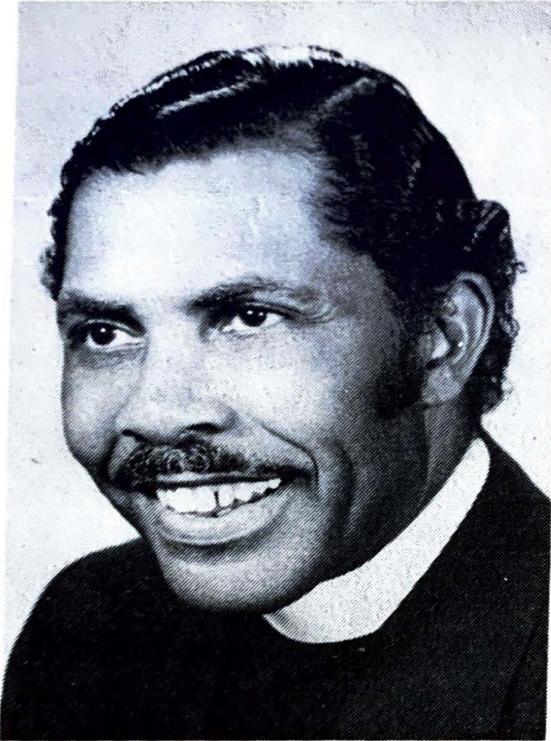


Service of Triumph

for



The Reverend
GRADY GRANT CRUMPLEY

Pastor of Emanuel A.M.E. Church

Thursday, January 8, 1981
11:00 A.M.

Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church
37-41 West 119th Street
New York, N. Y.

THE RT. REV. R. A. HILDEBRAND, *Presiding Bishop*
REV. W. L. FREEMAN, *Presiding Elder*

The Obituary

The Rev. G. Grant Crumpley was the seventh of thirteen children born to the late Rev. and Mrs. Dallas W. Crumpley. He was born on January 17, 1914 in Lakewood, Florida.

His father was an early and lasting influence in his life. Not only was he baptized by his father, but he received from him the motivation that led to his conversion and membership in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

He was a graduate of Daniel Payne College and received an honorary doctorate from Wilberforce University.

His family later moved to Andalusia, Alabama where he met his childhood sweetheart, Willie Lee Coleman, whom he later married. From this union came eight sons and four daughters.

Rev. Crumpley began his ministry at an early age. He was ordained at Bethel A.M.E. Church, Andalusia, Alabama by Bishop D. Ward Nichols. His first appointment was in McArden, Alabama in 1940. In 1942, he was transferred to Birmingham, Alabama where he pastored at Allen Chapel and St. Paul A.M.E. Church.

In 1948 he received his appointment to Macedonia A.M.E. Church, Flushing, New York where he spent seventeen years. His major accomplishments were the renovation of the Church and construction of the Macedonia Youth Center. In 1965, the late Bishop John D. Bright appointed Rev. Crumpley to Bethel A.M.E. Church, Buffalo, New York where he also served as interim pastor at Delaine-Waring A.M.E. Church.

Under his leadership, the church was able to liquidate its mortgage. He also served as temporary Presiding Elder for Western New York. Most importantly, seven persons entered the ministry during his administration there. Bethel A.M.E. Church was entirely refurbished, including the installation of a complete Day Care Center. Bethel also acquired a fine parsonage. Rev. Crumpley was Executive Director of three Headstart Agencies and also a member of the City of Buffalo Planning Board.

Under Bishop Richard Allen Hildebrand, Rev. Crumpley received his appointment to Emanuel A.M.E. Church in 1977. During his ministry at Emanuel, he continued the same kind of enlightened leadership which has always characterized his ministry in other places. Among his outstanding accomplishments were the completion and decoration of the Fellowship Hall at Emanuel and the strengthening of the financial base of the membership.

He was active in church and civic affairs, having twice been President of the Ministers' Alliance of New York. He served effectively in the Manhattan Council of Churches. He led the Congregation in the purchase of the first parsonage in Emanuel's long history.

Perhaps the hallmark of Rev. Crumpley's forty years in the Christian ministry was the good example his own life provided. As a result, many were called into the ministry, numerous souls were saved, and lasting friendships were formed. He really practiced what he preached. He made it easier for people to serve their Lord.

Members of the family who survive him include his devoted wife, Willie Lee Crumpley, sons Carl, Grady, Dallas, Ronald, Decatur, Sidney, Jeffrey and David; daughters, Faye, Susan Kay, and Jennifer; four brothers, Roland, John Henry, Cecil and Earl; three sisters, Marie, Mary and Grace; twenty-two grandchildren, and a host of other family members and friends.

The Order of Service

BISHOP RICHARD ALLEN HILDEBRAND	Presiding
ORGAN PRELUDE	
PROCESSIONAL	The Clergy and Family
OPENING HYMN No. 189	"When Peace, Like A River" Presiding Elder, Rev. A. E. Jordan
PRAYER OF COMFORT	Rev. Richard Norris
CHORAL CHANT	
OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE	Rev. W. P. Foley
NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE	Rev. S. F. Emmanuel
SELECTION	"Everything's All Right In My Father's House" Majestic Choir
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	Rev. John W. P. Collier
HYMN No. 144	"Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross"
TRIBUTES:	
	Presiding Elder W. L. Freeman
	Rev. H. R. Hughes
	Rev. Timothy Mitchell
REPRESENTING THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE AND THE MANHATTAN DISTRICT	Rev. O'Neil Mackey
REPRESENTING THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE BRANCH	Mrs. Corrine Judge
REPRESENTING THE NEW YORK MINISTERS ALLIANCE	Rev. James Hill
REPRESENTING THE NEW YORK MINISTERS WIVES ALLIANCE	Mrs. Peggy Davis
REPRESENTING EMANUEL A.M.E. CHURCH'S OFFICIAL FAMILY	Mr. Edward Brown, Stewards Mr. Patrick Stockton, Trustees
SELECTION	"Come, Come Ye Saints" Majestic Choir
THE EPISCOPACY:	
	The Rt. Rev. H. Haskell Mayo
	The Rt. Rev. C. E. Thomas
OBITUARY — SILENT READING	
FAMILY TRIBUTE	Mr. Grady G. Crumpley, Jr.
HYMN No. 463	"Servant of God Well Done"
EULOGY	The Rt. Rev. D. Ward Nichols
"HALLELUJAH CHORUS"	
BENEDICTION	
RECESSIONAL	

Flower Bearers
Ushers of Emanuel A.M.E. Church

Active Pallbearers
Stewards and Trustees of Emanuel A.M.E. Church

Honorary Pallbearers
The Ministers of the New York Annual Conference

A WORD OF THANKS

WE, THE FAMILY OF THE LATE REVEREND GRAD GRANT CRUMPLEY, WISH TO THANK OUR MANY FRIENDS FOR THEIR NUMEROUS AND VARIED EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY DURING THESE DIFFICULT HOURS WHICH WE ARE SHARING.

THE CRUMPLEY FAMILY

"If you would indeed behold the spirit of death, open your heart wide unto the body of life. For life and death are one, even as the river and the sea are one.

In the depth of your hopes and desires lies your silent knowledge of the beyond: and like seeds dreaming beneath the snow your heart dreams of Spring.

Trust the dreams, for in them is hidden the gate of eternity."

—Kahlil Gibran

Interment
FLUSHING CEMETERY

Funeral Director
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