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In Memory of Euna Hammond—January 27, 1925—October 26, 2011



Euna Lee Hammond, was born on January 27, 1925 in Central, South Carolina in the county of Pickens. She was the daughter of a Methodist Minister from a family that contained 10 children. Her father died on the night of her graduation at age 18.

Euna met Gene while she was working at Bell Aircraft and they were married in June of 1945. They relocated to Ashville, NC where their daughter, Glenda, was born. Two years later, they returned to Georgia and lived with Gene's family in Winder, where their son, Tommy, was born.

Euna became a beautician around 1960 and soon opened her own shop. She moved her shop three times over the next 40 years until she was finally working out of her home. She retired at age 84 from doing hair.

Her hobbies and joys were her customers, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was always a people person - very outgoing. She was also a Clemson football fan.

Euna & Gene started visiting Morrow Presbyterian Church in 2008 and transferred their membership here in August, 2011.

She is survived by her husband, Gene Hammond; brother, Harold Tant; her daughter, Glenda Lohmann; son, Tommy Hammond; daughter-in-law, Carol Hammond; granddaughters, Dawn Shelton and Carrie Nakanishi; grandson, Lance Hammond and a host of nieces, nephews and great grandchildren.

Donations in her memory may be given to the *Morrow Presbyterian Church*.



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The Pastor's Pen



The Light of Israel will become a fire, their Holy One a flame; in a single day it will burn and consume his thorns and his briars (Isaiah 10:17).

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:14-16).

There are going to be a lot of lights around here. Christmas is coming, and we know people are going to put up many lights. The electric companies should be rejoicing.

I like to see them all, though. I find myself slowing down on my way home from church, and peering at all the brightly-colored bulbs and trees and angels and Nativity scenes that decorate the front yards of some houses. A few along my route go all-out and cover every square foot of lawn with inflatable snowmen, plastic Santa Clauses with plastic reindeer, choral singers sharing carols, toy rocking horses and jack-in-the-boxes, and even the Grinch himself. My family likes to visit Christmas light displays in public locales. We have visited the display on the campus of Life University in Marietta. This year we hope to visit the Atlanta Motor Speedway, since they supposedly have a million lights hanging all over the place. Once I told my wife, Tamara, that we should rent a convertible, so we could put the top down and enjoy the lights in the open air. When Christmas time is near, I want to see as many lights as I can.

However, there is only one Light that I am really looking forward to seeing. It is the only one I really need to see. The rest don't hold a candle. The Light is Jesus Himself. Jesus shines brilliantly during this time of year. We can bask in Jesus' warmth as His light surrounds us like beams of love and compassion.

I gotta see that one Light this year, because if I don't, the reason for the season will be hollow and empty. I gotta see the Light, Jesus Himself, so I may know that there is hope in this world of darkness. Seeing His light assures me that there is glory and power and grace in a world where failures and unfulfilled dreams abound. If you think about it, all the other lights that people put up point to the one true Light. They don't point to themselves, but remind us of Christ's presence. The Light of the world gives meaning and purpose to our lives.

During this time of year, we shouldn't just put up lights but become lights to people around us. Jesus' warm beams of love and compassion radiate from our actions and words, and people are filled with brilliance like they haven't been before. They may have some brightness in their gray lives by what we do and say. They need to know their failures can be turned into triumphs, and their unfulfilled dreams can become opportunities to plan and work again, all with the help of God. Light shines in those dark places of our being, and its rays go out to transform all.

There are going to be a lot of lights around here, not just in front yards but in every one of our hearts. Christmas is coming – it is time for the Light of Christ to shine.

