

IN LOVING MEMORY



Mulugeta (Lencho) Betre

ሙሉጌታ (ሌንጮ) ቤትረ

10/4/1962 – 11/28/2011

“እኔ በሀመሜ ምክንያት ... ለጥሬ ገጣጁ ነኝ፤ ምንም ፍርሀትም የለብኝም። ቅር የሚለኝ ነገር ቢኖር በሊትየጵያ የታገልኩለትን የዴሞክራሲ ሥርዓት ማየት አለመቻሌ ብቻ ነው።”
ሌንጮ ኖቬምበር 20 ቀን 2011 ለጓደኞቹ ባደረገው ገግግር

ፕሮግራም

1. 10:30 – 11:30 የቤተ ክርስቲያን የጸሎት ሥነሥርዓት
2. 11:30 - 12:00 የሕይወት ታሪክ
 - i. አቶ ተፈራወርቅ አሰፋ
 - ii. ወ/ሮ አስቴር ባሕሩ
 - iii. ወ/ት ልያት በትረ
 - iv. አቶ ተገኝ አቦዬ
 - v. አቶ መርሻ ዮሴፍ
3. 12:15 – 1:00 ወደ ቀብር ቦታ (ሬስትላንድ)
4. 1:00 – 1:30 የቀብር ሥነሥርዓት
5. 1:30 – 2:00 ወደ ቤተክርስቲያን መልስ

Program

1. 10:30 – 11:30 Prayer Service
2. 11:30 - 12:00 Biography
 - i. Mr. Teferawork Assefa
 - ii. Mrs. Aster Baheru (wife)
 - iii. Ms. Liyat Betre
 - iv. Mr. Tegegne Aboye
 - v. Mr. Mersha Yosef
3. 12:15 – 1:00 Funeral Procession (Restland)
4. 1:00 – 1:30 Funeral Procedure
5. 1:30 – 2:00 Back to Church

Driving directions from 1106 N Jupiter Rd, Garland, TX 75042 to Restland Memorial Park Cemetery Dr

1. Turn South on N Jupiter Rd toward W. Walnut St.
2. Turn right onto W Walnut St
3. Turn right onto S Greenville Ave
4. Turn left on the second entrance gate to Restland Memorial Park Cemetery Rose Garden

የአቶ ሙሉጌታ (ሌንጮ) በትረ አጭር የሕይወት ታሪክ

ከራሱ አልፎ ለሌላው ሙሉጌታ፣ ፍትሕና፣ ለሕግ የበላይነት ሲታገል ለቆየ እንደ ሌንጮ ያለ ሰው ታሪክ ለሌላው ይተላለፋል እንጂ በአጭሩ ተገልጾ አይጠቃለልም።

ሌንጮ፣ የሙሉጌታ የኢሕአፓ የትግል ስሙ ነው። “ሌንጮ” ማለት “አንበሳ” ሲሆን ለአገሩ ለወገኑ በመታገልና በመቆርቆር አንበሳነቱን እስከመጨረሻው አሳይቷል።

ሙሉጌታ (ሌንጮ) ከሁሉም በላይ የሚታወቀው ከወጣትነት እድሜው ጀምሮ በኢትዮጵያ እኩልነትና ፍትህ የሰፈነበት ሥርዓት እንዲመሠረት በሚደረገው ትግል አስተባባሪ፣ አጋዥ፣ ቀስቃሽና ግንባር ቀደም ታጋይ በመሆን ሲሆን ይህንንም በህመሙ ጊዜ እንኳን በመሳተፍ አሳይቷል።

ሙሉጌታ (ሌንጮ) በትረ አሁንም በሕይወት ካሉት ከአባቱ ከአቶ በትረ ባንተወሰንና ከእናቱ ከወ/ሮ በለጠች ኃይሌ አክቶበር 4 ቀን 1962 እ.አ.አ በሐረር ክፍለሀገር፣ ኮምቦልቻ ወረዳ፣ በለገሃማ ከተማ ተወለደ።

