

*HOMEGOING FOR  
RAYMOND EDWARD DuBARD*



**August 20, 1918 - January 17, 1996**  
Sunday, January 21, 1996  
6:00pm

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

**Auspices**

H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary, Inc.  
968 Jefferson Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14204



**\*\* Obituary \*\***

From the union of late John Wesley DuBard and Jessie Belle Swedenburg, the oldest of three children, Raymond Edward DuBard was born on August 20, 1918 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Our merciful Lord granted Raymond Edward DuBard eternal rest and peace on January 17, 1996. He was preceded in death by his brother Raphael and sister Claryce.

He united in holy matrimony to Willie Beach Greene on June 26, 1943. To this union two sons were born.

After living in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, his family settled Buffalo in the early 1920's. He attended several public schools including School 75.

He worked as a molder at Blau-Knox foundry during World War II, and was military exempt due to the firm's manufacturing of equipment for the Manhattan Project, and became a union vice president at the company.

For thirty-five years he worked as a brake mechanic expert for the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority and retired in the mid-1980's. He was a member of the Amalgamated Transit Workers Local 1342.

A devoted husband and father, provider and churchman, he enjoyed the simple things of life and made it his mission to serve the sick and shut-ins of Bethel Church by dutifully taking them Sunday bulletins, and returning their offerings to church, thereby keeping these memberships active. Also on many occasion he took food to the shut-ins and delivered flowers and Christmas baskets. He continued this activity until he two days before entering the hospital on January 4, 1996. He was active in Bethel for many years and was a former Steward.

He leaves to mourn and cherish his memory; wife, Willah; and two sons, Raymond Charles and Jon Irving of Raleigh, North Carolina; and daughters- in-law Sharon, and Joyce DuBard of Jackson, Mississippi; and three grandchildren; Raymond Allen, Stephanie Renee and Jon Christopher as well as a host of loving relatives and friends.

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**Order of Service**  
*Rev. Simon P. Bouie, Officiating*

Organ Prelude	"Largo" by Handel
Processional	
Hymn	"His Eye is on the Sparrow"
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. William Cobb
Hymn	"Amazing Grace"
Obituary	Read Silently
Resolutions	
Acknowledgements	
Remarks	Rev. Thomas A. Moore Rev. Robert Reynolds Rev. G.M. Tydus Rev. Landon McCall
Remembrance	Jon I. DuBard (Son)
Solo	"Beams of Heaven" Bro. Henry Nance
Eulogy	Rev. Dr. Simon P. Bouie Senior Minister
Benediction	Rev. Simon P. Bouie
Recessional	"When We All Get To Heaven"

**Interment**

Forest Lawn Cemetery



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In the dictionary, the definition of funeral is a ceremony connected with the burial or cremation of the dead. However, I believe the true definition is the celebration of one's life after their death. And I am almost positive that my grandfather wouldn't want us sitting here crying over his death but celebrating his life and all his life's accomplishments.

For us to be sad and upset is natural when a loved one dies. We are only human. But you have to remember that it's only the body that died. Only the casing in which his spirit came in that is gone. For his spirit and his being is still here with us, in our hearts.

The best way to know someone is to know their spirit and if you remember Raymond Edward DuBard's spirit, then he will never die.

*Stephanie Renee, Raymond Allen and  
Jon Christopher.*

**WHEN ALL IS DONE**

When all is done, and my last word is said,  
And ye who loved me murmur, "He is dead,"  
Let no one weep, for fear that I should know,  
And sorrow too that ye should sorrow so.

When all is done, say not my day is o'er,  
And that thro' night I seek a dimmer shore:  
Say rather that my morn has just begun, --  
I greet the dawn and not a setting sun,  
When all is done.

Paul Laurence Dunbar

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The family of the late Raymond DuBard Sr. acknowledges with grateful appreciation, the many acts of kindness throughout the time of sorrow.

**PALLBEARERS**

Entire Male Usherboard