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In Loving Memory

of

GERTRUDE WARE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2002
11:00 A.M.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
641 Masten Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209

REVEREND MERLE SHOWERS, Officiating
Gertrude Ware was born on April 22, 1904 in Midway, Alabama, the second eldest of three daughters of the late John Johnson and Louisa Johnson Loving. She went home to be with the Lord on September 3, 2002 after a short illness.

Gertrude Ware entered into Christian Fellowship at an early age under the pastorate of the late Rev. Smith at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Midway.

She relocated first to Birmingham, Ala., then Cleveland, Ohio and eventually settled in Buffalo, NY around 1929. She joined Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church under the pastorate of Rev. Wm. J. Horner in approximately 1931.

On August 30, 1936, she was united in Holy Matrimony to S. Edward Ware, to whom she remained a devoted and faithful wife for 38 years until his passing in August 1974. She helped to raise into adulthood her cousin, the former Louise Gilbert, who moved to Buffalo from Midway, Ala. in 1942. Mrs. Ware retired from the Karl Richards Beauty Salon, Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, in 1969 after many years of dedicated service.

Gertrude Ware served as a member of the Lincoln Church Senior Choir for almost 60 years, and was a longtime founding member of the church's "Sunshine" committee and the Emma J. Horner Circle. She loved the Lord, her church and her church family and supported the Lincoln church ministry for the greater part of her life.

She will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by her family in Buffalo, NY, including cousin Louise Loatman, who remained devoted to her throughout her life and elderly years, and Louise's children, goddaughter Linda Francis, Lisa Nevins, Michael and Mark Loatman and Calvin Loatman of Atlanta, Ga.

Additionally, she will be missed by a loving cousin, Helen Binford, Cincinnati, Ohio, who visited Buffalo for extended periods during Mrs. Ware's times of illness, and she is also survived by cousin Bernice Gilbert and family of Cincinnati.

Sister Ware was predeceased by two sisters, Girtha Bee Holt and Willie Mae Fowler, as well as by her nephew Henry Fowler, whose widow Bessie Fowler of Oxon Hill, MD and children, Dr. Angela Fowler-Brown of North Carolina, Valerie of Arizona and Brian of Oxon Hill will remember her fondly.

Her memories will be cherished forever by the Cameron family of Buffalo, NY, with whom she celebrated many holidays and special occasions including goddaughter Ithrene Cameron, Lorna Cameron, Guy, Jr. and Robert Cameron of Rochester, NY.

Gertrude Ware is also survived by a host of other relatives, church family members and friends.
~ Order of Service ~

Prelude

Processional

Hymn

Invocation

Holy Scriptures
   Old Testament .............................................. ............................ 23rd Psalm
   New Testament .................................................. ................ St. John 14: 1-6

Gloria Patri

Affirmation of Faith
   Minister: The Lord be with you
   People: And with thy spirit
   Minister: Let us pray
   Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

Solo ................................................................. Sheral Kinley

Words of Comfort

Acknowledgments

Obituary (read silently)

Hymn

Eulogy .................................................................. The Reverend Merle Showers

Recessional

Benediction (at the Gravesite)

~ INTERMENT ~
   Forest Lawn Cemetery

~ AUSPICES ~
   Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home
   Buffalo, New York
God saw the road was getting rough,
The hills were hard to climb
He gently closed her loving eyes
And whispered, "Peace be thine"

Her weary hours, her days of pain
Her weary nights have passed;
Her weary, patient, worn out frame
Has found sweet rest at last

She left a beautiful memory,
A story too great to be told
But to us who loved and knew her
Her memory will never grow old

The family acknowledges with sincere thanks and appreciation all comforting acts of kindness and other expressions of consideration extended to them during the illness and upon the death of our dearly beloved loved one.