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No Tears
Shed no tears, my children, for me
Be the persons I wanted you to be
I didn’t come here to stay always
I was only traveling through a few days
No tears for the last days of this life
Look to the Lord, for He is the Light
Look up and you will see
Why no tears, No tears for me
You made my life meaningful and complete
By the many memories and deeds
Sometimes I lay awake at night
Wondering if you were alright
But seeing your smiling faces when you came by
No tears, my family, I’ll be at your side
For my love will never leave
For you were blessings God gave to me
So as I make my last stay here
Remember, children, no tears, no tears.

Arrangements Entrusted To
Alfred H. Lewis Mortuary, Inc.
968 Jefferson Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14204

Acknowledgements
The family of Mildred Steed wishes to convey our sincere appreciation for the many expressions of kindness and caring through prayers, telephone calls, visits, messages, floral tributes, and all other acts of kindness and support during our bereavement.

In Loving Memory
of
Mildred Steed
August 3, 1907 - December 6, 1996

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1996
11:00 A.M.
Hopewell Baptist Church
1307 Fillmore Avenue
Buffalo, New York
Rev. Dennis Lee, Pastor - Officiating
Mildred Steed was born August 3, 1908 in Muskogee, Oklahoma to the late William and Clara Donerson. She confessed a hope in Christ at an early age. Her schooling was obtained in Muskogee, Oklahoma and after the death of her mother, continued in Kansas City. She married the late Grady Steed in Cleveland, Oklahoma in 1925.

The couple moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where they joined the Union Missionary Baptist Church, under the late Rev. D.C. Cooksey. Mildred was an active member in all departments of the church including the Senior Choir. She was also a member of the Federated Clubs of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mildred moved to Buffalo, New York in late 1939 and joined the old New Hope Baptist Church. Later she joined the Promiseland Baptist Church, under the late Rev. T.J. Davis. In 1959, she visited the Hopewell Baptist Church, pastored at that time by the late John F. D. Lyles, and immediately fell in love with the friendly atmosphere and united there. She served as the dating clerk and announcer for over twenty years and sang with the Senior Choir for twenty-two years until forced to resign because of illness. She served as President of the Home Missionary Society and Pastor’s Aide Guild.

Mildred was also a member and secretary of the Social Savings Club for many years. She was a beautiful person who always had a smile for everyone and was always willing to help where needed. God called Mildred home on Friday, December 6, 1996.

She leaves to cherish her memory four daughters: Rose Bolden of Lompoc, California, Donna S. Rice, Madalyn Lee (Curtiss), and Jessie Dolores Davis (Arnold) all of Buffalo; a daughter: the late Clara Peterkin, and a son: the late Earl Steed Sr. preceded her in death. She also leaves 17 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, twenty great-great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

**Order of Service**

- **Processional**
  - Selection .... Hopewell Baptist Church
- **Scriptures**
  - Old Testament ........ Rev. Dennis Lee
  - New Testament
- **Prayer** .... Rev. John T. Hilliard
- **Selection** .... Hopewell Baptist Choir
- **Acknowledgements, Condolences & Obituary** .... Ms. Ida Pollard
- **Resolution** .... Hopewell Deaconess and Mother’s Board
- **Selection** .... Hopewell Baptist Choir
- **Eulogy** .... Rev. Dennis Lee
- **Recessional**

*Peacefully*

**Interment**
St. Matthews Cemetery
Buffalo, New York

**Pallbearers**
- Grandsons

**Flower Bearers**
- Hopewell Baptist Church and Friends