የአንደኛ ደረጃ ትምህርቱን በተወለደበት አካባቢ አጠናቆ የሁለተኛ ደረጃ ትምህርቱን በሐረር መድኃኒዓለም ትምህርት ቤት ተከታትሏል። በዚያው ትምህርት ቤት እያለ የኢትዮጵያ ተማሪዎችን ባሳተፈው እድገት በሕብረት በተባለው ዘመቻ ተሳትፏል። ሙሉጌታ ወደአሜሪካ ከመጣ በኋላም ራሱን በትምህርት ለማሳደግ በልዩ ልዩ ኮርሶች ከመሳተፉም ሌላ እርቢንግ ቴክኖሎጂ ባለው የዴቪዥን የኒቨርሲቲ ትምህርቱን ቀጥሎበታል።

ከእድገት በሕብረት ዘመቻ መልስ፣ ሙሉጌታ (ሌንጮ) በጊዜው ትውልዱን ያሰባሰበውን የዚያ አብዮት አቀጣጣይ ኃይል ኢሕአፓን በመቀላቀል ትግሉን ጀምሯል። በዚህም ምክንያት ሕይወቱን ለማትረፍ ከአገር በስደት መጀመሪያ ሶማሊያ ከገባ በኋላ ወደጂቡቲ ሄዷል። ጂቡቲ በስደት ለሁለት ዓመት ቆይቶ በተባበሩት መንግሥታትና በአሜሪካን ኢምግሬሽን ተባባሪነት በ1980 እ.አ.አ. ወደ አሜሪካ የመጣባት እድል አግኝቶ ወደ ዳላስ ቴክኖሎጂ መጥቷል።

ሙሉጌታ (ሌንጮ) አሜሪካ ከመጣ በኋላ ኑሮውን ለማሸነፍ በሁሉም አቅጣጫ ጥረት ያደርግ ነበር። በሥራ ዓለም በተለያዩ ታዋቂ ድርጅቶች ውስጥ በማነጀርነት አገልግሏል። በጊዜው ማነጀርነት ብርቅ በነበረበት ወቅት ሙሉጌታ (ሌንጮ) ከጥቂት የ 7-11 የመጀመሪያ ኢትዮጵያውያን ማነጀሮች ውስጥ አንዱ በመሆን በርካታ ኢትዮጵያውያንን ረድቷል።

ሙሉጌታ (ሌንጮ) ዳላስ ከገባም በኋላ በልጅነት የጀመረውን ትግል ለትግሉ ለተሰውት ወንድሞቹና እህቶቹ የገባውን ቃል ሳያፈርስ ላለፉት አያሌ የኢሕአፓ የትግል ዓመታት ለፍትህና ለእኩልነት ትግሉ አንድም ቀን ሳያሰልስ የታገለና ያታገለ፣ ለሕዝብና ለአገር ሲል የጮኸ ትጉህ መሪ ነበር።

ከሌንጮ የትግል አስተዋጽዖ ጥቂቱን ለመጥቀስ ያህል፡-

1. በ1989 እ.አ.አ. በተመሠረተው የኢትዮጵያ ዲሞክራሲያዊ ኃይሎች ቅንጅት (ኢ.ዴ.ኃ.ቅ) ከምሥረታው ጀምሮ በከፍተኛ ደረጃ ተሳትፏል። ዳላስን ወክሎም በሌሊች ከተሞች በተደረጉ ስብሰባዎች ላይ ተሳትፎ አድርጓል።
2. በዳላስ፣ በአስትን፣ በአትላንታ፣ በክራውፎርድ፣ በዋሽንግተን ዲሲ፣ በቶሮንቶ ወ.ዘ.ተ. በተደረጉ ሰላማዊ ሰልፎች ሁሉ በመገኘት በሕብረተሰቡ እጅግ በታወቀበት የአማርኛና የአሮምኛ ግጥሞቹ ቀስቃሽ ስሜቱን በአደባባይ በተደጋጋሚ ገልጿል። ሕዝብንም አስተባብሯል። ዝነኛ ግጥሞቹም በአካባቢ የራዲዮ ዝግጅቶች ላይ ብቻ ሳይሆን በቮይድዮ አፍ አሜሪካ ሳይቀር ተላልፏል።
3. በዳላስ አካባቢ “ኢትዮጵያውያን ለአንድነት” በኋላም “ደጀን” በተባለው አሰባብስቢ ድርጅቶች በመሳተፍ ውጤት ያስገኘ አስተዋጽዖ አድርጓል።
4. የኢትዮጵያ ኮምዩኒቲ፣ “የኢትዮጵያ ቀን” ሲያከብር፣ በኢትዮጵያውያን ጉዳዮች ሁሉ በግንባር ቀደምትነት ተሳትፏል።

