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OBSEQUIES

ARLEANA BRANCH COLLINS



"Show me the way not to fortune and fame, not how  
to win laurels or praise for my name, But show me  
the Way to spread "The Great Story" - That "Thine  
is The Kingdom and Power and Glory."

Helen Steiner Rice

Saturday, November 9, 1974 1:00 P.M.

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH  
1525 Michigan Avenue  
Buffalo, New York

Reverend G. Grant Crumpley  
Officiating

Arrangements By:

H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY, INC.  
968 Jefferson Avenue  
Buffalo, New York

OBITUARY

ARLEANA BRANCH COLLINS was born in Buffalo, New York on November 19, 1926, one of four children of Mrs. Linnie Duff Branch and the Late William A. Branch. On September 5, 1947, Arleana Branch Collins and Donald Frederick Collins were wed and to this union were born three children - twins, Donna and Donald, and a second son, Steven Craig.

Arleana was a graduate of Public School 47, Hutchinson-Central High School, and attended Erie County Technical Institute for two years. For the past twenty-three years, she was an employee of the E.J. Meyer Memorial Hospital of Erie County, and at the time of her passing, she had advanced to the paraprofessional level of Mental Health Technician **II** (Team One), Meyer Hospital.

Arleana joined Bethel A.M.E. Church at a tender age and received her early Christian training in the Church School along with her brothers and sisters. This intensive Christian development resulted in a deep religious conviction and her continuing abiding faith in the Lord. In 1963, when Arleana was appointed as a member of Stewardess Board No. 2, she realized a lifelong dream, that of serving on the Board of which her mother was a charter member. In recent years, she was privileged to serve as President of Board No. 2, a post she still held at the time of her demise. Arleana also was also a faithful member and Financial Secretary of the Sisters of Jeremiah #130, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR. She was a member of Local 1094, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO.

Left to mourn her passing are her devoted Husband, Donald F., Sr.; three children, Mrs. Donna (Earle) Anderson, Donald F., Jr., and Steven Craig Collins; one granddaughter, Alicia Carol Collins; her beautiful mother, Mrs. Linnie Branch, her only sister, Mildred, two brothers, William L., and Frank E. Branch; son-in-law, Earle Anderson; daughter-in-law, Carrie Collins. Also survived by eight nieces, four nephews; her mother-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Burns and sister-in-law, Mrs. Catherine Holmes, of Waverly, New York; sisters-in-law, Mrs. Christine Branch and Mrs. Pecola Branch. Also left to mourn are a host of other relatives, aunts, uncles, cousins, and hundreds of good friends - and "DELL."

ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL Mrs. Ruthetta Smikle  
Organist

HYMN No. 190 "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

PRAYER Rev. Janie Tucker

SCRIPTURE

CHOIR SELECTION "Thy Way, O Lord"

RESOLUTIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SOLO Mrs. Carrie Washington

(Arleana's favorite - "Let It Breathe On Me")

OBITUARY (Please read in silence)

HYMN No. 189 "It Is Well With My Soul"

EULOGY Rev. G. Grant Crumpley  
Pastor

BENEDICTION AND RECESSIONAL  
(Organ - "Let It Breathe On Me")

INTERMENT - Ridge Lawn Cemetery  
Cheektowaga

\* "When I must leave you for a little while, please do not grieve and shed wild tears and hug your sorrow to you through the years, But start our bravely with a gallant smile; and for my sake and in my name live on and do all things the same, Feed not your loneliness on empty days, but fill each waking hour in useful ways, Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer, and I in turn will comfort you and hold you near; and never, never be afraid to die, For I am waiting for you in the sky."

\*By Helen Steiner Rice - Arleans's favorite author. . .

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ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

James Alston  
Leroy Ferguson  
Clarence Hare

Lindsay McCart  
Willard A. Mo  
Vernon Taylor

ALTERNATE BEARERS

Alvarado Cates  
Edward E. Gladden

Edward Hall  
Willie Jones

Raymond Walton

Flower Attendants: Stewardess Board No. 2;  
Sisters of Jeremiah #130,  
Order of Eastern Star

"Bless us, heavenly Father, forgive our  
erring ways, Grant us strength to serve  
Thee, put purpose in our days . . .  
Give us understanding enough to make us  
kind, so we may judge all people with  
our heart and not our mind - and teach  
us to be patient in everthing we do,  
content to trust Your wisdom and to fol  
after You -- and help us when we falter  
and hear us when we pray and receive us  
Thy Kingdom to dwell with Thee some day.

AMEN - The Family

We wish to express our sincere appreciation  
and heartfelt thanks for the many wonderful  
expressions of love and sympathy in this, our  
hour of sorrow. May God ever bless and keep you  
in His loving care.

The family will receive friends at dinner in the  
Fellowship Hall following interment. Dinner is  
being prepared by the ladies of Stewardess Board  
No. 2 and the Sisters of Jeremiah.