



ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

Service of Witness to the Resurrection
for

Lum Caswell Edwards, Jr.

January 21, 1932 - March 29, 2019

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

IN WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

With Praise and Thanks to Almighty God

for the Life of

LUM CASWELL EDWARDS, JR.

January 21, 1932 – March 29, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:00 a.m. | April 2, 2019

**Please stand if you are able.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are gathered here to praise God, to witness to our faith, and to give thanks for the life of Lum Caswell Edwards, Jr.

We come together in grief, acknowledging our loss.

May God grant us grace that in pain – we may find comfort, in sorrow – hope, and in death – resurrection.

Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising, Christ restores our life.

Lum, being created in the image of God remains God's child forever.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN 20**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God, who gave us birth, you are ever more ready to hear than we are to pray. You know our needs before we ask. Show us now your grace, that as we face the mystery of death we may see the light of serenity. Speak to us once more your solemn message of life and of death. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die. When our days here are ended, enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not always sought or done your will. We have not lived as your grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation now and forever...

Silent Prayers May be Offered

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 8:34, 2 Corinthians 5:17

Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

MEDITATIVE MUSIC *On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand*

PRAYER FOR COMFORT AND ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING

Psalm 23

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Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "Apostles' 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection
of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Gracious God, by your power you gave us life, and in your love, you are giving us new life in Jesus Christ. We entrust Lum to your safe keeping, in the faith of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who died and rose again to save us, and to bring us all to a joyful resurrection and the glory of your eternal kingdom.

Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it is was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace, who brought from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be and abide with you always. Amen.

Leading Worship

Rev. Dr. Emmett Powers, Senior Pastor

Julie Odle, CRE, Associate for Pastoral Care

Betsy Hines, Pianist



Lum Caswell Edwards, Jr. beloved husband, loving father, grandfather and great grandfather, brother and friend to many passed gently from this life on March 29, 2019.

The descendent of a pioneer Beaumont family, Lum was born on January 21, 1932. He was the older son of Lillian Martin Edwards and Lum Caswell Edwards, Sr. Lum became a big brother when Martin arrived in 1940. Growing up in Beaumont's North End, Lum enjoyed a happy childhood filled with

baseball, marbles and comic books. In later years he fondly remembered youthful adventures with such friends as Teddy Bruce, Philip Dickinson and Doopie Williams. One of Lum's favorite memories was the summer he and his compadres drove northward to explore the wilds of Canada sleeping in hammocks on the roadside along the way.

Lum's academic career began as he attended Edwards Elementary (where he frustratingly never managed to convince his buddies that the school really was named after his grandfather) and later Dick Dowling Middle School. He graduated from Beaumont High School. Following graduation, Lum went on to Texas A&M where he roomed with his high school friend Buddy Foxworth. Their un-air conditioned dorm room windows were covered with burlap curtains made by Mrs. Edwards. Unfortunately, they had a tendency to smell terribly as temperatures rose. Lum's days as an Aggie drew to a close after one year when he realized there were no girls on campus. He soon answered the call of Austin and transferred to the University of Texas where he majored in Finance. When not studying, Lum made the most of University social life as a proud member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity.

After graduating with his Bachelor's Degree, Lum was fortunate to serve his country as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army. Stationed in post war France, he was a proud member of the "fighting finance corps". Lum enjoyed his time in Europe living in a chateau just outside of Orleans, France where he took advantage of his beautiful surroundings. While on leave he would often drive through the countryside in his blue Volkswagen convertible, explore the sights of Paris and ski on the slopes of Switzerland.

Following his return to Texas, Lum joined the family firm J.S. Edwards & Company selling both Real Estate and Insurance. He was proud to be the third generation continuing a family tradition of serving the needs of Southeast Texas.

Lum's days as a bachelor soon began to draw to a close when he was introduced to Mary Ann Minton. Taken by her beauty and charm he soon realized she was the woman with whom he wanted to spend the rest of his life. Within a year of their first date spent dancing at a "Honky Tonk" on Fannett Road, Lum proposed beginning fifty-seven years of marital bliss. As a young newly married couple, Lum and Mary Ann enjoyed a fun social life attending dinner clubs, dances, and parties with dear friends Martha and Buddy Foxworth, Jean and Dewey Gonsoulin, Suzy and Teddy Bruce, Pat and Gerry Klein and Peggy and A.D. Moore to name but a few.

In 1960, Lum and Mary Ann welcomed the arrival of their first born Lum, III. The twins, Mary Catherine and Allison Ann followed soon after in 1963. The Edwards family home was always a place of love and laughter. Lum enjoyed spending time with his children. Playing catch with Lum, III and teaching the girls the finer points of croquet and tennis in the cul-de-sac in front of the family home were regular occurrences. An amazing story teller, Lum delighted in spinning yarns for his kids. With a pipe clamped between his teeth he would tell tales of pirate ships, princesses and the man with "snow white hair". Summer evenings were always a highlight when Lum would meet Mary Ann and the children at the Country Club pool after a day's work. Leaping into the water he would let the kids jump off his shoulders into the pool. Always an encourager, Lum would patiently tread water in the deep end waiting for his children to summon the courage to jump off the diving board into his waiting

arms. He was always there, ready to catch his children when they needed him most.