ሙሉጌታ (ሌንጮ) ከታጋይነቱ ሌላ የሚታወቅባቸው

1. በአለባበሱ ራሱን አሳምሮ ኢትዮጵያውያንን የሚያኮራ ጠንቃቃና ኩሩ፣ ቀልጣፋ፣ ፈጣንና ንቁ ሰው ነበር።
2. በችግር ጊዜ ደራሽ፣ ሩህሩህ፣ ግልጽና ከሁሉም ወገን ተስማሚ ፀባይ ያለውና ከሰው ተግባቢ ነበር።
3. የብዙ የተለያዩ ወገኖች ጓደኛ፣ ጠያቂና፣ አስታዋሽ ወንድም ነበር።
4. ሙሉጌታ (ሌንጮ) ልጆቹን የሚወድ ለቤተሰቡ ከፍተኛ ፍቅር ያለው አባትም ነበር።

ሙሉጌታ (ሌንጮ) ከወ/ሮ አስቴር ባሕሩ በጋብቻ በኖሩበት ጊዜ ልያት በትረንና ነቢያት በትረን አፍርተዋል። ከወ/ሮ ጀምሮ ኩሩ የምትወለደው የመጀመሪያ ልጁ ራህዋ በትረን ጨምሮ የሶስት ልጆች አባት ነበረ።

ሙሉጌታ ሌንጮ ትግሉን ያሰበበት ሳያደርስ፣ የልጆቹን ፍቅር እንኳን ሳይጠግብና ለወግ ሳያበቃ፣ እናቱንና አባቱን ረድቶ ሳይረካ፣ የሚወዳቸውን የሚሳሳላቸውን ጓደኞቹን ቤተሰቡን በሙሉ ጥሎ ለአንድ ዓመት ያህል ከገጠመው በሽታ ጋር ሲታገል ቆይቱ በኖቬምበር 28 ቀን 2011 ከዚህ ዓለም በሞት ተለይቶናል።

እግዚአብሔር ነፍሱን በገነት እንዲቀበል እንጸልያለን
ሁላችንም ብርታቱን ይስጠን እንላለን።

Biography of Mulugeta (Lencho) Betre

The life history of a great person such as Lencho, who selflessly advocates for Human right, freedom, justice, and rule of law, cannot just be summarized; and needs to be passed on to the following generation.

“Lencho” is Mulugeta’s assigned nickname by the EPRP. While Lencho literally means “The Lion” (an intrepid hero), he has appropriately retained his heroic character until the last moment.

More than anything else, Mulugeta (Lencho) was famous, since his early adolescent ages, for his activism, leadership as well as front runner activities in the struggle for equality and justice in Ethiopia, qualities he had maintained even during his serious illness.

Mulugeta Lencho was born on October 4, 1962 from his father Mr. Betre Bantewossen and his mother Mrs. Beletech Haile in Legehama, a town in Combolcha County, Harar Province of Ethiopia where both his surviving parents currently reside.

After completing his elementary and junior high in Legehama, Lencho attended high school in Harar Medhaniallem High School. While in high school, he became eligible for the mandatory national literacy campaign known as “EedGet BeHibret” (development through cooperation) in which all students in high school and above participated. While in the US, Mulugeta has attended various educational institutions including DeVry University, Irving Texas.

Following the EedGet BeHibret project, Mulugeta Lencho joined the EPRP, a major political party mobilizing the revolution at the time. Due to his active participation in the EPRP, he was forced to flee first to neighboring Somalia and subsequently to Djibouti to avoid persecution and save his life. After two years in Djibouti, he was granted political asylum in the US by the joint effort of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the US Immigration and Naturalization Service and came to Dallas, Texas in 1980.

