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**Pallbearers**

Baby Jay
Emir
Little Malcolm

Donald
Johnny
Michael

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**My Dear Auntie,**

Words are inadequate to express how much you mean to me and how much I will miss you. You were like a mother to me and so many of us. I thank you for all that you gave to me.

Auntie you were the glue who held us together spiritually. I will forever be grateful for all the times we shared.

I thank God for blessing me with you. You were more than my auntie you were my angel and now that you have your wings you can rest on a cloud and listen to those words you longed to hear.

"Well done my good and faithful servant"

Love you very much

Lorrenette

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Auntie

We all miss you and wish you were still here with us. I understand that it is now your time to rest. I just wish you didn’t have to go. I want you to know that you will always be very special to me and even though you are gone you will never be forgotten.

Now it’s time for you to be our angel and watch over us. I love you and thank you for always loving me so much.

Love

Cherrel

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**Homegoing Celebration**

**for**

**Edna Jones Sanford**

Affectionately known as "Auntie"

**Sunrise**

August 18, 1922

**Sunset**

May 20, 2005

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Wake: 11:00am

Funeral: 12 Noon

Hopewell Baptist Church

1301 Fillmore Avenue

Buffalo, NY 14211

Dennis Lee, Jr., Pastor, Officiating
Edna Jones Sanford was born August 18, 1922 in Stoney Creek, Va. to the late James and Gladys Bonner. She departed from this life on Friday, May 20, 2005 at Hospice after a long fight with a respiratory illness.

She accepted Christ at an early age and joined Little Bethel Baptist Church in Stoney Creek, Va. While living in Stoney Creek she worked on the family farm and had various jobs as a cook. She relocated to Buffalo in 1954.

During the spring of 1956 she married the late Rudy Sanford. There were no children born from that union, however they raised her nephew Stanley Burge as their own.

She was employed at the Lenox Hotel as a cook for 30 years. She was known and admired for her exquisite dishes. Auntie was a crafty seamstress and was adored by all of those who knew her.

Edna was a faithful member of the Hopewell Baptist Church for many years. She was active with many church activities and functions. She was most proud of her position as President of the Usher Board. Though she resigned as President because of her health she remained on the Usher Board emeritus.

She was a christian women who loved to read scripture and speak the word of God. She considered herself a shepard among family and friends when they needed to be enlighten with the word of God.

She leaves to mourn her four sisters; Gladys, Mary (Sidney), Alice and Virginia Lee. Six sisters-in-laws; Pearl, Anna Jane, Lena, Willa, Shirley Bonner and Evelyn Green. Her nephew Stanley Burge and his three children Tamika, Jason and Anthony Burge. Her eight brothers preceeded her in death.

She will be especially missed by her dear friend and sister in christ Eloise Hunter whom she lovingly called her daughter.

She will also be missed by a host of nieces and nephews and friends.

Order Of Service

Processional
Selection.....................................Hopewell Choir
Scripture:
New Testament............St John 14:1-7
Old Testament............Psalm 23

Prayer Of Comfort
Selection.....................................Hopewell Choir
Obituary/Resolutions and Cards......................Deaconess Ann Hooks

Solo.............................................Brother Samuel Stover
"The last Mile of the Way"

******Remarks (2 Minutes)*****
Selection.....................................Hopewell Choir
Eulogy...............................Pastor Dennis Lee, Jr.

Recessional

Interment:
Forest Lawn Cemetery

Arrangements by:
Thomas Edwards Funeral Home