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Friendship Missionary Baptist Church,  
5652 Saunder Settlement Road, Lockport.

**Honorary Pallbearers**

Harold R. Elliott       Darnell C. Crenshaw  
Darryl A. Crenshaw      Tyler Robinson 
Darryl A. Diel

**Internment**

Acacia Park and Resthaven Cemetery  
North Tonawanda, NY

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**Acknowledgement**

The family of Bettie D. Allen acknowledges with sincere and humble gratitude your thoughts, prayers, and acts of love and concern during the passing of our dear loved one. May God bless each of you.

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**Services Entrusted to:**

Taylor and Reynolds Funeral Home  
70 Niagara Street, Lockport, NY

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**Home Going Celebration for BETTIE D. ALLEN**

Sunrise:  
June 9, 1935

Sunset:  
July 12, 2010

Friday, July 15, 2010

11:00 a.m.

Reverend Dennis Lee, Jr., Pastor  
Hopewell Baptist Church  
Fillmore Avenue, Buffalo, NY  
Officiating
BETTIE PENN ALLEN was born on June 9, 1935 in Greenville, Alabama, the fourth of six children born to the late Nancy (McCoy) and Anderson Crenshaw. Bettie transitioned from Labor to Rest on July 10, 2010 in Lockport, New York, in the midst of her loving family.

Bettie graduated from Spalding Business College prior to marrying Jesse Penn and moving to Columbus, Ohio. She worked for and remained with Lazarus Corporation until she retired.

In 1979, Bettie was joined in holy matrimony to the late Rudolph (Rudy) Allen. She and Rudy were married for 31 years.

Bettie was dedicated to the Daughters of Isis, Alla Baba Chapter 76, and remained very active with the Eastern Star for several years. Bettie served on many committees and in several capacities, having proudly held the office of Worthy Matron. Bettie was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church, Columbus, OH, Rev. Henderson Shaw, Pastor. Bettie excitedly worked for the President Obama campaign, and viewed his success as her own.

Bettie loved her family and longed to spend as much time as possible with them, making several trips and many friends over the years. In May 2010, she came to Lockport to share her life with those she loved, bringing with her an infectious smile, joy, laughter, and as much love as she could give.

Bettie celebrated her 75th birthday in the presence of her family. She pretended to be surprised and immediately commenting on the misspelling of her name on the cake. She insisting we listen as she carefully read each card to us.

Bettie, like her siblings, accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at a young age. She was baptized at First Baptist Church, Greeneville. All of her struggles were made easier when she took direction from the Lord - she went to him often, knowing she was truly one of His Children. She depended on Him and He comforted and carried her through time after time. She loved the Lord and prayed without ceasing, and without question. She didn’t ask “why”, she simply responded, “Yes, Lord”... with each step she took. She’d often look into your eyes and tell you, “I’ll be alright”; “we’ll have to pray on this one”, or simply “I love you much”.

Bettie departed this life suddenly and without warning, yet ready to receive her reward. She left us with wonderful and precious memories to comfort us, and heavy hearts that will keep us prayerful, and with her watchword... “LOVE”.

Bettie is sorrowfully missed. Her dignity and smile will remain in our memories, and the love she shared will remain in our hearts. Her soft voice still lingers and her love still abounds.

She was predeceased recently by her husband, Rudolph Allen, parents, Anderson and Nancy Crenshaw, sisters Anna Laura Law, and Nellie Taylor, and brother Letana Crenshaw. She is survived by her son Harold (Pamela) Elliott, Pamela and Robert Allen; sisters Lillie B. White and Eula S. Carter; granddaughters Kelli, Shelli, and Errica Elliott; devoted nephew and niece Darryl A. Crenshaw and Denise (Dinky) Michel of Lockport, along with several nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews, cousins, and countless friends, to include Cynthia Hill and Dana Jones of Columbus, OH.
Order of Service
Reverend Dennis Lee, Jr
Presiding

Your loved one
Sis. Betty D. Allen

Musical Prelude
SELECTION
Just a Closer Walk

Scriptures
OLD TESTAMENT
Deacon James Meadows
NEW TESTAMENT
Reverend Caleb Bell
PRAYER OF COMFORT
- Pastor Herman Potts

Expressions and Reflections
SELECTION
I Need You
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
READING
Change of Address

Obituary and Reflections Read Silently
EULOGY
Pastor Dennis Lee, Jr.
COMMITMENT AND
BENEDICTION CEREMONY
Pastor Dennis Lee, Jr.

Psalm 27
A Psalm of David
The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.
Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: tough war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.
One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.
For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me upon a rock.
And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies around about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.
Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
When though saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord will I seek.
Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.
Teach me thy way, Oh Lord and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.
Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such breathe out cruelty.
I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, On the Lord.