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Memorial Remark - Josué Njock Libii

Emeritus Professor Josué Njock Libii was born on October 2, 1949 in Cameroon, a country in West Africa. He received a prestigious scholarship to attend college in the United States, where he studied engineering at the University of Michigan. Josué met his wife, Louise, while in graduate school at the University of Michigan, and they remained happily married for the next forty-six years.

When Josué graduated with a PhD in Mechanical Engineering, his love of academia led him toward teaching. He returned to Cameroon with his family and taught at the University of Yaoundé for several years. His next career shift brought him back to the U.S. and in August 1984 he joined as a professor at Purdue Fort Wayne, where he taught fluid mechanics for the remainder of his career.

During his 35-year tenure at PFW, Josué was beloved by his students and found deep joy in teaching. He won and managed several significant National Science Foundation grants over the years, served as interim chair of the engineering department, served on the regional accreditation panel, participated in numerous professional committees, and founded a summer Math and Science Camp for middle school students, which he personally oversaw for nine years. He retired from PFW in December 2020 as Professor Emeritus, in recognition of his lifetime of dedicated service to the university.

Josué Njock Libii passed away on October 2, 2025, after an illness. Josué is survived by his devoted wife, Louise Magoon; his daughter, Kekla Magoon; his son, Kobi Libii, daughter-inlaw Elizabeth Hanly, and two grandsons.