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Homegoing Service
For
Alfred Bouie
Sunrise – September 19, 1915
Sunset – June 14, 2004

Tuesday, June 22, 2004
Wake 10:00 am ~ Service 11:00 am

Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church
641 Masten Avenue, Buffalo NY 14209
Rev. G. Ewart Morris, Pastor
(716) 884-7664

~ Officiating Ministers ~
Bishop Willie Mincey, Jr.
Rev. Larry Thompson
Obituary

Alfred Bouie was born on September 19, 1915 in Attapulgus, Georgia to the late Lee and Georgia Mae Bouie. After the passing of his father, he was raised by his stepfather, Alex Williams.

As a teenager, he moved to Buffalo, New York with his family, where he attended Hutchinson Central High School.

In 1941 he was drafted into the United States Army, where he served in the Chemical Warfare Service as a cook and a baker. Before his honorable discharge, Alfred married Mary L. Wright in 1943. Mary Bouie passed away in 1978.

Following his military service, Alfred worked for the United States Postal Service and retired in 1967.

During his lifetime, Alfred kept a loyal membership with the Amvets Henry Pollard Post 5, where he served as commander for many years and became the first African-American Commander of the Erie County Council in 1957.

He was also a member of the St. John’s Lodge #16, the Hadji Temple #61, the Shriners and the Disabled American Veterans.

Alfred’s church membership was at the True Holiness Tabernacle Church in Winter Haven, Florida. He also attended the Mount Calvary Holy Church and Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church in Buffalo, New York.

In 1995 he married Marion A. Brinkley who served as his loyal and loving companion until he departed this life on June 14, 2004.

In addition to his wife, he leaves to mourn his stepdaughters Karen Washington and Leona McCoullum (Randall) of Easton, PA; stepsons Vincent Carter (Vernell) of Alexandria, VA, Booker T. Washington III of Harrisburg, PA., Ronald Washington (Cheryl) of White Hall, PA., Rodney Washington (Stephanie) of Buffalo, NY and Victor Washington, Sr. of Palm Harbor, FL; sister-in-law Darlie Bouie of Detroit, MI; nephews Willard Williams (Geraldine) of Charlotte, NC, Ambrose Austin (Barbara) of Lakeland, FL, Charles A. Lewis, Jr. (Johnnie Mae) of Winterhaven, FL, Joseph Lewis, Sr. of Lakeland, FL, Andrew Lewis (Josephine) of Charleston, SC, Franklin Lewis (Hilda) of Lakeland, FL, William Gerard Bouie (Regina) of Reston, VA, Alfred Dennis Bouie of Detroit, MI; nieces Renvy Stephens (David) of Winterhaven, FL., Mary Kitty Browning of Tampa, FL, Benita Riley (Charles) of Winterhaven, FL, Ladonna Jackson of Winterhaven, FL, and Mary Lois Owens of Miami, FL.;15 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and a host of loving cousins, relatives and friends.
Opening Sentences

Hymn
"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"
UMH# 301

Prayer
The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Let us pray: (Unison)
UMH #870

Psalm 23 (Responsive)
UMH #137

Solo
"Peace Be Still"

Scripture Readings
Psalm 121; John 14:1-6

Words of Witness

Hymn:
"Jesus Lifted Me"
1. I’m so glad (Jesus lifted me)
2. Satan had me bound " "
3. When I was in trouble " "

Reading of Obituary
Mrs. Renvy Stephens

Eulogy
Bishop Willie Mincey, Jr.
True Holiness Tabernacle – Winterhaven, Fla.

Word of Comfort
Rev. G. Ewart Morris
Lincoln Memorial UMC

Solo
"I’ll Fly Away"

Prayers for the Family
Rev. Larry Thompson
Mount Calvary Holy Church

Commendation

Dismissal with Blessing

Recessional
"When We All Get to Heaven"
UMH # 701
"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? 
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"
Psalm 27: 1

~ Pallbearers ~
Ambrose Austin          Alfred Dennis Bouie
Andrew Lewis, Sr.        Charles Lewis
Rev. Joseph Lewis, Sr.   Willard Williams

~ Acknowledgement ~
When our load seemed hard to bear, we looked around and our friends were there with food, flowers and words spoken with smiling faces and hearts opened. You comforted us and shared our grief. May God bless and keep you. – The Family

~ Remembrance ~
One million times we needed you,
One million times we tried,
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God took you Home.

In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still,
For in our hearts you hold a place
That never can be refilled.

~ Interment ~
Forest Lawn Cemetery
1411 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14209