

Home Going Services
for

Beulah Lorena Jones

January 27, 1902 - September 29, 1997



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1997

Wake - 10:00 A.M.

Funeral - 11:00 P.M.

BETHEL

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1525 Michigan Avenue at E. Ferry Street

Buffalo, New York 14209

Reverend Richard A. Stenhouse, Pastor, Officiating



Biographical Sketch of Beulah Lorena Jones
1/27/02 - 9/29/97

Beulah was born on January 27th, 1902 to John A. and Martha Jane Smith in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Beulah layed down her cross and picked up her crown on Monday, September 29th, 1997 at 10:30 A.M., in Sisters Hospital, after a brief illness. Her husband of 51 years, the late Dan Leo Jones, preceded her in death in 1975. She joined him in Glory on their 71st Wedding Anniversary.

She was born and raised in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Information found in the archives of The Drummond Hill Cemetery in Niagara Falls confirmed that Beulah was the descendent of former slaves who had traveled with Harriett Tubman. Following the "Drinking Gourd", they came north to freedom. Some of the descendents settled in Niagara Falls, New York. Others, like her great grandfather, Samuel Hall, continued across the border and made their homes in Canada.

Beulah joined the historic B.M.E. Church as a young child. She learned to play the piano and used her gift to play for the Sunday School and Sunday morning services. She supported the church even after moving to Buffalo. She was enthusiastically participated in B.M.E. Tag Day for over half a century. The church, now known as the Nathaniel Dett Chapel, has been designated a historic site on the Underground Railroad.

She became a U.S. citizen after moving to Buffalo in 1926. She joined the Bethel A.M.E. Church on September 6th, 1942, under the leadership of the late Dr. D. Ormand Walker. Beulah was the oldest member, with the longest continuous membership, in Bethel Church. As a 55 year member of the church, Beulah was often interviewed about church history and contributed pictures, articles and artifacts for the church Archive Room. She participated in the "Burning of the Mortgage" under the late Harry J. White, Sr. She was an active member of the Board of Trustees for over thirty years, and held the title of Trustee Emeritus at her death.

She was the first Queen of Bethel Church and served for many years as a captain for Women's Day. Her activities included participating in the Daughters of Allen, The Laymen's Organization, and the Here Am I Missionary Unit. As chairman of the Flower Club, she saw to it that fresh flowers graced the altar each week. For decades, until her health began to fail earlier this year, each floral tribute was accompanied by poem carefully chosen by Beulah and published in the Dedicatory section of the Church bulletin. Since her love for God was exhibited in her love for His Church, she always played a prominent role in their financial efforts.

Beulah showed her commitment to her community by not only joining the N.A.A.C.P., but she did so by becoming a Life Member, decades ago.

Beulah leaves behind a legacy of strong African roots to cherish her memory including: her sister, Vera B. Battle; nieces, Lois Jean Larkin (Windsor, Ontario), Barbara Judith (Ted F.) Cook; nephews, John Ronald Smith (British Columbia), William A. Battle (Clifton, Virginia) and J. Robert Battle. She also leaves nine great, fourteen great-great and two great-great-great nieces and nephews; a host of cousins from Canada and many other relatives and friends.

Almost a centenarian, Beulah lived her life fully. She was a sweet spirit with a strong and unique personality that was clearly evident until the day she died. Her caring concern for others reflected God's love. With "cares all passed, home at last, ever to rejoice."

Order of Service



Selection Bethel Mass Choir

Prayer of Consolation

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament..... Rev. William Cobb, Jr.

New Testament Rev. Pedro Castro

Song of Comfort Mr. Henry Nance

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Ministerial Remarks

Acknowledgements & Resolutions

Reading of the Obituary Mr. Ted F. Cook

Song of Preparation..... Bethel Mass Choir

Eulogy Pastor Richard A. Stenhouse

Benediction

Recessional

"When We All Get To Heaven"



Pallbearers

Mr. William A. Battle

Mr. David T. Battle

Mr. Gary R. Baxter

Mr. Erik E. Battle

Mr. John R. Battle

Mr. Ted F. Cook, II

Honorary Pallbearers

The Board of Trustees

The Laymen's Organization

Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery

1411 Delaware Avenue

Buffalo, New York 14209

By
The Cook Family

As we walk along life's highway,
We pray that we can be,
A light in someone's darkness,
A sermon they can see.
We've been watching as you've been walking,
With God close by your side,
We've been listening as you've been walking,
With God close by your side,
We've been listening as you've been talking
You didn't know we spied,
Through you, Dear Beulah, we've come to know,
That each day of our earlier lives
Is what our old age will show.
So, like you, we will try to plant
The seeds of Joy and Love,
And be the hands of God on earth
And shine for our Father above.
So we'll try not to waste a minute,
Even though you're not alive,
And our hearts, too, will have Joy in them,
As we strive to reach ninety-five.

Auspices

H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary
968 Jefferson Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14204

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Beulah Lorena Jones wishes to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness shown during this difficult time. They are thankful for the consolation shown to them and they ask for your continuing prayers of comfort. May God continue to bless and keep you in His care.

With Love,
The Family