

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Acknowledgements

Thank you to Lea Funeral Home for your professional and caring service.
To our family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers who have provided comfort
and support during this difficult time,

We thank you endlessly.

We are grateful to Pastor Rodney for providing Spiritual guidance and
protection during this difficult time.

To all of the Mongkuo family in Cameroon,
We are infinitely connected through the spirit of Pa Maurice.



DR. MAURICE YANGMBOP MONGKUO

Prince of Bagam

SUNRISE: AUGUST 04, 1955
SUNSET: FEBRUARY 20, 2021

OFFICIATING MINISTER: PASTOR RODNEY FINCH
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RALEIGH, NC

Obituary

Maurice Yiangmbop Mongkuo was born in Bamenda, Cameroon in August of 1955. He was born to the 3rd wife of Peter Nedfre Mongkuo and Susannah Meshie Mongkuo and was the 2nd child of four (Alfred, Anne, and Rebekah). Maurice attended Government Bilingual Grammar School in Buea. He found a passion for helping people and went to Bamenda Nursing School and worked with leprosy patients.

In 1971, he earned a university scholarship to Kenyon College in the United States. At Kenyon College, he played soccer for the university team. He graduated with distinction in May 1981. Maurice earned his M.P.I.A. in Public and International Affairs in 1981 and his Ph.D. in Public Policy Research & Analysis in 1989 from University of Pittsburgh.

Maurice accepted a position as assistant professor of public administration at the University of South Florida. He went on to be the director of development and programs for the Urban League and was the CEO of Policy Research Consulting Inc. in St. Petersburg, Florida.

There he met and married Carlene Bingham and had two children, Meya and Tafrey Mongkuo.

In 1999, Maurice's father Papa Mongkuo passed to the next realm and Maurice was named as his successor. Maurice was coronated as the head of the Mongkuo family in September 1999.

At the age of 64, he became Fulbright Scholar and traveled for Siberia, Russia to teach research methods at Altai State University in Barnaul, Russia.



Psalm 37:3-7

³ Trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

⁴ Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him and he will do this:

⁶ He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
your vindication like the noonday sun.

⁷ Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.

John 14:1-6

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.
You believe in God; believe also in me.

² My Father's house has many rooms;
if that were not so,
would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I
am.

⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going."

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how
can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the Life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.

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Maurice gained an assistant professor position at Jackson State University and gained full Professorship of Public Administration at Fayetteville State University. He advised and spoke at several international conferences in Accra, Ghana; Nairobi, Kenya; and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

During his tenure at Fayetteville State, he was the chair of the faculty senate and was the principal investigator for the Minority Serving Institution/community-based organization HIV prevention program.

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Until his departure, Maurice taught courses in research methodology, public policy, public administration, and public finance for 31 years. Maurice was an avid researcher and throughout his life authored 2 books and over 27 articles.

Similar to an oak tree, he has planted seeds of knowledge and wisdom to hundreds of people across the globe. He held genuine care and empathy for all who were suffering and made it his mission to open pathways for those who may not have a way.

Through constant trust, we walked with the Lord as he moved through the world.

May his Soul rest among the Ancestors in Peace.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional.....Family

Music – “Bawo” by Soweto Central Chorus

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Rodney Finch

Scriptures Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 37:3-7Carlene Mongkuo

New Testament: John 14: 1-6.....Meya Mongkuo

Music Selection.....”God of Miracles” by Bro. Solo

Eulogy.....Carlene, Tafrey, & Meya
Mongkuo

Family & Friend Tributes

Music Selection.....”Papa Lolo” by Mose Fanfan

Proclamation of the Word.....Pastor Rodney Finch

Video of Remembrance

Closing Prayer.....Pastor Rodney Finch

Recessional.....”I Believe” African Credo

Please join us at Historic Oakwood in Raleigh, NC for libation & burial

ON DEATH

By Kahlil Gibran

Then Almitra spoke, saying, we would ask now of Death

And he said:

You would know the secret of death.

But how shall you find it unless you seek it in the heart of Life?

The owl whose night-bound eyes are blind unto the day cannot unveil the
mystery of Light.

If you would indeed behold the spirit of death,
open you heart wide unto the body of life.

For life and death are One, even as the river and sea are One.

In the depth of your hopes and desires,
Lies your silent knowledge of the beyond;
And like seeds dreaming beneath the snow
Your heart dreams of spring

Trust the dreams, for in them is hidden the gate to Eternity.
Your fear of death is but the trembling of the shepherd when he stands
before the King whose hand is to be laid upon him in honour.

Is the shepherd not joyful beneath his trembling, that he shall wear the mark
of the King?

Yet is he not more mindful of his trembling?

For what is it to die but to stand pure in the wind and to melt into the Sun?
And what is it to cease breathing, but to free the breath from its restless
tides,
that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered?

Only when you drink from the river of silence
shall you indeed sing.

And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to climb.
And when the earth shall claim your limbs,
Then shall you truly Dance.