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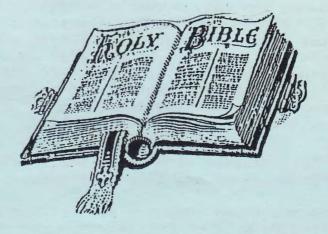
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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP and CELEBRATION FOR THE LIFE OF

CHARLES PRESBERY RUFF

1894 1992



Monday, May 4, 1992 1:00 p.m.

Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church Buffalo, New York

The Rev. Melba Chaney, Pastor

OBITUARY

Mr. Charles Presbery Ruff was born in Belle Air, Maryland on September 18, 1894 and he died on April 29, 1992 in Buffalo.

After graduating from Hampton Institute, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. During World War I he served as a musician in England, Ftance and in Germany.

In 1920 he married the late Inez Ruff, nee Johnson, and they moved to Buffalo, New York. He was employed as a master carpenter at the Pullman Company from which he retired in 1959. He was also an original member of the famed "100 Voice Choir" of Lincoln Memorial and a founding member of the Hampton Institute Alumni Association of Western New York.

Mr. Ruff resided with Emily Idell Ruff, the youngest of his four children.

Other surviving children are Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Ruff of Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Ruff of Seattle, Washington; and Mrs. Helen Doloris Perry of Tacoma, Washington. He is also survived by a sister-Mrs. Minnie Washington of Belle Air, Maryland. Included among his immediate family are 7 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and 1 great, great grandson.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Mrs. Joyce Mathis

PROCESSION OF THE FAMILY

SOLO Mrs. Lauretta Anderson "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

Acknowledgments and the Reading of the Obituary

The Honorable Barbara Sims

PRAYER

The Rev. M. Chaney

HOLY SCRIPTURES

Psalm 23 Revelation 21:1-7

EULOGY/SERMON "Where God Dwells"

Mrs. Lauretta Anderson SOLO "His Eye Is On the Sparrow"

FAMILY RECESSES Organ Postlude

Interment: Forest Lawn Cemetery

FUNERAL DIRECTION

The Richard D. Meadows, Jr. Funeral Chapel

Presentation of the Flag and Other Military Courtesies are provided by members and Officers of the Bennett-Wells American Legion Post #1780.

PALLBEARERS

Vanless Byrd Jack Givens
Clifford Brockenton Grover Knight
Ulysses Curry William Leigh
Monroe Williams

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the comforting thoughtfulness of friends and neighbors who expressed their caring through cards, telegrams, flowers, calls and prayers.

MEDITATION

"GOD saw the road was getting rough The hill was hard to climb, He gently closed those loving eyes And whispered, 'Peace be Thine.'"