

Nobel laureate, pioneer Toni Morrison dead at 88

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NEW YORK — Nobel laureate Toni Morrison, a pioneer and reigning giant of modern literature whose imaginative power in “Beloved,” “Sula” and other works transformed American letters by dramatizing the pursuit of freedom within the boundaries of race, has died at age 88.

Publisher Alfred A. Knopf announced that Morrison died Monday night at Montefiore Medical Center in New York after a brief illness.

“Toni Morrison passed away peacefully last night surrounded by family and friends,” Morrison’s family said in a statement through the publisher. “She was an extremely devoted mother, grandmother, and aunt who reveled in being with her family and friends. The consummate writer who treasured the written word, whether her own, her students or others, she read voraciously and was most at home when writing.”

Few authors rose in such rapid, spectacular style. She was nearly 40 when her first novel, “The Bluest Eye,” was published. By her early 60s, after just six novels, she had become the first black woman to receive the Nobel literature prize, praised in 1993 by the Swedish academy for her “visionary force” and for delving into “language itself, a language she wants to liberate” from categories of black and white.

Morrison helped educate her country and the world about the private lives of the unknown and unwanted. In her novels, history — black history — was a hidden trove of poetry, tragedy and good old gossip, whether in small-town Ohio in “Sula” or big-city Harlem in “Jazz.” She regarded race as a social construct, and through language founded the better world her characters suffered to attain, weaving in everything from African literature and slave folklore to the Bible and Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

“Narrative has never



Toni Morrison in 2006.

AP Photo/Michel Euler

been merely entertainment for me,” she said in her Nobel lecture. “It is, I believe, one of the principal ways in which we absorb knowledge.”

Winner of the 1988 Pulitzer Prize for “Beloved,” she was one of the book world’s most regal presences, with her expanse of graying braids; her dark, discerning eyes; and her warm, theatrical voice, which could lower to a mysterious growl or rise to a humorous falsetto. “That handsome and perceptive lady,” James Baldwin called her.

Her admirers ranged from college students and housewives to Barack Obama, who awarded her a Presidential Medal of Honor; Bill Clinton, whom the author called “our first black president”; and Oprah Winfrey, who helped expand Morrison’s readership. Morrison shared those high opinions, repeatedly labeling one of her novels, “Love,” as “perfect” and rejecting the idea that artistic achievement called for quiet modesty.

“Maya Angelou helped me without her knowing it,” Morrison said in a 1998 interview. “When she was writing her first book, ‘I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings,’ I was an editor at Random House. She was having such a good time, and she never said, ‘Who me? My little book?’

“I decided that ... winning the (Nobel) prize was fabulous,” Morrison added. “Nobody was going to take that and make it into something else. I felt representa-

tional. I felt American. I felt Ohioan. I felt blacker than ever. I felt more woman than ever. I felt all of that, and put all of that together and went out and had a good time.”

Morrison was born Chloe Anthony Wofford in Lorain, Ohio, a steel town outside of Cleveland. She attended Howard University, where she spent much of her free time in the theater, and met and married a Jamaican architect, Harold Morrison, whom she divorced in 1964. They had two children, Harold and Slade.

Even when she was growing up, she believed she was smarter than the white kids and took it for granted she was wiser. She was an honors student and attended Howard because she dreamed of life spent among black intellectuals.

But although she went on to teach there, Howard disappointed her. Campus life seemed closer to a finishing school than to an institution of learning.

Protesters, among them her former student Stokely Carmichael, were demanding equality. Morrison wanted that, too, but wondered what kind.

“I thought they wanted to integrate for nefarious purposes,” she said. “I thought they should demand money in those black schools. That was the problem — the resources, the better equipment, the better teachers, the buildings that were falling apart — not being in some high school next to some white kids.”

Calvin Maurice Brown Astoria 1934 — 2019



On July 26, 2019, Calvin Maurice Brown, 85, passed away after a long battle with Lewy body dementia. Calvin was born in Astoria in 1934. He was the son of Jue-Shee and Kee Wong-Brown. He worked in the canneries as a child.

He joined the Air Force, and proudly served across Europe during the Korean War.

Calvin went on to graduate from Oregon State University in electrical engineering. He worked at the Bonneville Power Administration for over 30 years, and then retired and moved back to Astoria.



Calvin Brown

His hobbies were numerous. He was a private pilot, and enjoyed fishing and hunting, but his true passion was spending time with his family and friends. He was very generous and always willing to assist his family and his friends. Coffee, good food and a hyper degree of safety were the three essentials to his everyday life.

He was proud of his Chinese heritage, and was instrumental in helping design and build a park honoring the Chinese community’s contributions in the Pacific Northwest.

The park, known as the Garden of Surging Waves, opened in Astoria in May 2014.

Calvin is survived by his wife of 45 years, Agnes Brown. His family includes his son, Craig Brown, daughter-in-law, Holly Brown, son, Kirk Brown, and daughter, Kimi Wong. Surviving siblings include Richard Wong, Fred Brown, Thomas Wong, George Mendoza and Mabel Mendoza, and sisters-in-law, Deborah Brown and Marilyn Brown. Calvin has five grandchildren, Haydn Doggett, Gunnar Doggett, Clifford Brown, Gabrielle Brown and Jordan Brown.

Calvin was preceded in death by his mother, Jue-Shee Brown-Wong; his father, Kee Brown-Wong; brothers, Yen Wong and Phillip Brown; and sisters, Betty Wong, Marcel Wong and Dorothy Brown.

A memorial service is being held on Aug. 9, 2019, at 11 a.m., at Hughes-Ransom Mortuary, 576 12th St. in Astoria, Oregon.

