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In Loving Memory
of
Elsie Brown Waters
March 17, 1901 February 28, 2002

Memorial Service
Monday, March 11, 2002
Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church
641 Masten Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209

Reverend G. Ewart Morris, Officiating
Willie Dorsey, Organist
Juanita Melford, Pianist
Order of Service

Prelude

Invocation Shirley Courton

Hymn “How Great Thou Art” UMH 77

Prayer Rev. G. Ewart Morris

Old Testament Psalm 91 Dorothy Bass

Solo “Amazing Grace” Betty Pitts Foster

New Testament Marjorie Robinson

Tributes Friends & Family

Solo “His Eye is on the Sparrow” Sayeeda Gault

Silent Reading of Obituary

Eulogy Rev. G. Ewart Morris

Hymn “It is Well Within My Soul” UMH 377

Benediction
Obituary

Elsie Brown Waters, the daughter of Mary and William Brown, was born March 17, 1901, in Summit, New Jersey.

At an early age in Richmond, Virginia, she accepted Christ while living with her grandparents after her mother's passing. At her grandparents' death she moved to Orange, New Jersey, living with her aunt until adulthood.

Elsie was educated in Orange, leaving high school when a flu epidemic closed the schools, and finding employment in the record making department of Thomas Edison's plant. She remembered Edison's shaking the hands of each employee and inquiring about their welfare.

In 1920, Elsie married Maurice F. Waters, from which union were born Maurice B. and Doris.

The couple later moved to Egg Harbor City, New Jersey where she lived until her husband's passing in 1971. She then moved to Buffalo.

While living in Egg Harbor, her service to God and fellow man included choir membership, church secretarial work, and conference delegate in St. Luke A.M.E. Church. Years of service were given as PTA Secretary and Red Cross Volunteer.

During the depression, Elsie enrolled in extension courses from Rutgers University, later becoming a Social Service caseworker in Atlantic County, New Jersey.

At coming to Buffalo, she became a member of Lincoln, affiliating with the Sunshine Committee as Chaplain, and later joining the Rachel York Circle. She was a Senior Volunteer in the Buffalo Public School system.

Elsie departed this life February 28, 2002, leaving to cherish her memory her son, Maurice B. Waters (Gertrude); her daughter, Doris W. Givens; her grandchildren, Gregory Givens, David Givens, Debra Givens (Kinzy Brown) and Maurice B. Waters, Jr.; her great-grandchildren, Leland Davis and Kara Brown; her niece, Anne Gray Hudson, several other relatives and a host of friends.
Relentless winter wind pursues
the autumn leaf, with frost now hoary,
No summer green and springtime’s
buds are fainter memory.
Yet deep within her heart remains
the ever living vine, her hope of glory.
O triune God, whose grace meets
humble hearts eternally!

The Family

Acknowledgment

The members of the family are deeply appreciative
of the prayers and acts of kindness
shown to them in their bereavement.