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FUNERAL SERVICE

FOR

ETHEL E. HOLMES

Friday, January 7, 1983

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Rev. Eugene E. McAshan, Pastor

Interment
Forest Lawn Cemetery

Mortician
H. Alfred Lewis Funeral Home
OBITUARY

Ethel E. Holmes, the eldest member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, was born July 7, 1890. She was reared and brought up in a Christian environment thus becoming a member of the church at an early age. As a little girl she was carried by her grandmother to mission meetings when she was asked to serve as the secretary of the Missionary Society.

Ethel Holmes united in holy matrimony to Mr. Henton Holmes, who preceded her in death. They were the parents of one son--Henton Jr., who also preceded her in death.

It was on Easter Sunday, 1915 when Ethel joined Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church when it was located on Vine Street, pastored by the Reverend H.H. Williams. She served as church clerk for fifteen years. She was a charter member of the Sons & Daughters of Bethel Club. She served as a Steward, a Stewardess and a Trustee during her tenure of membership. She was also a member of the Missionary Society and the Floral Club. The honor title of "Mother" of the church was bestowed upon her by the Reverend Harry J. White. The late G.G. Crumpley honored her with the title of Steward Emeritus. Having served the Trustee Board until she became ill, she also was given the status of Trustee for life.

Beside being a devout church worker, Ethel Holmes took a great interest in community affairs. She was a fifty year member of the Y.W.C.A. She was a member of the Book Lovers' Club. June 6, 1956, she was crowned Queen of the Carnation Ball at

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Hymn 190 ..... What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Prayer

Scripture ........................... 23rd Psalm

Selection ............ 189 When Peace, Like a River

Resolutions

Acknowledgement of Cards and Telegrams

Remarks

Obituary

Solo ..................... Mrs. Carrie Washington

Eulogy ...................... Reverend Eugene McAshen

Benediction

Recessional
ST. PHILLIPS EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Ethel Holmes, in her 93rd year of life, entered gladly through the friendly door to whom at last to be with her Lord forever more. She is survived by two grandchildren: Captain Gregory L. Holmes, United States Air Force, Germany; Miss Debra A. Holmes of Aimes, Iowa; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Freda Holmes; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Helen Smith; a niece, Mrs. Ester Leftage of Niagara Falls, Canada; and many friends.

PALLBEARERS

Dock Gary
Vernon Taylor
King Peoples
Raymond Walton

Eugene Peeples
Ellis Clark
Cleo Ivey

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Eugene Pitts
Raymond Dubard
Thomas Randolph
Jessie Levy
Paul Smith
Dr. Charles Anderson

Robert Clinton
Oscar Smikle
L.P. McCarver
Leonard Garr
Wilson Drake