

Rev.
Crumpley

IN MEMORY

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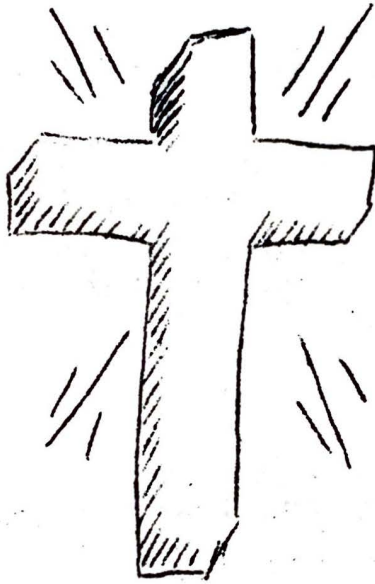
of

MRS. ODESSA WILLIAMS COURTON

1898

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1974



Wednesday August 7, 1974

Time: 1:00 P.M.

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH
1525 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209

Rev. G. Grant Crumpley, Pastor

Processional

Hymn O How I Love Jesus

Prayer

Scripture

Resolution

Cards And Telegrams

Solo Edward Courton

Remarks 3 minutes each
 Bishop William Crossley
 Rev. Willie Manor
 Mother Emma Crossley

Obituary

Solo By Mother Emma Crossley
 "He Touched Me"

Eulogy Rev. G. Grant Crumpley

Benediction

Interment Forest Lawn Cemetary

Pall Bears

- Bro. Frank Cusack
- Bro. John Cusack
- Bro. John Green
- Bro. Charles Douglas
- Bro. Calvin Martin
- Bro. Jenkins
- Bro. Florence

Mortician

Mr. Paul Smith
 H. H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary Inc.

Mrs. Odessa Williams Courton was born April 21, 1898 to Mr. Jerry and Ellen O'Neil Linder in Dublin, Ga.

She was a charter member of the Negro Registered Nurses of Buffalo, and served as an officer for many years.

Mrs. Courton was a very religious person. About 40 yrs. ago she united herself with Bethel A.M.E. Ch--Buffalo, serving with vigor in any way she could. She was a member of the Daughters of Allen Club for over 20 years.

Odessa and Rev. Edward Courton, Sr. were united in holy matrimony on the 31st day of March 1973. As Senior citizens they were very happy together as they were a great comfort to each other in the Dec. of their lives, taking many lovely trips and enjoying to the highest the united love of matrimony. In worshipping with her husband, and others, Mrs. Odessa always let her light shine.

Mrs. Odessa Courtin is survived by a devoted husband, Rev. Edward Courton, Sr. and the Courton family who will miss her, as they had learned to love her very much: one sister Mrs. Viola Stanley of Dublin, Ga.; one uncle Mr. Thomas Linder, Clev. Ohio; nine nephews: Elder Uree Chillies, Ulysee Chillis, Wardell Linder, Edward Linder, Raford Stanley, all of Bflo: Willie Chillies, Det. Mich., James Stanley of Dublin, Claxton Stanley of Dublin and LaFredle Chillis of Birmingham, Ala. (eight) nieces: Annie Young, Mary Barlow, Minnie Wright, Jerry Linder, Helen Kellam of Bflo, Merlin Wiggins, of Ohio: Evelyn Stanley, Dublin, Ohio, Tresse Smiley of Detroit Michigan. and a host of cousins and friends, among who is Miss Lila Hurst who for about 17 years was a loyal, trusted and devoted friend until the end.

Mrs. Odessa Williams Courtin departed this life Sunday 4, 1974, and will be remembered by many for many years to come.

HE IS NOT DEAD

I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead, He is just away.
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand
He has wandered into an unknown land
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.
And you-oh, you, who the wildest yearn
For an old-time step, and the glad return,
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here.
Think of him still as the same, I say,
He is not dead - he is just away.

James Whitcomb Riley