

Memorial Services
for
William G. Hamilton, Sr.



Tuesday, April 22, 1986
1:00 p.m.

Bethel A.M.E. Church
1525 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York

Reverend Eugene McAshan, *Officiating*

Obituary

Mr. Willaim G. Hamilton, Sr., son of the late Isabella and Matthew Hamilton was born January 16, 1916 in Greene County, Alabama. He departed this life on Thursday, April 17, 1986 after a long illness.

He was united in marriage with Gladys Marable, September 3, 1939; to this union three sons were born.

In 1946, Mr. Hamilton moved from Alabama to Niagara Falls, New York, where he lived until 1956, at which time, he established his home in Buffalo, New York. He was employed by Union Carbide at National Plant in Niagara Falls, New York for over 33 years until his retirement in 1979.

Active in the Alabama Club of Buffalo, Mr. Hamilton took great pride in participating in this club which he worked diligently for many years. He was a past member of St. John AME Church, Niagara Falls, New York and was a member of the Bethel AME Church, Buffalo.

"Kite," as he was fondly called, is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mrs. Gladys Hamilton; three sons, Attorney William Hamilton, Jr., Robert "Bobby" Hamilton, both of Buffalo, New York and Frank A. Hamilton, M.D., Columbia, Maryland; seven grandchildren; two brothers, Frank and Walter Hamilton of Buffalo, New York and many nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and many other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

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PROCESSIONAL

HYMN—"Faith Of Our Fathers"

PRAYER..... Reverend Thomas A. Moore
Associate Pastor, Bethel AME Church

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE—23rd Psalm

SOLO Mr. Madison Flood

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE—John 11:25

OBITUARY..... Mrs. Ruth Holley

EULOGY..... Reverend Eugene McAshan
Pastor, Bethel AME Church

CLOSING HYMN—"God Will Take Care Of You"

RECESSIONAL

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Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery

H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary, Incorporated

In Charge

Active Pallbearers

Mr. Frank Hamilton
Mr. Walter Hamilton
Mr. Julius Trent Marable

Mr. James Hamilton
Mr. O. T. Wright
Mr. Walter Hendrick

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Honorary Pallbearers

Mr. Gerald Carr
Mr. Adolph Laster
Mr. John Mugas

Mr. Ray Walton
Mr. Glover Knight
Mr. Thomas Shealey

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Acknowledgement

In this hour of our sadness, we wish to acknowledge with deepest gratitude and appreciation the support you have given our family during Mr. Hamilton's one year illness, and now the sympathy and warm consolation from friends and neighbors. May God's richest blessings be upon all of you.

—The Family

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"You would know the secret of death. But how shall you find it unless you seek it in the heart of life? 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 sea are one. And life seeds dreaming beneath the snow your heart dreams of spring. Trust the dreams, for in them is hidden the gate of eternity. For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the snow? And what is to cease breathing, but to free the breath from its restless tide that it may rise up and seek God, unencumbered? Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing. And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to climb. And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then you shall truly dance."

—Kahlil Gibran