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Hopewell Baptist Church
CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

Gladys Bonner

SUNRISE
March 28, 1932

SUNSET
September 18, 2012

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012
11:00 a.m. - Wake
12:00 p.m. - Service

Hopewell Baptist Church
1301 Fillmore Avenue
Buffalo NY 14211

PASTOR DENNIS LEE, JR.
Officiating
Obituary

Gladys E. Bonner was born March 28, 1932 to the late James and Gladys Bonner in Stoneycreek, VA. She accepted Christ at a young age and was baptized as a member of Little Bethel Baptist Church. She was educated at the Mason Town Elementary School where her Aunt Fanny was the school teacher. She also attended Virginia State College. Gladys faced great adversity in life. She was stricken with polio at 3 years old and had to use crutches for the rest of her life; however, she was never looked upon as a cripple. She was strong and independent.

Gladys relocated to Buffalo, NY in 1954 with her sister to achieve a better life. Gladys was employed at the Goodwill Industries until she obtained employment through Erie County Department of Social Services. Her title was secretary but she functioned as a social worker assisting individuals in need. She was very dedicated to helping others and often influenced family members to volunteer for the VISTEC program.

Gladys was a charter member of Hopewell Baptist Church then under the leadership of the late Reverend J. F. D. Lyles. Gladys was a caring and loving person who always put family first. She was a mother to many and would open her home to everyone. She also had a firm way of letting you know if you were wrong but you always knew it was out of love.

On September 18, 2012, Our Heavenly Father called her back to Him after a long and courageous fight with cancer. During her illness she never complained. She kept her faith and remained strong.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her daughter, Gladys Lawrenette Payton; two granddaughters; Gladys Cherrel Bonner and Jenay Payton; and a great granddaughter, Alanah Bishop; three sisters, Mary (Sidney) Lanier, Alice Massenberg, and Virginia Lee Mayfield; four sister-in-laws, Lena Bonner, Willa Bonner, Shirley Bonner, and Evelyn Green. She will also be missed by a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Eight brothers and one sister proceeded Gladys in death.
Words cannot adequately express my love for you and what I am feeling right now. You were and always will be the greatest love of my life and my best friend. We shared so many things together.

Today my heart is heavy because it will miss you so much. But there is joy in knowing that you are in a better place. I thank God for allowing me to take care of you when you needed me. I thank Him for the time He gave me with you. I will never forget the things you taught me. I will never forget the good times. I remember your words and will be strong. I love you mommy. Enjoy paradise. You are at peace at last.

You will always be in my heart.

Your “Gusher”
Order of Service

Selection

Scripture
   Old Testament
   New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Solo

Resolutions, Obituary, & Acknowledgements

Solo

Remarks

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Hopewell Choir

Psalm 23
John 14

Clergy

Mr. Jerry Daniels, Sr.

Deaconess Ann Hooks

Ms. Sharone Lewis

Pastor Dennis Lee, Jr.

T. L. Pickens Mortuary
66 East Utica Street
Buffalo NY 14209

Forest Lawn Cemetery and Crematory
1411 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo NY 14209
HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST

God saw that she was getting tired, A cure was not to be. So He put His arms around her and whispered, “Come with Me”.

With tearful eyes, we watched her suffer, And saw her fade away.

Although we loved her dearly, We could not make her stay.

A golden heart stopped beating, Hard working hands to rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us He only the “the best”.

Love Cherrel

Although I cannot see you, I feel your presence near.

I will hold you close in memory, Till I drop my very last tear.

So sleep now with the angels, And your golden heart let rest. Although our hearts are broken, We know GOD took the best.

So dance beyond those golden gates, and although this pain is painful, I really don’t wanna let you go.

So rest now my beautiful grandma. I’ll never forget how much you have done.

So until my hand meets yours again... Sleep now in the sun.

Love Jenay
Thomas Bonner  
Wilburt Bonner  
Stanley Burge  

Jason Burge  
Emir Evans  
Donald Mayfield

We thanked the Lord for You Today
For hands that give so much,
For your kind and thoughtful spirit
and your gentle, caring touch.

We thanked the Lord for you today
For your angel heart of gold
For your words of guidance and support
For arms so quick to hold.

We thanked the Lord for you today
In every thought and prayer,
and asked the Lord to bless you
And to keep you in his care.

Our family wishes to simply say Thank You.
However, this cannot begin to express
our heartfelt appreciation
for all that you have done.

THE FAMILY OF GLADYS E. BONNER
Resolution

Once again, in love and infinite wisdom, God has sent His death angel into the Deaconess/Mother Board of the Hopewell Baptist Church, this time releasing from suffering and calling into that new and larger life the gentle spirit of Mother Gladys Bonner.

We cherish the memory of her beautiful Christian character, which in her daily living radiated the Fruit of the Spirit “Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and self-control.”

We thank God for the example of her devout Christian Life, ever-serving her Lord in unselfish service for others.

We assure her family of our deep sympathy, and pray that the peace of God may come into their lives.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be given to the family and a copy to be placed in our church records

Prayerful submitted:

The Deaconess/Mother Board
of the Hopewell Baptist Church
Deaconess Ann Hooks, president
Rev. Dennis Lee, Jr., Pastor

“I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” (Phil 3:14)