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

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Harold R. Elliott  
Darryl A. Crenshaw  
Darryl A. Diel

Darnell C. Crenshaw  
Tyler Robinson

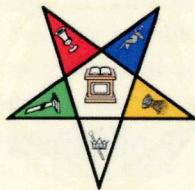
### *Internment*

Acacia Park and Resthaven Cemetery  
North Tonawanda, NY



### *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.



Services Entrusted to:  
Taylor and Reynolds Funeral Home  
70 Niagara Street, Lockport, NY

# *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*



BETTYE ALLEN was born on (date), 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, Greenville. 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. Bettie 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

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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: though 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 pavil-  
ion: 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.