

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION
FOR THE LIFE
OF

Mary Ella Gary

1913 - 1990



Friday, September 21, 1990
11:00 a.m.

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH
1525 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York

Rev. Harry J. White, Jr.
— Officiating —

Obituary

On May 20, 1913, in Union Springs, Alabama, a set of twin girls were born to Rocelious and Ada Bell Smith. Martha, being the weaker twin died soon after birth. Mary Ella, being a fighter, survived. She held that strong character to the grave. She was the fifth child in a family of eight.

Her family eventually settled in Birmingham, Alabama. She received her formal education in the Alabama School System. Mary met and married Wesley Gary, Sr., who preceded her in death. She was the proud mother of six children, five boys and one girl; two of whom preceded her in death, Norman and Leon.

She moved to Buffalo, New York, in 1942. She was employed by Bell Air Craft Co. during the war years. She retired from Sears, Roebuck in 1979.

Being a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Birmingham, immediately upon arriving in Buffalo, she connected with Bethel under the pastorage of Rev. Walker. Mary was a faithful member of the Stewardess Board, where she served as treasurer. She also worked on the Missionary Board. She dearly loved the Lord and Bethel. How often you could find her in the kitchen, until her health began to fail.

Mary departed this Life peacefully in her sleep Sunday morning, September 16, 1990. The Lord granted her wish and we must say yes to His will.

She leaves to rejoice in her memory three sons, James (Beverly) of Detroit, Michigan, Wesley of Sacramento, California, and Joe (Annette) of Vista, California; one daughter, Juanita of Detroit, Michigan; nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Alberta Mitchell and one brother, Mr. Homer Smith both of Buffalo, New York, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Choir Selection

Prayer

Scripture 139th, and 23rd Psalm

Solo "May The Work I Done"
Henry Nance

Acknowledgement

and Obituary Annie Cooper

Resolutions Vera Gladden

Choir "He Is My Light"

Eulogy Rev. Harry J. White, Jr.

Recessional

"MOM"

*Though your smile is gone,
And your hand we cannot touch
Still, we have our memories
Of the one we loved so much.
Your memory is our Keepsake
With which we will never part.
God has you in His care.
We have you in our heart.*

— The Family

Pallbearers

Friends of the Family

Honorary Pallbearers

Keith Turner

Jack

Seve Burns

Harvey Sn

Ronald Morgan

Lamont Smith

Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery

Arrangements by

Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home, Inc.
995 Genesee Street
Buffalo, New York

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Acknowledgment

The Family gratefully acknowledges all acts of kindness shown during our bearevement by neighbors and friends.

— Gary Family
