

**A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
JUSTIN WHITNEY
August 14, 2013**

OPENING REMARKS:

Norman Robinson

POEM:

At That Hour

By James Joyce

Read by Norman Robinson

At that hour when all things have repose,

O lonely watcher of the skies,

Do you hear the night wind and the sighs

Of harps playing unto Love to unclose

The pale gates of sunrise?

When all things repose, do you alone

Awake to hear the sweet harps play

To Love before him on his way,

And the night wind answering in antiphon

Till night is overgone?

Play on, invisible harps, unto Love,

Whose way in heaven is aglow

At that hour when soft lights come and go,

Soft sweet music in the air above

And in the earth below.

REMARKS:

Jeremy Whitney

REMARKS:

Dr. Charles Taylor

INTERLUDE:

First Suite in E ♭ for Military Band by Gustav Holst

O Magnum Mysterium arr. by H. Robert Reynolds

New Orleans Concert Band

REMARKS:

Dr. Jody Gates

POEM:

A Life Well Lived

Unknown

Read by Deb Guidry

A life well lived is a precious gift

Of hope and strength and grace,

From someone who has made our world

A brighter, better place

It's filled with moments, sweet and sad

With smiles and sometimes tears,

With friendships formed and good times shared

And laughter through the years.

A life well lived is a legacy

Of joy and pride and pleasure,

A living, lasting memory

Our grateful hearts we'll treasure

INTERLUDE:

Shenandoah by Frank Ticheli

New Orleans Concert Band

REMARKS:

Lester Perryman

REMARKS:

In Celebration of Justin's Life by Bruce Whitney

Read by Skye Stoulig

POEM:

Afterglow

Unknown

Read by Maryam Bahman

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,

Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;

Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

POSTLUDE:

New Orleans Concert Band

Disney at the Movies arr. by John Higgins

M.S.U. Fight Song arr. by Leonard Falcone

REPASS:

Following the service, please join Justin's family and friends for a gathering in the band room, room 103.

HEARTFELT THANKS:

Dr. Charles Taylor, *Chair and Director of Bands, UNO Music Department*

The New Orleans Concert Band

Rob Gerhart and Louisiana Pizza Kitchen Uptown



Justin Whitney

Justin Whitney, age 33, of New Orleans, formally of Decatur, Illinois and Ann Arbor, Michigan, passed away at his home due to complications from diabetes on July 15, 2013.

Justin was born September 24, 1979 in Decatur to Bruce and Carolyn Whitney. Justin graduated from Michigan State University where he studied Animal Behavior and had recently been accepted for employment by LSUHSC.

Justin was previously employed at Michigan State, Michigan, and Tulane Universities and the Disney Stores.

Justin loved life, lived it well and had many interests and friends. He had a love of music, and while at Michigan State played in the marching band and continued to play after graduation in the New Orleans Concert Band.

He was a firm believer of human rights and was active on several committees for the Human Rights Campaign in New Orleans, including Membership Outreach and the annual Gala Dinner. HRC was very important to Justin and he made many great friends here.

For all that knew him, Justin also loved all things Disney and had many fond memories of family vacations spent there. But most of all Justin loved people, as can be seen from his Facebook page. He made friends wherever he went and touched so many lives in many ways.

Justin was preceded in death by his mother Carolyn in 2001. He is survived by his father, Bruce Whitney and stepmother Debra Whitney, brother Jeremy Whitney, two step sisters, Jennifer (Desmond) Schoonover and Katharine Slingerland, three nephews, Luchas, Chase and Conner Schoonover, Grandparents, Robert and Lillian Whitney, John and Donna Grove, several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial celebration of Justin's life was held on August 10, 2013 at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Decatur, Illinois, with a visitation and graveside service following. A memorial luncheon in the church's fellowship hall to celebrate his life also followed the service.

Justin's family would like to thank all of the wonderful friends in Decatur, Michigan and New Orleans for the outpouring of prayers, love and support during this time.

In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to:

HRC
Membership Memorial Gift - Justin T Whitney (NOLA)
1640 Rhode Island Ave NW
Washington, DC 20036
www.hrc.org/support

The Louisiana SPCA
1700 Mardi Gras Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70114
www.inmemoryofjustin.com

The New Orleans Concert Band
c/o Dr. Charles Taylor, UNO Music Department
Performing Arts Center Room 331
2000 Lakeshore Dr.
New Orleans, LA 70148

A Celebration of Life



Justin Whitney 1979- 2013

"To laugh often and much...
To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others;
To leave the world a bit better...
To know even one life has breathed easier
because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded."
--Ralph Waldo Emerson