

**OBSEQUIES  
FOR**



*Ruth Burnett*

**Tuesday, December 10, 1985  
12:00 Noon**

**Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church  
1525 Michigan Ave.  
Buffalo, New York**

**INTERMENT  
St. Matthew Cemetery**

## OBITUARY

The life of Ruth Burnett began on July 9, 1935 in Deatville, Alabama. She was the daughter of the late Saul and Bertha Billups. For a short period, she resided in Nashville, Tennessee. She then moved to Buffalo, New York, where she lived until her demise. From the results of her marriage to Robert Burnett, two children were born, and two others were adopted. She had many foster children whom she devoted her life and love for.

Ruth Burnett worked for the Board of Education where she served faithfully for twenty-three years. Her faithfulness resulted in her being a recipient of a citation for perfect attendance. Ruth also joined Bethel A.M.E. Church under the pastorate of the Reverend G. G. Crumpley. She departed life suddenly on December 6, 1985. She was truly a beloved mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend for all who knew her. She will be sadly missed by her children: Melodye Ann Mack, Mary Francis Burnett, Theresa Simms, Noel Harris; seven grandchildren: Richard, Chaundra, Delyn, Julius, Destiny, Charles, Dale and Stephanie; nine brothers: Rev. Elbert Billups (Tina) of Mississippi, Tommie Lee Billups of Illinois, Charles of California, Clifford (Cecelia) of Michigan, Harry, Willie of California, Isiah of Canada, Richard, Rev. Johnnie of Tennessee; seven sisters: Juliet (Fred) of Michigan, Bertha, Sarah (Abe) of Michigan, Jean (Collins), Betty, Maxine, Margaret Carlock and a devoted friend--Dolly Seymour. Also a host of nieces and nephews.



## THE SERVICE

- Prelude
- Processional
- Congregational Hymn  
No. 144 ..... "Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross"
- Invocation ..... Rev. Henry A. Wynn
- Choral Response
- Scripture Readings
- Choral Selections
- Acknowledgements
- Obituary
- Organ Medley
- Solo
- The Eulogy ..... Rev. E. E. McAshan
- Selection ..... The Choir
- Recessional
- Interment
- Benediction



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**PALLBEARERS**

Louis Prescott  
Jim Jenkins  
Eugene Pitt

Eric Mar  
Terrance McKnig  
Raymond Walte



**NOTICE**

The family extends sincere thanks for special acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy.



**ARRANGEMENTS**

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