HOMEGOING CELEBRATION
FOR
KATHERINE KIRKLAND

Friday, June 28, 2002
10:30 A. M.
Pilgrim Baptist Church
665 Michigan Ave.
Buffalo New York
Reverend R. D. Holloway, Pastor
OBITUARY

Katherine Kirkland was born March 2, 1919 to the late Walter and Marie (nee Belton) Alexander in Camden, South Carolina. The oldest of seven children, she departed this life June 24, 2002, at Buffalo General Hospital.

She was united in Holy Matrimony to Thomas Kirkland. To this union she leaves three children. She accepted Christ at an early age and joined Zion Hill A.M.E. Church in Camden South Carolina, where she attended school.

In 1942, she relocated to Buffalo and became a member of Pilgrim Baptist Church, now led by Rev. R. D. Holloway. She served on the church's Usher Board for 50 years and was honored as "Usher of the Year" by the Great Lakes Ushers Association. Her other awards include the "Outstanding Service Award" from the Health Unit of the Ushers Association, and the Moot Senior Citizens Center for dedicated service. She was an avid member of Paramount Chapter #57 Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliate, the Floral Club, and the General Mission.

Known for her culinary talent, she and her husband owned and operated Kirkland's Turquoise Diner, 1216 Jefferson Ave., during the 60's and 70's. In 1974, she was cited in the Buffalo News by columnist Ceasar Williams. Kirkland's Diner was the last restaurant she owned before retiring from the business. Later, the joy of cooking led her to accept part time employment for several years at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church from which she retired permanently. As a well known caterer, she will always be remembered for her annual Family Christmas Eve dinners.

Preceded in death by three brothers; Alfred, George, and Frank, three sisters; Cora Lee Whitaker, Hattie Burroughs, Elizabeth Alexander. She leaves to cherish her memory; her husband, Thomas; two sons, Alonzo, of Brooklyn, New York; Theodore (Winona); and one daughter, Jewell LaVern, all of Buffalo, New York. Two sisters-in-law; Jean (Frank, deceased) of Buffalo, New York, and Estelle (Alfred, deceased) of Camden, South Carolina.

Thirteen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

SCRIPTURE Old Testament ..................... 23rd Psalm

PRAYER

SELECTION

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

OBITUARY

READING BY GRANDDAUGHTER .......... Sharon E. Kirkland

SELECTION

REMARKS (2 MINUTES)

SOLO ............................................ Charise Simpson

EULOGY ........................................ Rev. R. D. Holloway

RECESSIONAL

INTERNMENT

FOREST LAWN CEMETERY
AUSPICES
H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY, INC.
968 JEFFERSON AVE.
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14204
Dear Ma
God saw you were getting weary
So He did what He thought best
He came and stood beside You
And whispered, "Come and Rest"

When God called You to come and rest
You didn't go alone
For part of us went with you
The Day God Took You Home

Your Loving Daughter
Vern

"God reached down to close the eyes
Of One We Loved So Much
We Truly know within our hearts
IT WAS THE MASTERS TOUCH

YOUR LOVING GRANDCHILDREN

PALLBEARERS
George Alexander
Johnny Alexander
Derek Burroughs
Alexander Haywood
Robert Wilson
David Smiley

Alternate Pallbearers
André Alexander
James Alexander
Leon Scott, Jr.
Robert Kirkland, Jr.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS: Oscar Rayford, Leroy Pressley, Jr., John
James, Melvin Neal, Robert Watts, Robert Staples

Acknowledgments:
The family of the late Katherine Kirkland wishes to express sincere thanks for
your many acts of kindness shown to us during this hour of sorrow. MAY GOD
BLESS ALL OF YOU.