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*Celebrating the Life  
of  
Mary P. Gordon  
August 1, 1923 — March 10, 2006*



**Tuesday March 14, 2006  
Twelve Noon**

Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church  
641 Masten Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14209

**Officiating Ministers**

Reverend S. Ewart Morris – Pastor  
Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church

Reverend Dr. Colleen Gordon - Assistant Pastor  
Church of Divine Inspiration, Rochester, New York

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

The Word of Grace

Hymn	How Great Thou Art	UMH 77
Prayer (Unison)	O God, Who Gives us Birth	UMH 87I
Responsive Reading	Psalm 23	UMH 137
Solo	Marvin Rogers	
Old Testament	Psalm 30: 1-5	
Hymn	Just A Closer Walk with Thee	SOZ 46
New Testament	2 Corinthians 5:1, 2, 5-8	
Words of Witness	Family and Friends (2 Minutes)	

### ***Reading of the Obituary (Silently)***

Solo	Precious Lord	Faye Raye Conley
Eulogy	Reverend Dr. Colleen Gordon	
Words of Comfort	Reverend G. Ewart Morris	
Hymn	When We All Get To Heaven	UMH 70I

### ***Prayers of Commendation and Committal***

Recessional





**-Pallbearers-**

Fredrick D. Gordon Jr.  
Dr. Stephen W. Gordon  
David A. Gordon, Sr.  
Christopher W. Gordon  
David A. Gordon, Jr.  
Lawrence Murphy

**-Interment-**

Forest Lawn Cemetery

**-Acknowledgments-**

*"Perhaps you sent a card,  
or sat quietly in a chair,  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,  
If so, we saw it there;  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,  
As only a friend could say;  
Perhaps you were not there at all,  
Just thought of us that day;  
Whatever you did to console our hearts  
We thank you so much  
Whatever the part."*

-The Family

**-Auspices-**

D. M. Williams Funeral Home  
765 Elmgrove Road  
Rochester, New York 14624  
(585) 247-0430



## OBITUARY

### **Mary Lettie Pitts Gordon, Educator, Golfer, Master Bridge Player**

Mary was born August 1, 1923 to James A. and Mary L. Pitts, in Pittsburgh, PA. She died peacefully on Friday, March 10, 2006, after a brief hospitalization in Rochester NY. She was 82 years old.

Mary graduated from Westinghouse High School in Pittsburgh and matriculated to Bennett College in Greensborough, NC. She met her future husband and later transferred to Howard University where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in 1945. On August 25, 1945 Mary married the late Dr. Frederick D. Gordon of Washington, DC.

They initially lived in Albany NY before settling in Buffalo, NY in 1950. After several years of child rearing she returned as a reading specialist in the Plus Program of the Buffalo Public School system. She later became a college level reading specialist and communication teacher at the Educational Opportunity Center of the SUNY at Buffalo, and served in that capacity for 20 years before retiring in 1985.

Mary was a charter and lifetime member of the Buffalo chapter of The Girlfriends Inc. She was active until shortly before her death. Likewise, Mary was a member of Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church since 1950, a church her entire family attended. Mary was an avid bridge player for fun, as well as playing Tournament Bridge. She earned the tournament points necessary to become a master in the American Bridge Association. As such she belonged to several bridge clubs.

A family oriented woman, Mary not only encouraged her four children to advanced college degrees, she was instrumental in the rearing of all of her grandchildren. She loved the company of her husband, Fred and not only learned the game of golf, becoming a good golfer herself, but also became knowledgeable about football earning a t-shirt for successful completion of "Football for Women", a mini course offered by the Buffalo Bills. She cared for her mother in her later years, until her mother's death in 1964.

Mary Gordon is survived by Frederick D. Gordon Jr. of Buffalo, NY, Dr. Colleen M. Gordon, of Rochester, NY, Dr. Stephen W. and Vera B. Gordon, of Las Vegas, NV; David A. and Leisha G. Gordon, of Buffalo, NY and a Sister-in-Law, Ruth White of San Jose, California. She also leaves to cherish her memory her grandchildren Christopher, Stephanie, Kyla, David Jr., Christina, and Victoria Gordon and Stephen and Evan Kendall, and Kamau Jackson and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.