Peace in Christ, Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Richard & Florence McCray (Ruth Laster's parents), Zella Van Bavel (Kim Patrus' mom), Andrew Ladores (requested by Mary Ann Moriles), Wilma Bell (Jack's mother), Joseph Stanford, Bill Allison, Christina Baker-Nwadeyi, Bobby Bays, Jo Bevil, Allie Brandon, Charlie Brown, Scott Buchanan, Bill Cantrell, Fannie Crain, Ana Espinoza, Shel Ford, Spencer Grant, Kelley Harden, Beth Harper, Steve & Lois Hollimon, Eddie Hooten, John Knapp, Patrice Marsh, Carolyn Matthews, Mary McBath, Julia McLeod, Dahlia Minton, David Moss, Florette Njonu, Cedric Ndzomo, Gladys Oliver, Carol O'Neil, Jorgel Orozco, Sonny Oswalt, John Randolph, Merys Saavedra, Joe & Betty Spier, Tina Stanford, Margaret Strelsky, Michael Thraikill, Forrest & Ann Thornton, Gary Waters, Catherine White, Amari Williams, and Jeff Yarbrough. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al Tinio & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth Turk & children at Mission Haven in Decatur. Bryant Harden, Peace Corps, Mongolia, **OUR MILITARY:** Scott Bland - Navy, Virginia; Shaun Bland - Navy, Georgia; Stephen Brown - Army Reserves, Arizona; Kevin Brown - Army-Fort Benning, GA; Jeffrey & Maribel Brown - both in Army Reserves, Georgia; Jeremy Butler -Japan; PFC Daniel Costa - Fort Jackson, SC; Robert Crain, Tennessee; PVT Joseph Eason, Afghanistan; Najee Hall- Afghanistan; Kevin Krebs, Tennessee; Capt. Walter D. Lillegard, Afghanistan; Adam Martin; SGT Edward "Buddy" McKenzie, III, - Milledgeville; Brent Paul - Military College of GA; Cole Springer - Army; A1C Richard Venizelos - Scott AFB, Illinois; PFC Justin & Tierney Warlick - Ft. Lewis, WA.

Christian love and sympathy to... Jo Calhoun on the death of her brother, Willard Holland, who passed away on November 22, 2011. Please keep Jo and her family in your prayers during this very difficult time. Jo Calhoun, 7036 Stephens Drive, Rex, GA 30273; **Haywood & Anne Fordham** on the death of Haywood's cousin, Lloyd Sanders, who passed away on November 18, 2011. Haywood & Anne Fordham, 1317 John Roberts Drive, Morrow, GA 30260; and **The Family of Mary Atkinson**, a former YAH member, who passed away on November 16, 2011, The Atkinson Family, 1781 Stratford Arms Dr., Morrow, GA 30260

Thank You Notes

From Brenda Garner on behalf of the Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team... Special thanks to each of you who had a part in making our Veterans and Military Recognition on Sunday, November 6, a success. It was a very special day beginning with the Presentation of the Flags & the Pledge of Allegiance by Boy Scout Troup 919, followed by the special music by the choir, and the Prayer of Thanks by Pastor John. The table displays set up in the Fellowship Hall added to our reception and provided a great platform for discussions honoring our military and veterans. Extra special thanks to Dianne Hooten for assembling our special bulletin. May God continue to bless each of you and our military - past and present.

From Felix & Maria Cruz and family... Tragedy is something you never get over - it's something you learn to live with and make a new normal for yourself. Although our lives will never be the same, God has blessed us with a wonderful church family and friends who have been here for us since Franky's tragic death. We never could have made it through this terrible time without the love, support, and prayers of our friends here at Morrow. Thank you for shedding tears with us, for having strong shoulders to support us, for the abundant food and cards you gave us, for giving the generous donations in his name for our youth that he loved to be with, and for continuing to be here for us to lean on. As the song says, "Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering, though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name...When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, blessed be the name of the Lord."

From Anna Laster... Thank you to everyone for your thoughts, prayers, and support. Thank you for all the love you have shown me and my family. I hope to return soon after I recover. I'm truly blessed knowing God has brought me to a church that I can call home, and all the people family.

From Mary Ann Moriles, 2011 PW Moderator... My appreciation and thanks to the Presbyterian Women and my coordinating team. 2011 was an interesting year filled with joy and some unexpected heartaches. Our year started with the annual Women's Retreat at Camp Calvin with Martha Wilson. In February, we danced and ate with our spouses & friends during the annual Valentine's Banquet. In May, we honored Romea Moriles as the 2011 Honorary Life Member recipient and then in June, Bob Lukat as the 2011 Man of the Year. We joined the families of Emily Chapman, Kissa Howard, Daniel Hearn, Ian Turner, Brent Paul and Katherine Morgan in celebrating their graduations during Graduation Sunday. We were blessed to have the births of Stephan Grant, Jakob Floyd, Kara Folds, Ethan Bland, Mason Njeveme, and Grayson Harris. PW gave these babies cradle crosses and gift baskets. In sadness, we grieved over the loss of Darnell Bell (former PW Moderator), Hazel Fink, Charles Lester (husband of Barbara Lester), Eric Carlton (Tricia Koehler's son), Franky Cassidy (Maria Cruz' son), and Euna Hammond. The PW also continue to support Thornwell, college kids and military personnel. It is amazing to know the number of service projects the Presbyterian Women are involved in, not only in our church & community, but in other countries too. Sometimes life comes up with unexpected surprises and challenges, but the team has continued to serve God with dedication and love. What a privilege and blessing to have been the 2011 PW Moderator. Thank you. Thank you, also, for the gift card that you gave me.

