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Perception ...
The eyes see not what lies within the soul
We wear the mask from birth until we're old ...
or wise ...
Or death defeats the yearning for disguise
In spite of life we flourish day by day like thirsty flowers
Whose pain and thirst the rain has washed away.
Driven by a flame that simmers deep
We offer up our gifts of love to those whose hearts we keep.
Softening the blows of life for those for whom we care,
Never doubting our commitment, nor withholding what was
given us to share.
Until at last we draw our final breath and God bestows his mercy
as we sleep,
And angels draw us close unto their breasts,
And ferry us for God Himself to keep.
The Family

Acknowledgements
The family wishes to gratefully acknowledge the many acts of kindness and sympathetic expressions extended by all.
OBITUARY

Clara Juanita Peterkin, daughter of Mildred Steed of Buffalo, New York and the late Grady Steed of Detroit, Michigan was born July 27, 1934 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She entered into rest on June 6, 1989 in Sister's of Charity Hospital after a short illness.

Clara attended Elementary Schools 8 and 13 in Buffalo. She was a graduate of Hutchinson Central High School and Lillian Dora Beauty School. She was an employee of the U.S. Post Office for several years. In the late 1960's Clara became a foster care parent and cared for a host of foster children through the years.

As a child, Clara joined the former Michigan Avenue Baptist Church and later united with the Hopewell Baptist Church where she sang with the Senior Choir and the Disciples of Western New York. She remained a faithful member of Hopewell until the time of her death.

Clara leaves to cherish her memory; two sons: Harry and Robin (Nancy) Rufus; one brother, Earl (Marie) Steed of Tulsa, Oklahoma; six sisters, Rose (John) Bolden of Middletown, New York; Donna (Donald) Rice, Madalyn (Curtiss) Lee, Jessie Dolores Davis of Buffalo, Sarah (St. Clair) Griffith, and Annie Mae Jackson of Detroit, Michigan; four foster daughters, Shane Carmen Dietz, Sincerie Crawford, Latasha Nance, and Tangeray DeJesus; nine grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Processional

Selection .............................................. God Will Take Care of You
Senior Choir

Scripture .............................................. Psalm 27

Prayer

Selection .............................................. Come Unto Jesus
The Disciples of Western New York

Acknowledgements and Condolences

Obituary .............................................. Lisa M. Lee

Resolutions

Remarks

Selection .............................................. One Day at A Time
Shane Carmen Dietz

Eulogy .............................................. Rev. Dennis Lee, Jr.

Recessional

Arrangements
H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary, Inc.

Interment
Forest Lawn Cemetery

Pall Bearers
Deacon Sylvester Barnwell
James Cook
James Davis

John Bolden, Jr.
Andre Davis
Michael D. Rice