Mulugeta (Lencho) had made significant and a determined effort to improve his life in the US. His hard work with his various employers has had paid off and frequently landed management positions at a time managerial jobs were scarce, especially for the Ethiopian refugees at that time. He was able to become one of the handful Ethiopians privileged to be a Certified Manager for the 7-Eleven company.

Mulugeta (Lencho) did not abandon his mission and the promise he had made to his Ethiopian compatriot martyrs. He was a diligent fighter who never strayed from promoting EPRP’s decades long cause of the struggle for democratic rights and principles, for his people and his country.

Just to highlight some of Lencho's contributions to the Ethiopian political movement:

1. In 1989, Lencho had a significant role at the formation of COEDF in Toronto, Canada. For most of the 1990's, he had frequently represented Dallas at various conferences around North American Cities.
2. At public rallies in Dallas, Crawford, Austin, Atlanta, Washington DC, Toronto, etc., Lencho was not just a participant; he was an organizer, a speaker, most of all, he was an admired poet author in both the Amharic and Oromigna Ethiopian languages. His poems were so moving that they were featured repeatedly in various North American based Ethiopian radio stations, including the Voice of America international broadcast.
3. In and around Dallas, Lencho actively participated in the groups known as "Ethiopians for Unity" and "Dejen" with impressive activities and results.
4. Within the Mutual Assistance Association for the Ethiopian Community, during the "Ethiopia Day" annual festivals and other Ethiopian affairs he had been a regular and enthusiastic partner.

Mulugeta is not only famous for being an activist; he was also famous for the following:

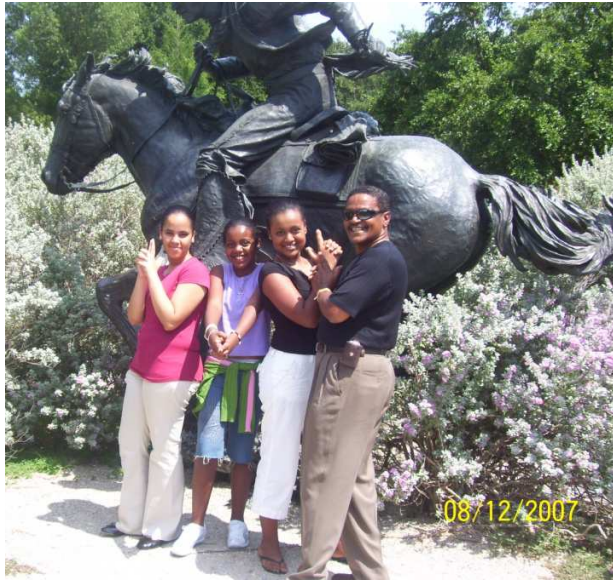
1. He was one of the best-dressed men among Ethiopians in Dallas. He was neat, and fresh, well trimmed, pleasant, and self-assured. He was simply cool.
2. He was generous, compassionate, open, outgoing, and very friendly.
3. He was associated with various groups of people, was attentive and watchful friend.
4. Mulugeta loved his children and family and was a great father.

Mulugeta (Lencho) had fathered three beautiful daughters - Liyat Betre and Nebiyat Betre with his wife Mrs. Aster Baheru and Rahwa Betre with Ms. Jember Nuru.

Mulugeta (Lencho) left this world untimely on November 28, 2011 due to his serious illness before he had a chance to fulfill some of his dreams. He did not get the chance to see the result of his lifelong struggle, to see his children come of age, to satisfactorily take care of his elderly parents, and to be around his beloved friends and family a little bit longer. We will miss him a lot!

May the Lord rest his soul in Heaven!

He is survived by both of his parents, his wife Aster Baheru, his daughters Rahwa, Liyat, and Nebiyat.



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Funeral Service
November 30th @ 10:30 AM at Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo St Michael Church
1106 N Jupiter Rd, Garland, TX 75042
Burial Service will be @ Rose Garden located at Rest land.