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Obituaries

REV. DR. G. GRANT CRUMPLEY

Funeral services and burial took place in New York City last Thursday for the Rev. Dr. G. Grant Crumpley, 66, pastor of the Bethel AME Church in Buffalo from 1965 to 1976.

The Rev. Dr. Crumpley, who would have been 67 on Saturday, died Jan. 4, 1981 in the New Rochelle Medical Center after a short illness.

A candidate for bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church on two occasions, the Rev. Dr. Crumpley was ordained in the denomination's ministry in 1942. He was pastor of churches in McArden, Brewton and Birmingham, Ala., and at Macedonia Church in Flushing, before coming to Buffalo in 1965.

While serving as pastor of Bethel Church here, the Rev. Dr. Crumpley established the church's five Lead Start centers and guided the church's renovation.

The Rev. Dr. Crumpley was a past president of the Intermethodist Ministerial Alliance of Buffalo and had served on the Buffalo City Planning Board. He formerly was first vice president of the Buffalo Area Council of Churches and was active in civil rights organizations.

The Rev. Dr. Crumpley, a native of Lakewood, Fla., is survived by his wife, the former Willie Lee Coleman; eight sons, Carl of Chicago, Rudy Jr., Ronald, Dallas and Sidney, all of New York

City, Decatur and David, both of Buffalo; and Jeffery of Richmond, Va.; and three daughters, Faye Young of Richmond, and Miss Susan Crumpley and Jennifer Sumter, both of New York City.