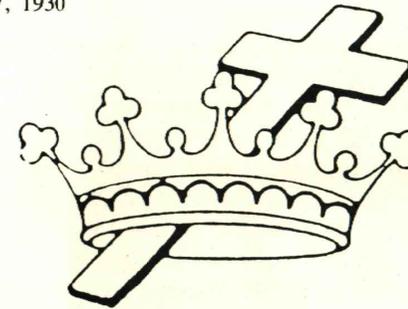


# Funeral Services

February 27, 1930

-For The Late-

July 3, 1988



## Bernice A. Cassell

**Friday, July 8, 1988**  
11:00 A.M.

**At BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
1525 Michigan Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14209

**Interment-Forest Lawn Cemetary**  
(Immediately Following Services)  
Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, New York

**The Rev. Thomas A. Moore, Associate Pastor-Officiating**



## OBITUARY

Bernice A. Cassell, the eighth of twelve children of the late Mr. William Sidney Hawkes and the late Mrs. Mary Viola Hawkes, was born in Salamanca, New York, on February 27th, 1930.

She was graduated from St. Mary's Business High School, May 27, 1948. She completed the required curriculum of Mount St. Joseph's Teachers College (presently Medaille College) and educated hundreds of 1st and 2nd graders between 1955-1967 at St. Nicholas Elementary School. After retiring from her teaching profession, she pursued a career with the Erie County Health Department (formally S.U.N.Y.) until her death.

Sister Cassell received her Christian Experience as a child and most of her adult life at St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church. She became a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, along with her husband, Douglas William Cassell, almost a decade ago. She was a parishioner and active member of Bethel until her health no longer permitted her to perform her duties in the Church. She was a member of the Gospel Choir and the Dorcas Missionary Unit of Bethel, and the Voices of Methodism Chorus.

Bernice was united in Holy Matrimony to Douglas Wm. Cassell, April 24, 1954.

She departed this life, after a long illness at 8:45 pm, in the Buffalo General Hospital, Sunday July 3, 1988.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Douglas W. Cassell; three sisters: Genevieve H. Jordan and Mary Ethel Murphy of Bel Air, Md., Margaret T. Wing of Philadelphia, Pa., four brothers; Wm. Kenneth Hawkes of Pottstown, Pa., James A. Hawkes of Baltimore, Md., Robert A. Hawkes of Rochester, NY., Paul J. Hawkes of Miami, Fla., aunts, uncles, neices, nephews, great and great great neices and nephews, cousins, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and a host of friends.

As a wife she demonstrated all the fine, genteel qualities that made her "special". She touched everyone's life with whom she came in contact, with her "special" gentle kindness and her bright cheerful smile, was unfailing all her life. Her husband, once expressed -- "*She is more than a wife! She is a gem, a great pal, a wonderful spirit of constant happiness in our home and a lover with the graces of a God-inspired soul.*" . . . *She did truly let her light so shine. . . and she is now glorifying her Father which is in Heaven.*

## Service Of Thanksgiving

-For-

### Sister Bernice A. Cassell

- Prelude  
Procession of the Family  
Congregational Hymn . . . . . #272  
 Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior  
Prayer . . . . . Brother Percy Jones  
Scripture Readings . . . . . Reverend Janie Tucker-Hampton  
 Old Testament . . . . . Ecclesiastes 12: 1-14  
 New Testament . . . . . II Corinthians 12: 9  
Solo . . . . . Brother Henry Nance  
**Words of Comfort/Resolutions**  
Solo . . . . . Sister Jacqueline Jordan  
*Bethlehem Baptist Church*  
**Acknowledgements/Obituary**  
Selection . . . . . Gospel Singers  
Special Reading . . . . . Sister Geraldine Ivey  
 Proverbs 31: 10-31  
Solo . . . . . Sister Deloise Council  
*Bethlehem Baptist Church*  
Selection . . . . . Gospel Singers  
Eulogy . . . . . Reverend Thomas A. Moore  
Benediction  
Recession of the Family

### Pallbearers

John W. Herritage III  
Frank E. Barbee  
Lloyd B. Wing, Jr.

Wm. Sidney Hawkes  
David M. Hawkes  
Rodney Cassell



## IN APPRECIATION

We, the family of the late Bernice A. Cassell, wish to acknowledge the many kind expressions received and expressed and extend our sincere appreciation for all the acts of kindness displayed during our bereavement.

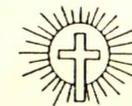
Special thanks to Sister Juanita Hill and the Choirs of Bethel AME Church.



### A Poem

He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much. . . Who has gained the respect of intelligent men, and the love of little children. . . Who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved flower, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul. . . Who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty, or failed to express it. . . Who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had. . . Whose life was an inspiration. . . Whose memory a benediction.

-Bessie A. Stanley



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