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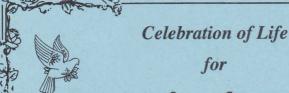
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Sunrise February 23, 1905 Sunset April 14, 2008



Saturday, April 19, 2008 Family Visitation: 10:00 am Celebration: 11:00 am

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

Reverend Patricia L. Brown, Pastor

Obituary

On Monday, April 14, 2008, Blanche Nelson being summoned by God to surrendered to the will of God left this world and life she began in Raleigh, North Carolina on February 23, 1905. Blanche was the middle child of five children born to the late Mr. Ralph and Mrs. Anna Adams. On June 23, 1927 she married Charles L. Nelson and made their home in Buffalo, NY.

Soon after relocating to Buffalo, Blanche meet the Houses family who encouraged her to join the church that would be later named Lincoln Memorial. Blanche was a faithful devoted member of the Lincoln family for 81 years. She was active in the mission and ministries of the whole church. She attended the Adult Sunday School classes as late as the age 90 plus. She walked to the Wednesday evening Bible Study where it is said, "She knew the Bible from front to back and did not mind sharing it with others, especially when she saw the need." She was a member of the Altar Guild, Sunshine Committee, the Usher Board, the Communion Steward, and the Parsonage committees. For her devoted service, the members of Usher Board # 2 honored Blanche by renaming the board The Blanche Nelson Usher Board. No task was too big or too small for Blanche. For many years she helped to keep the church neat and clean while ensuring that everything was in its place. And, when families were in need she went above her titles and offering to assist them.

Blanche had a special love for children. She would do crafts and picture puzzles with them for long periods of time; and even provided financial support for several children to attend camp. Blanche was indeed a "mother" for the children in her midst.

Her husband, Charles and two sisters and one brother preceded Blanche in death. She leaves to cherish her loving memories: one brother, Roy Adams of Baltimore, Maryland, three nieces; Delois Jones (Andrew) of Philadelphia, PA, Olivia Howard of Los Angeles, CA and Christine Stewart of Raleigh, North Carolina, one sister-in law, Katherine Basely of Buffalo, NY; two godsons, Willie J. Dorsey and Adolph Dupree, and one goddaughter; Marion Bouie all of Buffalo. NY and a host of nieces and nephews. For many persons in the church, Blanche was considered as the Mother of the church. Her gentle loving spirit will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Order of Service

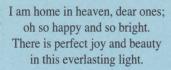
*Please stand, as you are able

Prelude Mr. Tim Kennedy, Organist
The Words of Grace Rev. Patricia L. Brown
*Hymn"In the Garden" 314
L: The Lord be with you
P: And also with you.
Let us pray.
Ministry of Music
Scripture Lessons
Old Testament
New Testament
Mr. Willie J. Dorsey
*Hymn
~~~ Silent Reading of the Obituary ~~~
Eulogy Family and Friends
Ministry of Music Gospel Choir
Words of Comfort Pastor Patricia L. Brown
~~~ Commendation ~~~
Solo
Ms. Jeanne Lumpkin
*Going Forth "When We All Get To Heaven" UMH #701

You are invited to join the family downstairs in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the interment service in a time of food and fellowship



Safely Home



All the pain and grief is over, every restless tossing passed; I am now at peace forever, safely home in heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly trod the valley of the shade? Oh, but Jesus' love illumined every dark and fearful glade.

And he came himself to meet me in the way so hard to tread.

When that work is all completed, He will gently call you home; oh the rapture of that meeting, oh, the joy to see you come.

And with Jesus' arm to lean on, could I have one doubt or dread?

Then we must not grieve so sorely, for I love you dearly still; try to look beyond death's shadows, pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you, so you must not idly stand; do it now while life remaineth, you shall rest in Jesus' land.



Pallbearers

The Members of The Blanche Nelson Board

Interment

FOREST LAWN CEMETERY
1411 Delaware Avenue • Buffalo, New York 14209

Final Ahhangements Enthusted to: THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME INC. 995 Genesee Street • Buffalo, New York 14211

Acknowledgments

We, the family of Blanche Nelson would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the kind deeds and expressions of sympathy shown to our family during our time of sickness and bereavement.

