

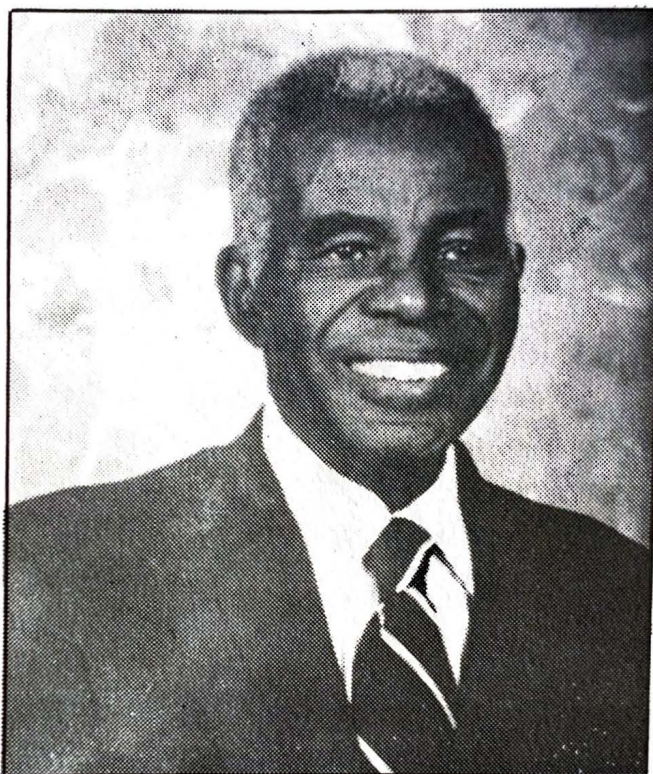
**IN LOVING MEMORY**

— of —

***John Bass***

1895

1985



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1985**

*1:00 p.m.*

**BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH**

1525 Michigan Avenue

Buffalo, New York 14209

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***The Reverend Eugene E. McAshan, Pastor***

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## OBITUARY

John Bass was born on January 31, 1895 in Calhoun Falls, South Carolina. He expired on Tuesday, January 1, 1985 at 7:15 p.m. in Veteran's Administration Medical Center. He served his country in the armed forces in World War I.

He came to Buffalo, New York as a young man, with his wife, the late Ellen Gary Bass and son, General. Shortly after arriving in Buffalo, he joined Bethel A.M.E. Church, then located on Vine Street. He was a devoted member of Bethel for over sixty years. He served on the Usher Board, having the position of Treasurer of the Usher Board and he was Treasurer of the Men's Club. He was a loyal, dedicated and sincere member who had great influence not only with his family, but also with those whose lives he reached out and touched in his own quiet manner.

He became employed at the Pullman Company and Plastergon Wallboard Co., soon after his arrival in Buffalo. Later he established his own business, John Bass & Son Interior Decorator, which he operated successfully for many years throughout Erie and Niagara Counties, until his retirement in 1974.

John Bass leaves to mourn his passing, a loving family; a son: General G.; two daughters: Clydean Amaker and Beatrice Stenson; an adopted daughter: Isabelle Atchison; a sister: Mamie Allen of Philadelphia, Pa.; a brother: Willie Allen; four sons-in-law: Frank Stenson, Robert Boone, H. Frank Amaker and Claude Atchison; a daughter-in-law: Beatrease Bass; two brothers-in-law: Dock F. and John A. Gary; three sisters-in-law: Viola Allen, Leola Woodley and Zelmer Gary; nine grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, many nieces, grand nieces, nephews, grand nephews, cousins and a treasure of friends.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

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Organ Prelude ..... Ruthetta Smikle,  
Organist

Processional

Selection ..... Choir

Prayer ..... Reverend Augustus Smith

Scripture ..... Psalm 90

Solo ..... Zenobia Barbee  
"Precious Lord"

Obituary ..... Carolyn Thomas

Remarks ..... Reverend Thomas Moore

Selection ..... Choir

Eulogy ..... Reverend Eugene E. McAshan

Recessional

Interment

Benediction

*Interment:*  
*Forest Lawn Cemetery*  
*Under the Auspices of:*  
*H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary, Inc.*

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**... Pall Bearers ...**

Vernon Taylor

Ray Walton

L. A. Hunt

James Alexander

Eugene Peeples

Cleo Ivey

**... Floral Bearers ...**

*Stewardess Boards 1 - 5*

***"A light from our house is gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled  
A place is vacant in our home,  
Which never can be filled."***

*Lovingly Submitted*

***The Family***



***I have fought a good fight,  
I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.  
— II Timothy 4:7***

**... Acknowledgments ...**

The family wishes to thank the Church, friends and neighbors for the many prayers, beautiful flowers, cards of comfort, telegrams of sympathy and other acts of kindness.

Your thoughtfulness and open-heartedness helped to give us strength in our hour of bereavement.