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### MY LAST REQUEST

Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in. Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to loose or win. Please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best. Just say I tried to do what was right, to give the most I could, not do less.

Please don't give me wings or halos, that's for God to do. I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due. Please don't give me flowers, or talk in harsh tones.

Don't be concerned about me now, I'm well with God, I've made it home. Don't talk about what could have been, it's over and done just to see all my family's needs, the battle has been won. When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint, I've done some good, I've done some wrong, so use your paint, not just the bright and light tones, use some gray and dark. In fact don't put me down on canvas, paint me in your heart. Don't just remember all the good times, but remember the bad, for life full of many things, some happy and some sad.

But if you must do something, then I have one last request. Forgive me for the wrongs I've done and with the love that's left, thank God for all who loved me, praise God who loved me best.

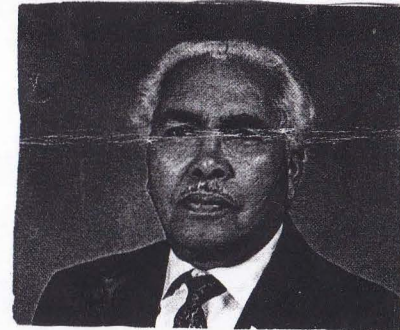
### Acknowledgment

The family of John Beck Joseph wish to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness shown during this difficult time

Love,  
Mrs. Hattie Joseph & Family

### FUNERAL SERVICE FOR JOHN BECK JOSEPH

(MARCH 4, 1917 – JULY 21, 2000)



COME TO ME, ALL YOU THAT ARE WEARY AND  
CARRYING HEAVY BURDENS, AND I WILL GIVE YOU  
REST (Mat. 11:28 NRSV).

LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
641 MASTEN AVENUE  
BUFFALO, NY 14209  
(716) 884 – 7664  
REV. G. EWART MORRIS, PASTOR



**Funeral Service for  
John Beck Joseph**

7/26/00  
Wake

12 Noon  
11:00 a.m.

Officiating Minister  
Organist

Rev. G. Ewart Morris  
Mr. Mitchell McCloud

Opening Sentences  
HYMN: Blessed Assurance

UHM #369

**PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave us birth...  
You are ever more ready to hear  
than we are to pray.  
You know our needs before we ask,  
And our ignorance in asking.  
Give to us now your grace,  
That as we shrink before the mystery of death,  
We may see the light of eternity.  
Speak to us once more  
Your solemn message of and of death.  
Help us to live as those who are prepared to die.  
And when our days here are accomplished,  
Enable us to die as those who go forth to live,  
So that living or dying, our life may be in you,  
And that nothing in life or in death will be able  
to separate us.  
From your great love in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen (\*UMH 871)

SOLO: Mr. Mitchell McCloud

**PSALMS 23 (UNISON)**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
3. He restores my soul. He leads me in fight paths for his name's sake.
4. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.
5. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long (NRSV)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 40: 28-31

GOSPEL

John 14: 1-7

HYMN: "Precious Lord"

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HYMN: IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

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DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

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