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*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, Caesar 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  
New Testament..... John 14: 1-4

### PRAYER

### SELECTION

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

### OBITUARY

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

### SELECTION

### REMARKS ( 2 MINUTES )

SOLO..... Charise Simpson

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

### RECESSIONAL

#### INTERMENT

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*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.**