OUT OF THE NIGHT THAT COVERS 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 ERNEST HENLEY*

### WORDS FROM THE CUMMINGS FAMILY

WHEN GOD CREATED OUR "TOOTIE BOY," HE ALSO CREATED, SURROUNDED, AND BLESSED HIS LIFE WITH A MULTITUDE OF FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES WHO WOULD ENRICH HIS LIFE. DURING THE PAST MONTHS, EACH OF YOU PROVED TO BE A PART OF THAT GREAT CREATION OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO HAD NOT ONLY ENRICHED HIS LIFE DURING HEALTHY DAYS BUT CAME TO HIS RESCUE AND TO THE COMFORT AND SUPPORT OF OUR FAMILY DURING HIS ILLNESS AND TRANSPORT TO HEAVEN.

THE POET WILLIAM WOODSWORTH HAS SAID: "THE GREATEST PART OF A GOOD MAN'S LIFE IS HIS COUNTLESS, NAMELESS, UNREMEMBERED DEEDS OF KINDNESS AND OF LOVE." EACH OF YOU SHARED THAT PART OF YOUR LIVES WITH US, AND THE GREAT PART OF "TOOTIE BOY'S" LIFE AND OUR LIVES HAS BEEN THE FACT THAT WE HAVE BEEN SURROUNDED AND SUPPORTED BY GOOD AND LOVING PEOPLE SUCH AS YOU.

WORDS IN NO WAY EXPRESS HOW MUCH THAT HAS MEANT TO US AND HOW MUCH YOUR PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES HAS STRENGTHENED US. YOU GAVE AND CONTINUE TO GIVE SO MUCH, AND FOR THAT WE WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL. YOU ARE EACH VERY SPECIAL TO US.

MAY THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH EACH OF YOU!!!

### AN ELLIOT OF ALBANY SERVICE