



❖ Theodore Hodgkinson Brown ❖

June 7, 1920 - May 31, 2010



*Celebrating a life
of energy, creativity and love*
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*Campbell United Methodist Church
Saturday, June 12, 2010, 11:00 a.m.*

GATHERING MUSIC

BOY SCOUT TROUP COLOR GUARD

WORDS OF GRACE AND WELCOME

HYMN OF CELEBRATION

Red Hymnal No. 89

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

PRAYER

BIBLE READINGS

Psalm 98, Mark 4:26-32

SPECIAL MUSIC

Trombone Quartet

WORDS OF FAITH

A TIME FOR REMEMBERING

*All are invited to read the enclosed life story and remember Ted as
the organ plays.*

SHARED MEMORIES

Tim Brown

Larry Grace (Boy Scouts)

Bill Crawford (The Serenaders' Band)

Carl Buck (Trombonist)

Dave Krahl (Campbell United Methodist Church)

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Born on June 7, 1920 in Highland Park, Michigan, Ted Brown was the son of Edgar H. and Lenora C. Brown of Detroit, Michigan. He was the oldest brother of Robert (Novi, Michigan) and Gayle (deceased).

The son of a master pianist, Ted became interested in music at an early age - a love that endured throughout his life.

Ted graduated from Detroit Northern High School in 1937. One year later, he joined the U.S. Navy Reserve, hoping to become a member of the Naval Band, but joined the regular Navy in 1939 when war with Germany seemed likely. From graduation until he entered the regular Navy, Ted worked as a stock boy at E. J. Jahn Company in Detroit.

While in Basic Training, he served watch on the USS Constellation in Newport, RI. He was briefly assigned to the USS Arkansas (BB 33) as a seaman. After his promotion to Fireman Third Class Petty Officer, he served on the USS Babbitt (BD 128), which was escorting British ships halfway across the Atlantic (called Neutrality Control before U.S. involvement in the war).

Ted was trained as a radioman in 1941, after which he volunteered to serve as a Submariner. He was among the first to work with radar and sonar technology (then top secret) aboard the USS S-43, on which he served throughout WWII. At the end of the war, he attended Radio Materiel School in Washington, D.C. and was promoted to Chief Electronics Technician.

In 1946, while stationed in Dearborn, Michigan, Ted met Dorothy Cominsky. They were married in Philadelphia on November 7, 1947. At that point, he was assigned to U.S. Fleet Sonar School in Key West, Florida for advanced Electronics Materiel training. Their first son, Dennis, was born on August 13, 1948. After completion of Instructors School in Norfolk, Virginia in 1951, Ted was reassigned as an instructor at Sonar Trainer Maintenance School in Key West. Dorothy gave birth to twin sons, Michael & Timothy on August 14, 1951.

On September 1, 1952, he was appointed to Chief Warrant Officer by President Truman, upon which he was assigned to the U.S. Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois. Subsequent duties included

Naval Training Center, San Diego, USS Columbus (CA 74) and the Naval Training Center at Treasure Island in San Francisco. On October 21, 1954, Ted & Dorothy's fourth son, Patrick, was born in La Jolla, California. Their only daughter, Melinda, was born in San Diego on March 16, 1959. Ted retired from the U.S. Navy in 1960 and moved his family to Cupertino, California.

For the next 18 years, he was an electrical engineer at Lockheed Missile and Space Company in Sunnyvale, California, where he worked on the Polaris, Poseidon and Trident missile systems. After his retirement from Lockheed in 1978, he attended Foothill College where he earned an A.S. Degree in Biomedical Equipment Technology. From 1980 to 1985, he worked as an engineer at the Palo Alto VA Hospital.

Ted started a lifelong involvement in scouting when his son Dennis joined the Cub Scouts in 1956. In 1988, he was awarded the Silver Beaver Award by the Santa Clara Boy Scout Council, an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service.

At age 65, Ted returned to his main love and enrolled in the Music Program at San Jose State University and, with his white hair, stood out as a member of the college's marching band. He earned a B.A. in Music Performance in 1989 and his teaching credentials a year later - at the ripe age of 70.

He taught scores of children how to play musical instruments, as an elementary, middle school and Boy Scout music instructor from 1990 to 2004. Ted played everything from symphony to Dixieland jazz in numerous bands, including the Serenaders Big Band, over the past 25 years.

Ted was active in Presbyterian and Methodist churches his entire life and served in many capacities at local and national levels.

Ted died suddenly in his home on Monday, May 31, 2010 while preparing to go to the Memorial Day services in Saratoga. He was one week shy of his 90th birthday.



SPECIAL MUSIC

Trombone Quartet

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, (our Creator) 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

HYMN

Black Hymnal # 2191
Eternal Father Strong to Save

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Thanks to the United Methodist Women of the Campbell UMC for providing the reception following today's service.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Ted Brown Memorial Fund of the Campbell United Methodist Church.

Checks may be made payable to CUMC, with a note specifying Ted Brown Memorial.



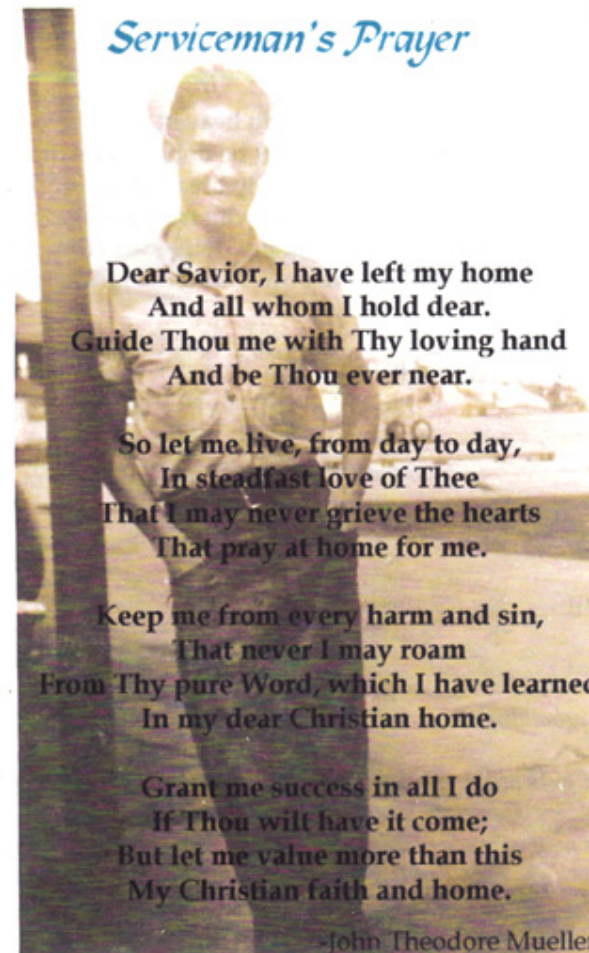
Participants in today's service:

Rev. Alan Jones, pastor
Mary Ann Gee, organist/pianist

Trombone Quartet:
Becky Dougan, John Monroe, Jim Jaffe, Billy Robinson

Music for the Reception is provided by The Serenaders

Serviceman's Prayer



Dear Savior, I have left my home
And all whom I hold dear.
Guide Thou me with Thy loving hand
And be Thou ever near.

So let me live, from day to day,
In steadfast love of Thee
That I may never grieve the hearts
That pray at home for me.

Keep me from every harm and sin,
That never I may roam
From Thy pure Word, which I have learned
In my dear Christian home.

Grant me success in all I do
If Thou will have it come;
But let me value more than this
My Christian faith and home.

-John Theodore Mueller



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