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## PALLBEARERS

Donald Brown  
Kenneth Brown  
Timothy Chapman  
Ernest Patterson

William Drayton  
Joseph Gaskin  
Dwane McDuffie

.....  
*Only God Knows Why*

*God saw you were getting weary so He did what He thought best,  
He came and stood beside you and whispered come rest.*

*You bid no-one a last farewell*

*Not even a goodbye,*

*You were gone before we knew it*

*And only God Knows why.*

.....  
*Aunty Pretty Baby*

*You were my joy, you also were my Aunt, but my second Mother.*

*I always thought the world of you. You were sweet, caring,  
thoughtful and also precious. And you know you were pretty baby  
and I was Aunty So Fine.*

*I will always love you.*

*Love Dezzelynn and family*

.....  
*Aunti from Gi-Gi*

*I can't describe the emptiness I feel, but I can describe the joy I  
have just to know, you will suffer no more. We love you and will  
truly miss you and never forget you.*

*You and your sister be good. Okay?*

*Love, Gi-Gi, Booter, Ponce*

.....  
*We loved you Auntie from the beginning  
and to the very end.*

*San and Shakira and Shakeyah*

.....  
**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The family of Frances Pratt wishes to thank each and everyone for each act of kindness, for your prayers and expressions of sympathy during this most difficult time.

May God bless and keep you.

## *Homegoing Service for*

## **FRANCES ANN GASKIN PRATT (WIDGE)**

Sunrise  
January 25, 1947

Sunset  
November 6, 2000



November 10, 2000

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH  
1307 Fillmore Avenue  
Buffalo, New York

Rev. Dennis Lee Jr., Officiating



## OBITUARY

Frances Ann Gaskin was born to the union of Melvin Gaskin and Rita M. Reed Gaskin McGee in Buffalo, NY who preceded her in death.

She confessed Christ at an early age and attended various Churches but she made Mt. Zion Baptist Church located at 1516 E. 30th Street Lorain, OH, where Pastor Mark E. Sadler Officiates.

Frances attended St. Boniface and St. Mary's Catholic School. She continued her education in Buffalo, NY at Bennett High School. She also attended Admiral King in Lorain, OH. She furthered her education at Lorain Community College for Nursing where she received her L.P.N. License. She also went to Bryant and Stratton for Business Administration. She also attended Culinary Arts where she received her degree for Gourmet Chef. Frances worked at Elmira Memorial Hospital as a Dietician.

Frances leaves to mourn: her loving husband Barry Dalton Pratt; two children: Joseph Juppan Gaskin and Tanisha Laquel Gaskin; four grandchildren: Delesia, Arkeil, Nakita and Sharkela; three devoted sisters: Melvinia (Benjamin) Minnifield, Bellevidine (Melvin) Henley and Helen (Woody) Stevenson; five nieces: Yokita, Donnette, Dezzelynn, Dojetta and Shakira; five nephews: Corddaryl, Dewitt, Shawn, Eric and Marcus; a host of great-nieces and great-nephews; a friend (Captain) and one god-sister, Sarah Dower.

Frances was preceded by her sister Sharon D. Brown and a twin brother.

### DOES HEAVEN HAVE A PHONE NUMBER

Mommy went to Heaven, but I need her here today,  
My tummy hurts and I fell down, I need her right away,  
Operator can you tell me how to find her in this book?

Is Heaven in the yellow part, I don't know where to look.  
I think my daddy needs her too, at night I hear him cry.  
I hear him call her name sometimes, but I really don't know why.

Maybe if I call her, she will hurry home to me.  
Is heaven very far away, is it across the sea?  
She's been gone a long, long time she needs to come home now!  
I really need to reach her, but I simply don't know how.

Help me find the number please, is it listed under "Heaven"?  
I can't read these big big words, I am only seven.  
I'm sorry operator, I didn't mean to make you cry,  
Is your tummy hurting too, or is there something in your eye?

If I call my Church maybe they will know.  
Mommy said when we need help that's where we should go.  
I found the number to my Church tacked up on the wall.  
Thank you operator, I'll give them a call.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Hymn Comfort

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament . . . . . Psalm 23

New Testament . . . . . Matthew 6:9-13

Solo *Shakira Henley*

Obituary

Acknowledgments

Solo *Sis. Mingo*

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

Recessional

I knew you were happy, I knew you were sad  
I like the memory of you when you were glad  
The bright sun you brought to the whole family  
Leaves every one to thought  
That my sis was a memory, a very happy one  
Your loving sisters  
Belle and Mel

Words can't express how I feel that you're gone. I wish I could go back in time and tell you how I feel about you. But on Nov. 6, 2000 your number was called by God. It was a painful day for me and my sister Tanisha, but God only knows how much she could bear. But I'll keep my head on straight and take it's last walk.

love, Joseph Gaskin

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**ST. MATTHEWS CEMETERY**

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