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### The Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Members of The Harambe Club  
Rochester, New York

### *Pallbearers*

Henry Coleman	George W. Nicholas
Leroy Coles	Lawrence Payne
James Civial	Leo Swanson
Charlie Ferguson	Ernie Warlick
Craven Givens	Don Young

### *Acknowledgement*

*The Family wishes to acknowledge and thank family, friends and neighbors for all acts of kindness during Jim's illness and for all expressions of sympathy.  
May God Bless each of you.*

### *Arrangements*

Thomas Edwards Funeral Home  
995 Genesee Street  
Buffalo, NY 14211

### *Interment*

Forest Lawn Cemetery  
Buffalo, NY 14209

## *Celebration of Life* *for*



# *James M. Hamilton*

June 1, 1934 - December 6, 1998

*Friday, December 11, 1998*

Viewing: 10:00 A.M. — Service: 11:00 A.M.

*Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church*  
641 Masten Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14209

REVEREND DR. JAMES S. WEBB, JR., *Pastor*



## Obituary

**JAMES M. HAMILTON**, a devoted husband, loving father, caring brother and dedicated friend, received his halo on Sunday, December 6, 1998.

James M. Hamilton was the third eldest child of the late Mr. Alexander and Willa Hamilton. He was born on June 1, 1934 in Forkland, Alabama. The family relocated to Niagara Falls, NY in 1944 where he accepted Christ at an early age.

Jim attended Niagara Falls Public Schools where he excelled in academics and sports. At age 16, Jim was recruited by the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team. Following his father's wishes, he chose education over professional baseball. He received his Bachelor of Science degree at North Carolina A & T State University in Greensboro, N.C. On October 11, 1997, he was inducted into the A & T Sports Hall of Fame for his achievements as one of the school's few multi-sport lettermen.

It was in Aggieland that he met Leola McDaniel. They married on December 6, 1955. They lived in Niagara Falls for a brief time before moving to Rochester, N.Y., where he completed a second degree in Personnel Management from Rochester Institute of Technology.

Jim enjoyed a long and successful career with General Motors Corporation in several capacities. He started in the company as a security guard and advanced in 1977 to Director of Salaried Personnel at Harrison Radiator Division of General Motors, Lockport, N.Y. He retired in May of 1992 after 30 years.

He was actively involved in the Buffalo area community. He served on numerous boards including the Buffalo Public School Advisory Council (chairman 1979-89), BOCES Partnership Program, Buffalo Urban League Board of Directors, N.C. A & T Career Planning Counsel, Niagara County Private Industry Council, The National Center for Dispute Settlement of the American Arbitration Association, The National Society of Black Engineers, and The Minority Academic Society.

He was a devout member of the Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church family. He served on the Church Council, Pastor Parish Relations Committee (chair), and was active in various other church groups.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving and devoted wife, Leola; three sons, James David, Steven, John and daughter, Cheryl Hamilton Perry; daughters-in-law, Kathy and Macy and son-in-law, Eric; six wonderful grandchildren, Alexander, Eric, John, Steven, Justus and Kendall; one brother, Eugene Hamilton and two sisters, Lillian Hamilton and Patricia Swanson; two uncles, Frank Hamilton and Walter Hamilton. He is also survived by cousins, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

## Order of Service

Rev. Dr. James S. Webb, Jr., *Officiating*

**PRELUDE**

**SOLEMN PROCESSIONAL**

**OPENING HYMN** No. 77 ..... *"How Great Thou Art"*

**INVOCATION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** ..... The Choir

**HOLY SCRIPTURES**

Rev. George F. Nicholas

Old Testament - Psalm 51

New Testament - Luke 17: 3-10

**GLORIA PATRI** ..... The Choir

**THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** ..... UMH No. 888

Minister: *The Lord Be With You*

People: *And with thy Spirit*

Minister: *Let us Pray*

**PASTORAL PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

**THE RESPONSE** No. 496 ..... The Choir  
*"Sweet Hour Of Prayer"*

**A & T SPORTS HALL OF FAME** ..... Mr. Don Young

**WORDS OF COMFORT** ..... Visiting Ministers

**SOLO** ..... Ms. Jacquelyn Dobson

**CARDS, CONDOLENCES and**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS** ..... Mrs. Mary Carter

**OBITUARY** ..... *To Be Read Silently*

**SOLO** ..... Ms. Jacquelyn Dobson

**EULOGY** ..... Congressman Edolphus Towns

**RECESSIONAL** ..... *"Soon and Very Soon"*

**BENEDICTION** (At The Gravesite) ..... Rev. Dr. James S. Webb, Jr.