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In His Care ...



November 1  
1927

March 16  
2010

*Marguerite  
Dunford*



# Remembering Her Life



## *Marguerite Dunford*



Marguerite (Lyles) Dunford was God's gift to the late Reverend John F. D. and Mollie Lyles. Born on November 1, 1927 in Buffalo, New York, Marguerite was the younger sister of Bessie, who also preceded her in death.

Marguerite, or "Wee Wee" as she was affectionately called by her family, was educated in the Buffalo Public School System, graduating from Fosdick Masten Girls Vocational High School. After high school, she worked at a laundry and then began her career in in-home care.

At an early age, Marguerite confessed Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior. She joined fellowship with the New Hope Baptist Church where, in her teens, she was baptized.

Having been united in holy matrimony with Mr. Samuel Dunford in 1947, Marguerite was blessed with two beautiful daughters, Diane and Delores. Marguerite was a wonderful mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Her daughters credit her with having been very protective of them and very strict. She kept them "in church and at home before dark." Marguerite's love extended to her granddaughter and her great grandson Dorian, who she affectionately called "Junior." Junior was her heart.

In 1956, when her father founded the Hopewell Baptist Church, Marguerite moved her membership to be under her father's pastorate. Marguerite became a faithful, committed and hard working member, serving as President of the Senior Choir for 24 years and Head of the Kitchen Committee, as well as being a member of the Mission Ministry and the Deaconess and Mothers' Board.

Marguerite spread her love through her wonderful cooking and entertaining. She loved to host family dinners and dinners for the church family.

Mother Marguerite Dunford answered the call to rest in her Savior's arms on March 16, 2010 at the blessed age of 82. Her memory will live on in the hearts of those who love her dearly: her two devoted and loving daughters, Diane Walker of Atlanta, Georgia and Delores Dunford of Buffalo, New York; one granddaughter: Shauna Smith of Buffalo, New York; her "heart," great grandson Dorian Simmons, Jr., and many, many other family members, friends and brothers and sisters in Christ.

# Homegoing Celebration

Saturday, March 20, 2010

*Visitation 11 AM · Celebration Service 12 Noon*

Hopewell Baptist Church  
1301 Fillmore Avenue · Buffalo, New York 14211

Reverend Dennis Lee, Jr., Pastor

*Officiating*

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Musical Prelude

Selection - Minister Raymond Pugh

*"What is This?"*

Scripture Readings

*Old Testament: Psalm 23*

*New Testament: John 14:1-6*

Prayer of Comfort

Selection - Hopewell Baptist Church Senior Choir

*"Struggling and Straining"*

Silent Reading of Obituary

Reading of Resolutions

<i>Church.....</i>	<i>Deacon Willie Murphy</i>
<i>Mothers' / Deaconess Board.....</i>	<i>Deaconess Ann Hooks</i>
<i>Kitchen Committee .....</i>	<i>Sister Belle Henley</i>
<i>Mission Ministry.....</i>	<i>Sister Delores Foxworth</i>
<i>Senior Choir .....</i>	<i>Deaconess Ruth Murphy</i>

Solo - Mr. Luther Rutledge, Jr.

*"My Soul is Anchored"*

Remarks from the Pulpit

Selection - Hopewell Baptist Church Male Chorus

*"Another Blessing"*

Eulogy - Reverend Dennis Lee, Jr.

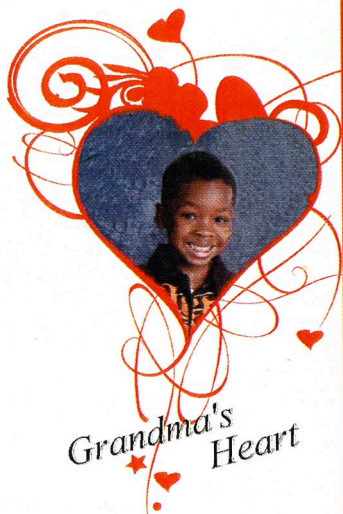
Recessional

Interment

*Forest Lawn Cemetery*

*Immediately Following Interment, The Family Will Receive Friends  
at the Hopewell Baptist Church Annex*

# Acknowledgements



## Pallbearers

Mr. Tony Blackmon  
Mr. Rashard Randle, Jr.  
Mr. Braheim Roberson

Mr. Donnie Miller  
Mr. Rashard Randle, Sr.  
Mr. Shacore Smith

Mr. Michael Queener  
Mr. Romni Randle  
Mr. Ahmad Wilson

## The Care of Our Loved One

Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home, Inc.  
995 Genesee Street · Buffalo, New York 14211  
(716) 894-4888 · [www.thomastedwardsfuneralhome.com](http://www.thomastedwardsfuneralhome.com)  
Mr. Darrell Saxon II, Funeral Director

## Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery  
1411 Delaware Avenue · Buffalo, New York 14209

## Thank You

The visits you made comforted us,  
The sustenance you brought sustained us.  
Your cards and calls consoled us,  
The prayers you prayed lifted our spirits.  
For all you did, in thoughts, words or deeds,  
From the bottom of our hearts ~  
We sincerely thank you.

Diane, Delores, Shauna and Dorian, Jr.



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