A special thank you to the staff of Laurel Parc Brightway Memory Care facility.

Messages of condolence may be sent at www.hughes-ransom.com

Emily Nelson Sunset Beach March 5, 1936 — May 20, 2019

On May 20, 2019, Emily Nelson passed peacefully, with her family at her side, due to complications after a craniotomy.

Beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt and grandmother, she will be greatly missed by her four daughters and their families: Lisa (Si) Newland and their children, Geo and Spencer; Jana (John) Robertson and their children, Mitchell, Isabelle and Will; Kristina (Carl) Perkins and their children, Emily and Lily; and Britta Nelson (Emeric Hagens).

She will also be missed by her extremely wide fan base of friends that spanned the



Emily Nelson

globe.

Please join us on Aug. 17 from 4 to 8 p.m. for a celebration of life at her beloved Camp Kiwanilong in Warrenton, Oregon. A cookout dinner and campfire are included. Attire is camp casual; stripes, polka dots and red are encouraged, along with extra layers for the cooler evening weather. For more details and information please go to emilynelson.home.blog

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to groups she volunteered with: Camp Kiwanilong (bit.ly/2KjPbat) and Friends of Seaside Library (bit.ly/2T66mzb).

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FedEx to end ground delivery business with Amazon

By **JOSEPH PISANI**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — FedEx says it will no longer make ground deliveries for Amazon as the online shopping giant builds its own fleet and becomes more of a threat to delivery companies.

The announcement Wednesday comes two months after FedEx terminated its air delivery contract with Amazon. FedEx said dumping Amazon is part of its plan to go after more e-commerce deliveries from other companies.

Traditional retailers like Walmart and Target want

to sell more of their goods online, which in turn allows FedEx to distance itself from Amazon.com without suffering the same competitive damage it might once have.

“This does not come as a surprise to us,” Citi Research analyst Christian Wetherbee said in a note to clients. “The company is clearly trying to move away from its partnership with Amazon and we believe it is using this move as a selling point to win new non-Amazon business.”

Cowen analyst Helene Becker said FedEx’s profit margin on Amazon shipments is probably in the

“very low single digits,” and she believes the company can replace those packages with more profitable business from other retailers.

Amazon is growing its own fleet of air and ground transportation, giving it more control of how its packages are delivered while reducing its reliance on FedEx, UPS and the U.S. Postal Service. The Seattle-based company has leased jets, built package-sorting hubs at airports and launched a program to let its contractor drivers start their own businesses delivering packages in vans stamped with the Amazon logo.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
67 55	69 56	69 57	70 56	73 57	72 58	72 58
Clouds and sun	Clouds and sun; nice	A p.m. shower or two	Mostly sunny; pleasant	Partly sunny and nice	Clouds and sun	Mostly sunny

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Astoria through Tuesday	
Temperatures	
High/low	65/59
Normal high/low	68/54
Record high	92 in 1940
Record low	44 in 1959
Precipitation	
Tuesday	0.00"
Month to date	0.19"
Normal month to date	0.14"
Year to date	24.90"
Normal year to date	37.08"

UNDER THE SKY	
Tonight's Sky: Moon at first quarter (10:32 a.m. PDT).	
Source: Jim Todd, OMSI	
SUN AND MOON	
Sunrise today	6:06 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:36 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:19 p.m.
Moonset today	12:33 a.m.
First	Full
Last	New
Aug 7	Aug 15
Aug 23	Aug 30

TODAY'S TIDES			
Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Low (ft.)
8:18 a.m.	5.7	2:17 a.m.	0.5
8:16 p.m.	7.7	2:02 p.m.	1.8
Cape Disappointment	Time	High (ft.)	Low (ft.)
7:59 a.m.	5.2	1:33 a.m.	0.4
7:57 p.m.	7.4	1:16 p.m.	1.9
Hammond	Time	High (ft.)	Low (ft.)
8:05 a.m.	5.8	1:48 a.m.	0.5
8:06 p.m.	7.9	1:35 p.m.	2.0
Warrenton	Time	High (ft.)	Low (ft.)
8:13 a.m.	6.1	2:01 a.m.	0.6
8:11 p.m.	8.1	1:46 p.m.	1.9
Knappa	Time	High (ft.)	Low (ft.)
8:55 a.m.	6.0	3:18 a.m.	0.4
8:53 p.m.	7.9	3:03 p.m.	1.5
Depoe Bay	Time	High (ft.)	Low (ft.)
7:17 a.m.	5.6	1:07 a.m.	0.7
7:12 p.m.	8.0	12:42 p.m.	2.3

NATIONAL CITIES		
City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	93/76/pc	90/75/pc
Boston	85/71/t	86/66/pc
Chicago	83/62/pc	82/62/s
Dallas	100/81/pc	100/81/pc
Denver	84/61/pc	90/62/t
Honolulu	91/78/pc	91/79/pc
Houston	98/81/pc	99/79/pc
Los Angeles	83/62/pc	83/62/pc
Miami	92/79/t	92/77/pc
New York City	87/72/pc	85/68/s
Phoenix	106/87/pc	103/85/pc
San Francisco	71/60/pc	75/62/pc
Wash., DC	90/73/s	89/67/pc
Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.		

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	90/53/t	89/51/pc
Brookings	64/51/pc	64/55/pc
Ilwaco	66/57/pc	67/58/pc
Newberg	75/56/pc	78/54/pc
Newport	64/54/pc	65/55/pc

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
North Bend	69/56/pc	68/56/c
Roseburg	81/57/pc	82/60/pc
Seaside	67/56/pc	68/56/pc
Springfield	79/54/pc	81/55/pc
Vancouver	75/59/pc	78/59/pc