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*Bertha Graham*



*Wednesday, May 4, 2005*


*Wake 11:00 a.m.*

*Memorial Service 12:00 p.m.*

*Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church*

*641 Masten Avenue*

*Buffalo, New York 14209*



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## Bertha Graham

Bertha was born Tibytha Baskin, but her teacher could never pronounce or remember her name so she changed it to Bertha and every one called her Bertha. She was born to the late Minnie Baskin-Hines and Lester Baskin on March 28, 1909 in Lancaster, S. Carolina.

She was joined in Holy Matrimony to the late great Grady B. Graham. They were married 74 years which is why Grady was Great! Their suggestion for a long, happy and stable marriage: When God is first, everything else will fall in place. They made their home in Piney Grove and Winston Salem North Carolina. She worked at R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Factory in Winston Salem North Carolina. Grady and Bertha moved to Niagara Falls, NY in 1945.

Bertha was a people person, she met no strangers. She was very quick witted, and sharp! With a great sense of humor. She was excellent at sales, worked for A. L. Victor, was the first black woman to work on the sales floor at Lane Bryant and retired from Whitney's on Delaware. Bertha was also a skilled seamstress who took pride in sewing clothes for her grandchildren. Bertha was fashion plate and "she could wear a hat!" She chaired many fashion shows, "My Fair Lady", and "Fashions on Parade", to name a few. Bertha was a fun loving person. It was a pleasure to be in her presence. Bertha and her husband were avid gardeners and they took special joy in sharing the "fruits" of their labor with friends and neighbors.

She joined St. Andrews United Methodist Church, where she was a member for 25 years. Bertha later joined Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church in 1971, under the pastorate of Rev. Edmund Millett. She was a member of the Rachel York Circle, Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Women, organized fund raising activities and sponsored cruises and trips to raise money for the church. She was the Chairwoman of Seventh Anniversary Banquet in honor of Rev. Walter C. Barton, Jr. and was Co-chair of Lincoln Memorial's Women's Day Committee in 1999. She also served as Vice President of the Buffalo District United Methodist Women. One of Bertha's favorite scriptures was Matthew 6:33, "First seek ye the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

Known for speaking her mind, during her final days when she could no longer speak, she said to the Lord, "*Lawd, I know I got to go now....I can't talk!*" Bertha lived a full life, loving the Lord, serving Him with gladness as she walked with Him.....Surely, she'll be missed.

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Linda (Wilbert) King-Hatchett; her granddaughters, Kimberly, Crystal and Chandra; seven great-grandchildren; and two god-children, Corey and Justin Moffatt.

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*Order of Service*  
*Rev. J. Ewart Morris ~ Officiate*

Opening Sentences

Hymn: Blessed Assurance UMH 369

Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

(Unison). O God, who give us birth..... UMH 871

Psalm 23 (Unison) UMH 137

Hymn: "Be Still My Soul" UMH 534

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Isaiah 40: 28-31

New Testament John 14: 1-3

Reflections

Family and Friends

Reading of Obituary

Solo "In The Garden"

Kimberly King Glover  
Granddaughter

Eulogy and Word of Comfort

Hymn "Nearer My God To Thee" UMH 528

Commendation

Dismissal with Blessing

Recessional

**Interment**

Forest Lawn Cemetery  
1411 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY 14209

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## *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in the gloom-filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little, but not too long,  
And not with your head bowed low  
Remember the love that we once shared  
Miss me, but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart  
Go to the friends you know  
Bury your sorrows in good deeds,  
Miss me, but let me go.*

We entrusted the care of our loved one to:  
Brian K. Lewis Funeral Homes  
347 Peckham Street  
Buffalo, New York 14206

*"To Serve This Present Age"*

### *Acknowledgement*

*In the midst of trying times, the value of friends is a rewarding asset. Words cannot express how much we sincerely appreciate your understanding, prayers, many comforting words, and all the acts of kindness shown to us during our hour of bereavement. They will serve to brighten the lonely days ahead. We thank you from the depths of our hearts.*