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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  Leroy Coles  James Covial  Charlie Ferguson  Craven Givens
George W. Nicholas  Lawrence Payne  Leo Swanson  Ernie Warlick  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
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, and 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

Old Testament - Psalm 51

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

“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.