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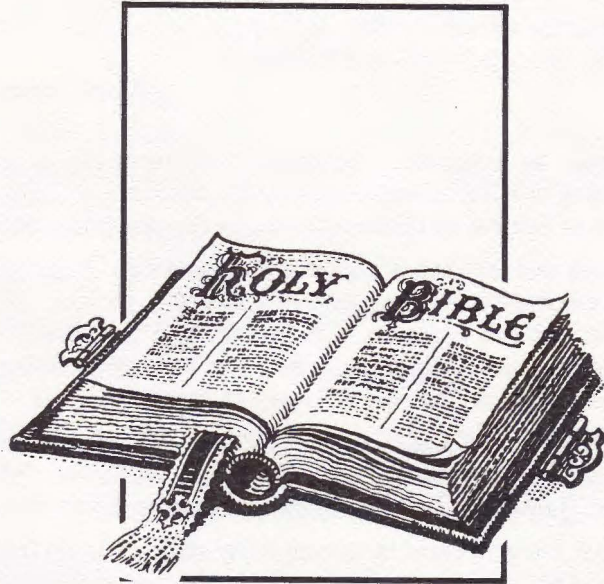
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HOMEGOING SERVICE OF CELEBRATION  
FOR

*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.

## Celebratory Worship

Organ Prelude . . . . . Mrs. Joyce Mathis

Procession of the Family

Solo . . . . . Mrs. Laretta Anderson  
“O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament . . . . . Psalm 23

New Testament . . . . . Revelation 21:1-16

Prayer of Consolation and Hope

Expressions of  
Comfort and Acknowledgments

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

Solo . . . . . Mrs. Laretta Anderson

Eulogy . . . . . The Rev. Melba Chaney  
“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.