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The family of Ola Irene Sessum extends our heartfelt gratitude for all the prayers, calls, visits, cards, food and other expressions of kindness and love. May God continue to bless and keep you in His loving arms.

PALLBEARERS

Marcus Ballard Germone Threatt
Jermaine Phillips William Respress
Anthony Respress Fred Thomas

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Geremiah Burrell Charles Kilgo

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

OLA IRENE SESSUM



August 20, 1923-April 24, 2014

Friday, May 2, 2014
Visitation 10AM~Celebration Service 11 AM

Hopewell Baptist Church
1301 Fillmore Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14211
Pastor Dennis Lee, Jr.

CELEBRATION SERVICE for

OLA IRENE SESSUM

**PASTOR DENNIS LEE, JR.,
OFFICIATING**

Musical Prelude

Opening Sentences

Choir Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Psalm 91

New Testament

John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort Rev. James H. Davis, Jr.

Solo

Reflections and Words of Comfort

Please limit remarks to two minutes or less

Choir Selection

Acknowledgement of Condolences and

Reading of Obituary Sis. Lisa Napier

Solo

Sis. Betty DeBow

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Dennis Lee, Jr.

Pastor, Hopewell Baptist Church

Recessional



HER STORY

Ola Irene Kilgo was born in Monroe, NC on August 20, 1923 to the late Isom and Bessie Fisher Kilgo. She was called to her eternal rest on April 24, 2014.

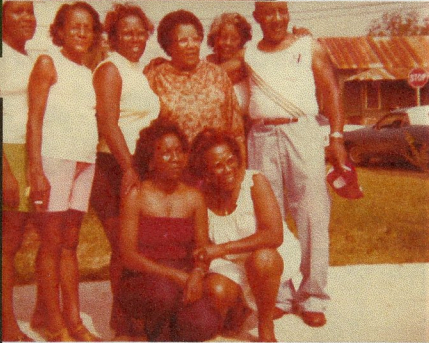
Known as Irene or "Tiny" to her family and friends, she was nurtured in the Christian faith at Black's Memorial United Presbyterian Church in Monroe, along with her 2 brothers and 9 sisters.

After graduating from Winchester Avenue School in Monroe Irene attended Fayetteville State College in North Carolina where she met and later married Neal Ballard. Their union was blessed with a son, Michael.

Irene later moved to Buffalo where she went to work for Niagara Transit. It was there that she met her beloved husband, James O. Sessum. They married on August 9, 1971 and were faithful members of Second Temple Baptist Church where James served as a trustee and Irene was a dedicated worker until her health prevented her regular attendance.

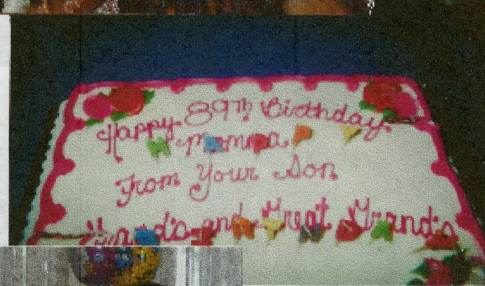
Irene was a woman with many credits to her name, but her greatest accomplishment was raising the children God placed in her life. In addition to her son Michael, she provided a

LOVE, LOVE



AND MORE LOVE

GATHER TOGETHER



AND CELEBRATE

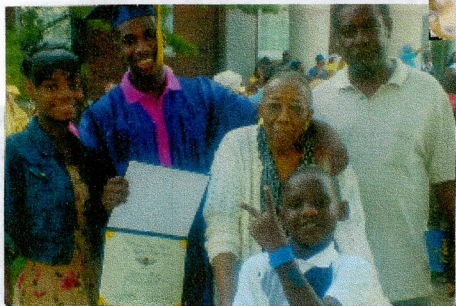
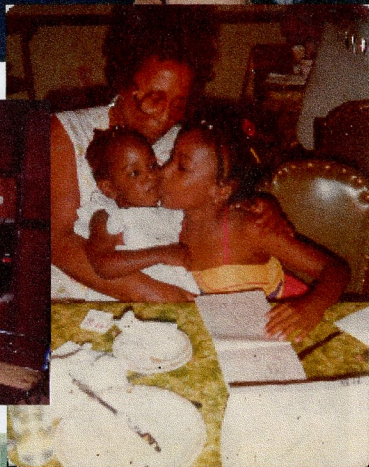
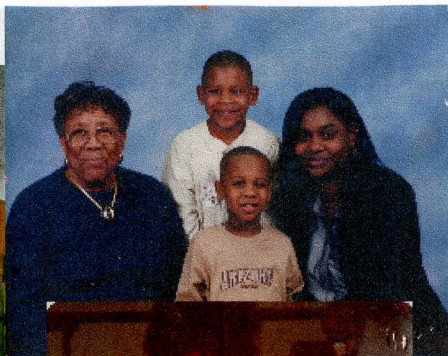
JOY

MAMA

IT'S BEEN SUCH A BLESSING TO HAVE BEEN LOVED BY YOU...SIMPLY KNOWING THAT NO MATTER HOW ROUGH THINGS GOT YOU LOVED ME & MY CHILDREN THE SAME ALL THE TIME. I WAS YOUR BABY GIRL, AND YOU ARE MY HERO. IT'S BECAUSE OF YOUR LOVE, STRENGTH, DETERMINATION & WISDOM I'VE BECOME THE WONDERFUL & STRONG WOMAN I AM TODAY. YOU ALWAYS MADE THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE & NEVER LET ANYONE OR ANYTHING STAND IN YOUR WAY. IT'S FUNNY HOW THE TABLES CAN TURN...IT WENT FROM YOU CARING FOR ME AND ALL OF MY NEEDS TO ME CARING FOR YOU & YOURS. IT WAS ONE OF THE HARDEST JOBS TO DO, BEING LIKE MAMA, BUT ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING. I THANK GOD THAT I WAS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO CARE FOR YOU & SHOW YOU I LOVED YOU JUST AS MUCH AS YOU LOVED ME HERE ON EARTH. SO ON THIS BEAUTIFUL DAY AT YOUR HOME GOING SERVICE I CAN CELEBRATE AND SAY TO GOD BE THE GLORY! MAMA'S AT PEACE & FINALLY GETS TO GO HOME!

I LOVE YOU MAMA.

YOUR BABY,
MARIA



THAT NEVER ENDS!