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Obsequies

*Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home
995 Genesee St.
Buffalo, New York*

Interment

*Bidgeland Cemetery
800 Pine Ridge Road
Cheektowaga, New York*

Acknowledgement

Our family sincerely thank each of you for opening your hearts and showing God's love in our hour of Bereavement. A special thanks to Pastor Dennis Lee, Jr., and the Hopewell Baptist Church and Darrell Saxon of Thomas Edwards Funeral Home.

In Loving Memory of Buford Hill

*Sunrise:
January
15th,
1915*

*Sunset:
February
12th,
2006*



*Funeral
Services
Tuesday,
February
21st,
2006
11:00 AM*

*Hopewell Baptist Church
1301 Fillmore Ave.
Buffalo, New York
Pastor Dennis Lee, Jr., Officiating*

He Was Different

*He was different, He was special, Unique in a thousand ways.
He was giving, He was loving, and we'll miss Him all our days.*

*His legacy was friendship, He was so giving of his time.
His bequest was his faith in God, His family: his books of rhyme.*

*And when he heard death coming, He didn't cower in fear,
Instead he called out boldly, My Lord, I'm over here.*

*And so instead of mourning as we remember him this hour,
We really should be celebrating the blooming of a flower.*

Helen Steiner Rice

*That's my brother and he was
sweet.*

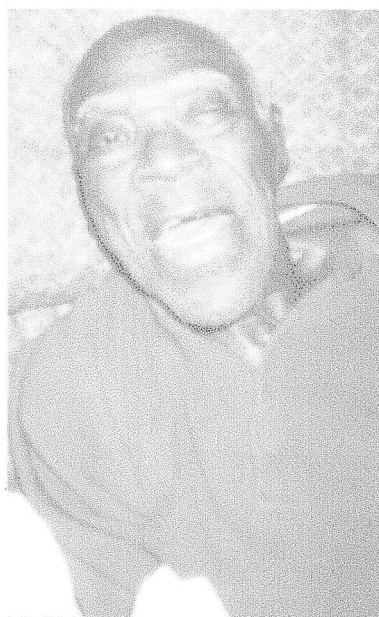
Your sister, Roberta

*Where is (Beaver)? I miss him.
Your great-great niece, Amya*

*To know the will of God is the
greatest knowledge. To find the
will of God is the greatest
discovery. To do the will of God is
the greatest achievement. Your
niece, Pat*

*Uncle Buford was very kind. I
learned from him that Jesus is God.
Your great niece, Jerris*

*I love you uncle (Belford)
Your great-great-great niece,
Ariyan*



I Have A Place

Please don't sing sad songs for me,
Forget your grief and fears,
For I am in a perfect place,
Away from pain and tears...
I'm far away from hunger,
And hurt and want and pride,
I have a place in heaven,
With the Master at my side.
My life on earth was very good,
As earthly lives can go,
But paradise is so much more
Than anyone can know...
My heart is filled with happiness
And sweet rejoicing, too
To walk with God is perfect peace,
A joy forever new.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Words of Assurance



Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgement & Obituary

Remarks
Selection

Eulogy.....Pastor Dennis Lee, Jr.

Recessional

A Reflection of Life

Buford Hill was the oldest of 10 children born on January 15, 1915 in Ragland, Alabama to the late Wesley and Eliza Hill.

He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized under the ministry of the late Rev. Chatman at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Ragland, Alabama.

He moved from Alabama at age 18 years old and joined the Army November 25, 1942. He received Decorations and Citations: Theater Medal with One Bronz Star. Good Conduct Medal. One Overseas Service Bar. After being injured, May 14, 1945, he received an honorable discharge.

He was later employed by Ford Motor Company in Dearborne, Michigan and retired after 30 years of service. He personal knew Mr. Ford.

He was an avid reader and loved to discusse the Bible, Politics and watch Oparh Winfrey on TV. He was a very proud and personal man who loved his family and displayed his love through his generosity and a giving heart, and he had a big heart.

Although Buford lived independently up until June 2005, he knew his health was failing, and asked his niece if she would be willing to take care of him!

He couldn't get out to go to church, so they had church at home. God placed in the hearts of those concerned through the ministry and leadership of Pastor Dennis Lee, Jr., to make frequent, steadfast, and diligent visits bringing church to the home and during his hospital stay. The spirit moved in a quiet and joyous way, radiating him with a response "Now that's what I'm talking about". Often Buford would say: "Always put your trust in God, because man will fail you" and "When you can't, God can". About a month ago, he asked his niece to open the window blinds so he could see "where he was going". His last spoken word was "Jesus".

When a face that was so dear is no longer here, and a voice that was loved is hushed, it seems that time went by too quickly. Nevertheless we clearly remember many wonderful hours and joy that was shared by all. So on Sunday, February 12, 2006, the Supreme Architect of the Universe called him by name and he departed this life.

Cherishing his memories are: one sister, Roberta Frazier. one sister-n-law: Mrs. Annie L. Hill, a dedicated niece: Patricia Rainey, A host of nieces, great nieces, nephews, great nephews, relatives and friends.