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HOMEGOING SERVICE OF CELEBRATION
FOR

Mabel Cooke Johnson

Wednesday, July 31, 1991
11:00 a.m.

at
LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
641 Masten Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209

The Reverend Melba V. Chaney
— Officiating —
**Obituary**

"God saw the road was getting rough
The hills were hard to climb;
He gently closed her loving eyes
And whispered Peace Be Thine."

Today we celebrate a beautiful, well spent life in the homegoing of Mabel Cooke Johnson who was born in Canton, Georgia to Samuel and Emma Cooke on December 15, 1895.

Later she became a resident of Knoxville, Tennessee where she completed two years in Knoxville College. She married and had two sons, Curtis McGhee (deceased), a commercial artist in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Ralph W. McGhee, an industrial Arts Teacher in Newport News, Virginia.

Following the death of her first husband she married William H. Johnson and has resided in Buffalo since 1927. Her son Thomas H. Johnson became a member of this union.

Mrs. Johnson aided in rearing thirty-three children from the Social Services Department, and was honored by the Black Women’s Unlimited for her achievement as Mother of the Year.

She was also a devoted member of the Lit-Mus Club and Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Johnson always said, “There is no satisfaction in the world as great as being able to love and nurture an unfortunate child”. Helping others has always been the kind and loving way of our dear one.

She leaves two sons: Thomas H. Johnson of Buffalo, New York, and Ralph W. McGhee of Newport News, Virginia; her daughter-in-law, Eunice McGhee; eight grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; a niece, and a host of other relatives and friends.

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**Celebratory Worship**

*Organ Prelude .................... Mrs. Joyce Mathis*

**Procession of the Family**

*Solo ....................... Mrs. Lauretta Anderson*

"O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"

**Scripture Reading**

- Old Testament ......................... Psalm 23

**Prayer of Consolation and Hope**

**Expressions of Comfort and Acknowledgments**

**Organ Interlude .............. Silent Reading of the Obituary**

*Solo ......... Mrs. Lauretta Anderson*

"Let the Children Come to Me” Luke 18:16

**Organ Interlude ...................... “Going Home”**

**Recession of the Family**

**Postlude**

**Entombment**

Birchwood Mausoleum, Forest Lawn

**Services Entrusted to:**

Buffalo Memorial Chapels
66 Utica Street • Buffalo, New York
Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to, be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun.
O happy memories I leave behind when day is done.

— Unknown

Appreciation

The family of the late Mabel C. Johnson acknowledges with great appreciation the many prayers and acts of kindnesses rendered by our many friends during her illness and this period of our bereavement. May God bless all of you.