While family was the most important thing in Lum's life, his business career as an Insurance Agent was the source of much pride for him. Working side by side with his father and his brother Martin, he helped grow J.S. Edwards and Company into one of Texas' leading Independent Insurance Agencies. While Lum's focus was primarily Business Insurance he was highly proficient in all areas of Property and Casualty insurance. He was an insurance technician who took pride in his ability to analyze and meet the unique insurance needs of his clients. Lum served his community in many different ways throughout his business career. In addition to the hundreds of clients he worked with, Lum chaired the Port of Beaumont Insurance Committee, served on the Beaumont Independent School District and South Park School District's Insurance Committees. Lum was proud to work with clients such as the City of Beaumont, Lamar University, the Port of Beaumont, Lower Neches Valley Authority, the Art Museum of Southeast Texas and many others. Throughout his career Lum was recognized for his many achievements. He was named a Central Insurance Company Legend, he received the Rotary Club of Beaumont's T. Kelsey Lamb Business Ethics award and was recognized by the Hartford Insurance Company for the Agency's 100 years of continuous representation. When asked what he thought was the secret to his success he said, "Integrity is the key point to our business. We do what we say we are going to do. We treat our customers with respect. If there's a secret, that's the secret."

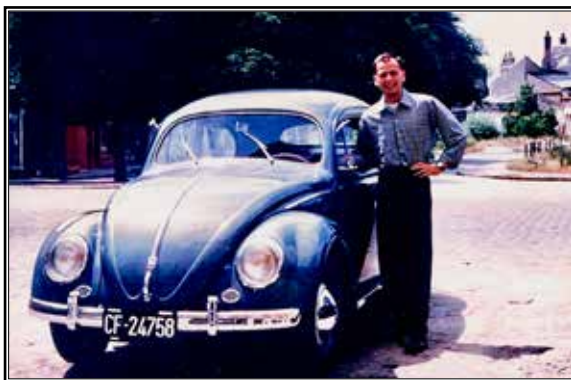
Lum and Mary Ann began to focus on traveling more frequently upon her retirement. They enjoyed trips to New York, Washington DC, New Orleans, Cancun, London, Switzerland and Hawaii. They especially loved their annual springtime pilgrimage to Napa and California's Wine Country. In addition to their own adventures, Lum and Mary Ann loved family outings and doting on their grandchildren. It was important to them that Joseph, Andrew, Anna and Catherine have fond memories of happy times spent with their grandparents. Lum and Mary Ann made a point of establishing an annual tradition of taking the entire family on vacation. Memories of trips to Disney World, Vail, New Orleans, San Antonio and Austin will always be treasured by the family. Lum shared his love for golf with his grandsons by taking them to play on a regular

basis. Every year he, Lum III, Joseph and Andrew held the “Edwards Father’s Day Classic” at the Beaumont Country Club. The level of play might not always have been stellar but wonderful memories were made.

Lum was a man of honor and integrity in all aspects of his life. He looked for the good in people refusing to say an unkind word about anyone. Lum led by example. His life exemplified what it meant to be a gentleman in a world that often scoffs at such a concept. Lum loved his family without reservation. He recognized the fragility of life and never took anything for granted. At the end of what proved to be the last Christmas Eve he would spend with his family Lum observed simply, “We are blessed.” Without doubt, Lum’s family and his many friends from all walks of life considered themselves blessed for the difference he made in their lives. Lum will never be forgotten by all who knew and loved him. His spirit will live on in the lives he touched.

Lum is survived by his son, Lum Caswell Edwards III and his wife, Gerry; daughter, Allison Ann Edwards Brocato and her husband, Jim; grandchildren, Joseph Samuel Edwards and his wife, Leslie; James Andrew Edwards; Anna Elizabeth Brocato; and Catherine Ann Brocato; great-grandson, William Caswell Edwards; brother, Martin Edwards and his wife, Melissa; niece, Seawillow Dixon Edwards; and nephew, Scott Minton and his wife, Shelly. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary Ann Edwards; and beloved daughter, Mary Catherine Edwards.

The family would like to express its thanks to the caregivers who so lovingly cared for Lum for the past several months, Joje Frantz; Sharon Boyd; Brenda Leday; Janet Narcisse and Mitzi Stansel along with the staff of the Skilled Nursing Unit at Calder Woods and Kindred Hospice.























Pallbearers

Jim Brocato
Andrew Edwards
Joseph Edwards
Martin Edwards
Craig Sherlock
E.Jay Sherlock

Honorary Pallbearers

Philip Dickinson
Dewey Gonsoulin
Benny Hughes
Tom Lamb
Edwin Osborne
Robert Robertson
Dave “Doopie” Williams

Interment

Magnolia Cemetery
Beaumont, Texas

Memorial Contributions

Human Society of Southeast Texas
P.O. Box 1629
Beaumont, Texas 77704

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Southeast Texas Food Bank
3835 South Martin Luther King Parkway
Beaumont, Texas 77705

A post service reception will be held at 655 Belvedere, Beaumont.



Please sign Mr. Edward's guest book and share your memories at
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