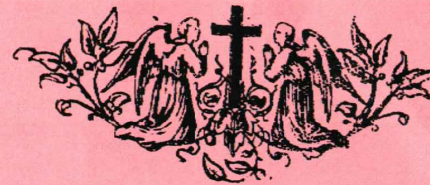


A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

In Memory

of

WILLA JOHNSON



(JANUARY 14, 1905 - SEPTEMBER 9, 1997)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1997

11:00 A.M.

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

1525 Michigan Avenue

Buffalo, New York

OBITUARY

Willa Greene was born on January 14, 1905, in Calhoun Falls, South Carolina, to the union of the late Rev. John and Eliza Hill Greene. She was the ninth child of fourteen.

At an early age, she relocated to Ashville, South Carolina, from there to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, before moving to Buffalo, New York in 1926. While in Buffalo, she enrolled in Mrs. Pennington's School of Beauty Culture and soon after graduation opened her own beauty shop and worked at her craft for over sixty years.

She met the late Randolph Johnson and married in 1932. From this union came Randolph Johnson, Jr.

She joined Bethel A.M.E. Church on Eagle Street and after the church moved to the present address at 1525 Michigan Avenue, she became an active Sunday School teacher for the next forty-five years.

Also a member of the Daughters of Allen and a long-time member of the Missionary Society.

Willa departed this life on Tuesday, September 9, 1997, after a brief illness and went to join her Savior in her sleep.

She leaves to cherish her love and memory: a son, Randolph Johnson, Jr.; her sister, Mattie Adams; Grandsons, Christopher Dell Johnson and Mark Blain Johnson; nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of devoted friends.

"YOU WONDER WHY"

I wept way and didn't say goodbye
I couldn't begin to tell you for I hate to see
you cry.
My sister came in at 9:15 p.m. and beautiful it
was to see,
For a captain was King Jesus, and softly He
could me.
I ran across the leeway and fell down at His feet.
He came gently in His arms;
My rest is now complete.

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"WHEN I MUST LEAVE YOU"

When I must leave you for awhile
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And let your sorrows to you through the years.
But let me out bravely with a gallant smile
And for my sake and in my name
Love and do all things the same.
Feed not your loneliness on empty days
But let each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And in turn, will comfort you and hold you near
And never, ever be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

Invocation Rev. Richard Stewart
(Durham Memorial
A.M.E. Zion Church)

Testament Psalm 139:14-24

Testament Revelation 21:1-7

Solo "Rock of Ages"
Mr. Henry Nance

Acknowledgements and
Eulogary

Remarks Rev. Richard Stewart

Solo "If I Can Help Somebody"
Mr. Henry Nance

Eulogy Rev. William Cobb

Receonal Rev. Pedro Castro

"I am the resurrection and the life:
he that believeth in me, though he were dead,
yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and
believeth in me shall never die."
(St. John 11: 25-26)

PALLBEARERS Ronald Peoples
James Welch
Roger Strother
Roger Burke
Gerald Brownrout
General Bass

FLOWER PALLBEARERS Friends of the
Family

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The family wishes to thank the church, fr
and neighbors for the many prayers, beautiful
flowers, cards of comfort and sympathy. Your
acts of kindness and thoughtfulness helped to
give us strength in our time of bereavement.

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