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PALLBEARERS

BUFFALO POLICE RESERVE

"I'VE ONLY GONE TO REST A LITTLE WHILE"

FILL NOT YOUR HEART WITH PAIN AND SORROW.

BUT REMEMBER ME IN EVERY TOMORROW.

REMEMBER THE JOY, THE LAUGHTER, THE SMILES,

I'VE ONLY GONE TO REST A LITTLE WHILE.

ALTHOUGH MY LEAVING CAUSED PAIN A GRIEF

MY GOING HAS EASED MY HURT AND GIVING ME RELIEF.

SO DRY YOUR EYES AND REMEMBER ME,

NOT AS I AM NOW, BUT AS I USED TO BE.

BECAUSE I WILL REMEMBER YOU ALL

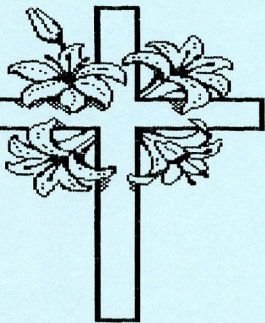
AND LOOK ON WITH A SIMILE,

UNDERSTAND IN YOUR HEARTS.

I'VE ONLY GONE TO REST A LITTLE WHILE.

AS LONG AS I HAVE THE LOVE OF EACH OF YOU

I CAN LIVE MY LIFE IN THE HEARTS OF ALL OF YOU.



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

THE FAMILY OF THE LATE PAUL A. BONNER GRATEFULLY
ACKNOWLEDGES ALL ACTS OF KINDNESS AND
EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY SHOWN AND EXTENDED
DURING THIS TIME OF SORROW.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF PAUL A. BONNER

SUNRISE
NOVEMBER 21, 1934

SUNSET
MARCH 31, 1998



SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1998

WAKE 12:30 P.M.

FUNERAL SERVICE 1:30 P.M.

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH
1307 FILLMORE AVE.
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14211

DENNIS LEE, JR.
PASTOR / OFFICIATING

OBITUARY



PAUL A. BONNER WAS BORN NOVEMBER 21, 1934 IN STONEY CREEK, VA. HE WAS CALLED TO REST MONDAY, MARCH 31, 1998 IN THE SISTERS HOSPITAL AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS. IN 1956 PAUL MOVED TO BUFFALO, NEW YORK AND WAS EMPLOYED AT BETHLEHEM STEEL AS A MILL WRIGHT UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1985.

PAUL WAS A LT. FOR THE BUFFALO POLICE RESERVE. HE OFFERED HIS TIME AS A RESERVIST DURING THE VARIETY CLUB TELETHON, SECURITY WHEN DIGNITARIES VISITED BUFFALO, SECURITY AT CARNIVALS, AND FUND RAISING FOR THOSE IN NEED. PAUL WAS ALWAYS WILLING TO GIVE A HAND. HIS NO NONSENSE ATTITUDE OFFERED ENCOURAGEMENT AND ENLIGHTENMENT TO THOSE AT RISK OF ERRING. PAUL WAS ACTIVE AS A LT. FOR THE B.P.R. UNTIL HIS HEALTH FORBADE. HIS POSITION AS LT. GAVE HIM A GREAT SENSE OF PRIDE.

HIS KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. PAUL'S KINDNESS ALSO REACHED MANY PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T KNOW HIM. HIS PARTICIPATION WITH THE B.P.R. OFFERED FOOD AND GIFTS TO THOSE IN NEED DURING HOLIDAY SEASONS.

PAUL WAS LOVED BY MANY PEOPLE AND HE WILL BE MISSED DEARLY.

HE LEAVES TO MOURN TWO SONS:

DAVID MILLER (RETIRED U.S.A.F.) AND DARREN BONNER
FIVE SISTERS: EDNA, GLADYS, MARY, ALICE, AND VIRGINIA. ONE BROTHER: JAMES

AND A VERY DEAR FRIEND: MELANIE EPPERSON.
A HOST OF NIECES, NEPHEWS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS.



ORDER OF SERVICE



INVOCATION.....PASTOR DENNIS LEE, JR.

SELECTION.....CHOIR

SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT.....PSALMS 23

NEW TESTAMENT.....ST. JOHN 14:1-7

PRAYER

SELECTION.....CHOIR

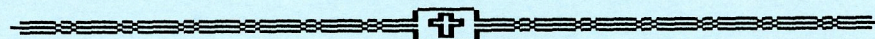
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONDOLENCES AND OBITUARY
REMARKS (2 MINUTES).....JOHN BONNER, JR.

WALTER HALL
RESERVISTS

SOLO.....MRS. CYRIL ANN CLARK

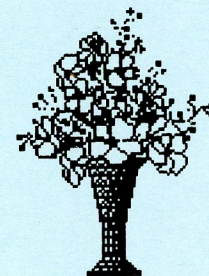
EULOGY.....PASTOR DENNIS LEE, JR.

RECESSIONAL



AUSPICES

EXODUS GARDENS FUNERAL HOME
605 MASTEN AVE.
BUFFALO, NEW YORK



INTERMENT:
CONCORDIA CEMETERY

DINNER WILL BE SERVED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWING
TODAY'S SERVICES, URBAN STREET ENTRANCE.
ALL ARE WELCOME.