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An Open Letter To My Mother

Dearest mother,

I know you were tired,
You deserve some rest, so
Go now and sleep peacefully
Until the resurrection
I will see you then

Don't worry Mom
The light from your inner beauty
Will lead your family to righteousness
The joy of your laughter will eternally
bring smiles to the faces
of your grandchildren
The principles you instilled in me
will forever guide my actions and bring
me peace

Even from your sick bed
You were a special companion
to my Dad
Your eternal love for each other
must now sustain him
and it will

Dearest Mother,

Know that I am not afraid of tomorrow
Because the love you gave me yesterday
Prepared me for this battle today

So go now,
I know you were tired,
You deserve some rest,
Sleep peacefully
When you awake,
I will still be your only child
and Momma I will see you then
In the resurrection

Your son,

Charley H. Fisher, III
Mary N. Fisher passed away on Monday, February 3, 1997 following a lengthy illness.

Born on February 5, 1913 in DeKalb, Mississippi, she was the daughter of the late Aaron Moore and Ollie Neely.

As a young woman, Mary moved from DeKalb to St. Louis Missouri. From there, she relocated to Buffalo, New York which became her permanent home.

On January 26, 1947, Mary became the bride of Charley H. Fisher, Jr. and from their union came one son, Charley H. Fisher, III.

Professionally, Mary became one of the first African-American realtors in the Buffalo area. She established the Mary N. Fisher Realty Company which she maintained successfully for over 40 years.

Mary was a member of Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church for over 50 years. She served at the church in various organizations until chronic illness left her unable to do so.

Another of Mary's most cherished affiliations was with the Ionic Chapter #88 of the Order of Eastern Stars (Prince Hall Affiliate). There she was not only a charter member, but served as a Worthy Matron—a position denoting the highest level of service within that organization. She was also a member of Hadji Court, Daughters of Isis #62 where she served as Commandress.

Within the community, Mary served with distinction as chairperson of the Humboldt YMCA’s annual fundraising drive during the years 1962 through 1967. She was also an active member of the Negro Business and Professional Women’s Association.

Mary is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Charley H. Fisher, Jr.; her loving son, Charley H. Fisher, III; her grandchildren, Charley H. Fisher, IV, Carolyn N. (Michael) Blackmon, Mary E. Fisher, Kwanza K. Fisher; and great-grandchild, Michael D. Blackmon, III. She is also survived by Mary W. Johnson, Delores Ross, Mildred Haney and a host of other relatives and friends.

She will be greatly missed.

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**Services for the late Mary N. Fisher**

- Prelude ......................................................... Mrs. Joyce C. Mathis
- Processional
- Opening Hymn .................................................. UMH #369
  "Blessed Assurance"
- Invocation
- Lessons from the Scriptures
  - New Testament Reading ...................................... Psalm 27
  - Old Testament Reading ................................. I Thessalonians 4: 13-18
- Gloria Patri
- Pastoral Prayer of Intercession
- Solo ............................................................... Mrs. Lauretta Anderson
  "Precious Lord"
- Words of Comfort from Visiting Ministers
- Remarks
- Hymn .............................................................. UMH #462
  "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"
- Acknowledgment of Cards and Telegrams
- The Obituary (read silently)
- Solo ............................................................... Mr. Roy Mathis
  "In This Very Room"
- Eulogy ......................................................... The Rev. Dr. James S. Webb, Jr.
- Hymn .............................................................. UMH #701
  "When We All Get To Heaven"
- Benediction
- Reception