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Celebration of Life
for
Ethelda Chatmon Johnson

Sunrise
October 21, 1941

Sunset
November 1, 2014

Saturday, November 8th 2014
Viewing: 11:00 am    Home Going: 12:00 p.m.

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

Pastor George F. Nicholas, Senior Pastor - Officiating
Apostle Sylvester D. Johnson - Eulogist
Obituary

Ethelda Chatmon Johnson was born on October 21, 1941 in Chattanooga, Tennessee to Robert L. and Willie Beatrice Chatmon, and departed this earth on November 1, 2014.

She moved to Buffalo, New York at an early age, and was educated in the Buffalo Public School system.

Ethelda's life ambition was to work in the health care profession. She accomplished this goal receiving training as an LPN and completing an Associate's degree in Occupational Therapy. After serving 30 years as a Mental Hygiene Therapist, she retired from the Buffalo Psychiatric Center.

She was joined in Holy Matrimony to William Johnson, Sr. on June 14, 1986. Their 28-year marriage was filled with joy, love, and devoted friendship.

A God fearing woman, Ethelda had been a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church for many years.

She was very active in local and state politics in her early years, campaigning for various Democratic Party candidates, and supporting numerous charities. She was an excellent cook, gracious hostess, and loved flowers and gardening, receiving recognition from “Buffalo in Bloom” annually.

Ethelda was preceded in death by her parents, her sister: Willie Mae Veasey; brother: Leon Chatmon and nephew: Reuben Tidwell, III— all of whom are presently rejoicing as she joins them in heaven in the presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Almighty.

Ethelda will be deeply missed by her husband, William Johnson, Sr.; two daughters: Leisha Gordon, St. Louis and Sabrina R. Graham, Buffalo; two stepchildren: William Johnson (Linda), Buffalo and Valerie C. Johnson, Chicago; two grandsons: Stephen Kendall, Buffalo and Evan Kendall, Madison; one step granddaughter: Brianna J. Johnson, Buffalo. She is also survived by her siblings: John Chatmon, Barbara Graves (Harry), Alice Tidwell (Reuben), and Robert Chatmon, Jr., and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:4, NKJV)
Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Gathering

Opening Hymn

Prayer of Comfort        Reverend George F. Nicholas

Scripture Reading:
  Old Testament: Psalm 23   Evan Kendall

~ Musical Selection ~
"His Eye is on the Sparrow"
Ms. Linda Johnson

Acknowledgements & Obituary        Ms. Karen Thomas

Tributes & Reflections:
  Family of Ethelda Johnson
  Reverend Floyd Johnson

~ Musical Selection ~
"A City Called Heaven"
Jeanne Lumpkin & Sayeeda Gault Dixon

Homily        Apostle Sylvester D. Johnson
              Senior Pastor, Macedonia Worship Center
              Winston Salem, NC

Closing Prayer        Reverend George F. Nicholas

Recessional
Scriptures and Reflections from the Family

If we fully understood what heaven was like we might want to go there before our time but God has appointed a time for each of us to live and to die. There is "an appointment for men to die" (Hebrews 9:27). There is not only a time to die but there is also a time to be born (Ecclesiastes 3:2). We cannot add one more second to our life than God has sovereignly allowed but we can make the most of our life while living it. For those who have endured so much we know that they would rather be with the Lord. When we don't want someone to die after fighting a long battle with disease we are selfish in the sense that we want them to remain with us. Why? Because it's hard to lose a loved one but think about this; it's hard for those who are dying to endure such agony over an extended period of time. Many who have fought the good fight are ready to "go home" to be "with the Lord." Who can blame them? They are not really dead. We see only an empty shell because they are more alive now than ever and in the presence of the Lord.
Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.