Operation Christmas Blessing

"Happy are those who are kind to the poor." Proverbs 14:21



A Special Offering will be received on Sunday, December 18, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, for Operation Christmas Blessing. Operation Christmas Blessing was started in 2007 as a ministry of the Uptown Congregation Church in the Philippines. The aim is to reach out to the people in the community by providing food, particularly rice, a Philippine staple during Christmas time. It creates a relationship between the church and the community by "feeding the soul while feeding the body." Operation Christmas Blessing started with 30 families receiving 4 kilos of rice each, increasing in 2010, to include 80 families receiving not only 5 kilos of rice but dried fish and school supplies for children. The ministry has been possible through the help and assistance of family, friends, and the Morrow Presbyterian Church. As an Uptown Church representative, Grandma Moriles is asking your help once again in supporting this ministry through your prayers and financial help. She says, "The church is growing through this ministry and the spirit is leading me to continue to do this for His Glory." For Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me." Matthew 25:40

Christmas Trees

Narthex Tree. If you would like to send a Christmas card to everyone in the congregation to share your Christmas message, a good way to do that is to send one to the church to be placed on the narthex Christmas tree. The money you may wish to include in your card this year will go toward the purchase of our new bulletin/newsletter folding machine in the church office.

Fellowship Hall Tree. We will continue our new tradition of having a family tree in the fellowship hall. Please bring an ornament with your name on it to represent your family, and place it on the tree in the fellowship hall.

Christmas Cantata

Canterbury Choir's Christmas Cantata, December 11, 11 a.m. Make plans to attend worship on Sunday, December 11 to hear the choir's Christmas Cantata, *Shout the Good News!*—Christmas Messengers in Scripture and Song by Lloyd Larson.

Youth News

Youth Christmas Party
Sunday, December 18, 5 -7 p.m.
at the Hooten home



The Youth will have their annual Christmas party at the home of Ronnie, Dianne, & Matthew Hooten during the regular youth fellowship time of 5 - 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 18. They will have pizza and subs for dinner. Youth with last names beginning with A-L, please bring a 2-liter drink. Youth with last names beginning with M-Z, please bring a dessert or snacks. Please bring a wrapped ornament for the exchange.

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team will meet on Saturday, December 3, at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Brenda Garner. Please bring a wrapped Christmas item to exchange. Carpool at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

The Virginia Dews Circle will meet Monday, December 12, at 6:30 p.m., at the home of Anne Fordham, for snacks and Christmas fellowship. Please bring a snack and a wrapped or bagged Christmas ornament or "Christmasy" item to exchange. Please meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. to carpool to reduce parking at Anne's home.

The Dorcas Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 13, at 10:00 a.m., at the church for a Christmas soup luncheon. Please bring veggies for the soup or a dessert. Gift exchange (\$5 limit) & crafts.

The Morning Glory Circle will NOT meet on Sunday, December 25.

The Young-at-Heart Christmas Luncheon will be at Golden Corral Restaurant at Jonesboro Road in McDonough on **Wednesday, December 14.** Plan to meet everybody there at **1:00 PM** and enjoy a delicious buffet lunch. No reservations are necessary, but if you need a ride, call Ken.

Children's Christmas Party
December 10, 2011, 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
Lunch Provided

Bring your children (ages Toddler to 5th grade) and enjoy spending time with them while they do crafts, hear Christmas stories, sing songs, eat lunch, and have their picture made with Santa!

Children's Christmas Program
December 11, 2011
Dinner—6 p.m. Program—7 p.m.

Our MPC Kids' Club will present their annual Christmas program at 7 p.m., following the family night supper on Sunday, December 11. Our covered dish supper begins at 6 p.m. We will receive our Joy Gift offering during this program.

This year our children will perform *Christmas Candlelight Garden* by Ruth Elaine Schram and Scott Schram.

The children will practice prior to the children's Christmas party on Saturday, December 10, at 9 a.m.