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IN LOVING MEMORY

Beuline Crawford

Descended from Heaven
March 20, 1928

Ascended to Heaven
January 17, 2015

Friday, January 23, 2015
Viewing: 11:00am
Celebration: 12:00pm

Lincoln Memorial United Methodist
641 Masten Avenue • Buffalo, New York • 14209
Senior Pastor, George Nicholas
Officiating
Obituary

Social Worker, Community Volunteer, Philanthropist

Beuline Crawford, affectionately known as “B,” was born on March 20, 1928 in Charlotte, North Carolina, the daughter of the late Robert and Beulah Alexander and the 5th child of 13. She gracefully departed this life on Saturday, January 17, 2015 after a lengthy illness.

Beuline was educated in the Charlotte Public School District and graduated from Second Ward High School at just 16 years of age. After relocating to Buffalo, NY for her undergraduate studies, she continued to excel in college and earned a Bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo. She would later earn two postgraduate degrees; a Master's in Social Work from Wayne State University and a Master's degree in Sociology from the University of Detroit Mercy with an award from the International Honor Society for Sociology, Alpha Kappa Delta.

Her career included working as a Social Worker, Juvenile Court Probation Officer, Supervisor of Children Services in Oakland County, a Trainer of Wayne County staff social workers and Supervisor for three juvenile youth centers in Detroit, Highland Park, and Inkster, Michigan. She also served as the Wayne County Department of Social Services (DSS) Daycare Services Trainer for all county offices. After retiring from her highly successful career, she relocated back to Buffalo in 1992 to rejoin her family and hometown friends.

Beuline served as a Board Member of the Child Care Coordinating Council of Wayne County for 15 years. She was also affiliated with many organizations including her Lifetime membership in the NAACP, Negro Business and Professional Women’s Club, and the National Association of Black Social Workers. She was also very active in the Alumni Association at the University at Buffalo, Wayne State University, University of Detroit Mercy and Second Ward High School Foundation. Her most treasured membership was as a Life Member of her beloved sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha where she joined in the Gamma Iota Chapter in Buffalo, NY on May 1st, 1948.

Since 1997, Beuline has donated more than $200,000 in scholarships to a number of colleges, universities and organizations to benefit historically-underrepresented youth from her community. For her generous philanthropic efforts, she has received numerous awards and recognition including her induction into the University of Detroit Mercy College of Liberal Arts and Education’s Hall of Honor, the University at Buffalo College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Service Award, the University at Buffalo Department of Sociology Distinguished Alumni Award, Second Ward High School National Alumni Foundation Hall of Fame, the Child Care Coordinating Council Board of Directors Award for Distinguished Service and the National Association of Black Social Workers Individual Service Award, to name a few. Beuline's legacy of giving continues as a distinguished member of the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo Legacy Society. She is now, a true Angel Donor to the Say Yes to Education Scholarship Fund.

Beuline was very active in her church, Lincoln Memorial United Methodist, serving on its board and establishing a church scholarship program in 2001. Additionally, she served as a faithful volunteer for the Salvation Army since 1997. She was an active book club member, a world traveler; she loved to alpine ski, dance, listen to poetry and jazz, and enjoyed the visual arts and live theatre.

She was preceded in death, in addition to her parents and husband, Ben, by: four brothers, John (Grace), James (Dorothy), Charles (Betty) and Richard; and three sisters, Hattie, Mary and Marie Salter (Andrew).

Beuline leaves to cherish her memory: two sisters, Margaret L. Roberts (Alvin) and Carolyn Clarke; four brothers, Joe (Fran), Russell, William (Effie) and Jeffrey; and a host of nephews, nieces, family and friends who will remember her with deep fondness and respect and who will carry her legacy forward.
Ivy Behind the Wall Ceremony

Musical Prelude

Gathering & Greeting

Opening Hymn

Prayer of Comfort

Scriptures:
  Old Testament: Proverbs 11:25

Selection

Poem

Family Reflections

Acknowledgments

Obituary

Selection

Homily

Recessional

INTERNMENT

Forest Lawn Cemetery
Rosewood Mausoleum
Buffalo, New York 14209

AUSPICES

Alan R. Core Funeral Home
102 Linwood Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209
Sweet Aunt B,

It was your excitement and passion for learning and education that has resonated the most with me. Your desire to see everyone through their education amazes me and also makes me appreciate you that much more. The stories you shared of your own success only made me want to try just as hard. You were my advocate, my "biggest fan" sitting quietly in the bleachers rooting us on to be the best students we could be. You blessed me in more ways than one through your genuine love, kindness and sharing to be a successful and driven individual. So for now Aunt B, keep rooting for me, I know you’re watching me and I’m still learning and growing everyday.

Alicia Rainey
Health and Human Services
SUNY Empire State College

Thank You Aunt B,

Your scholarship allowed me to pursue a higher-education at your alma mater, State University of New York at Buffalo where I earned two Bachelor degrees. This opened the door for me to earn my Masters of Science in Higher Education and Student Affairs Administration, to help empower and encourage college students to reach for their full potential, just as you’ve done for me. I will fulfill my promise to you to give back of my time and resources to high school students in need.

John T.C. Roberts
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology ’12
Bachelor of Arts, Health Services/Early Childhood Development ’13
Masters of Science, May, 2015

Before Aunt B gave me a scholarship, I was unable to purchase my books on time. I was a semester behind and had to purchase used books for my labs. Thanks to Aunt B giving me a scholarship, I was able to purchase new books on time which led me to earn straight A’s in all of my courses.

Darrel Manney
Bachelor of Arts in Biology ’05
University of Pittsburgh

Aunt B,

Thank you for instilling in me the passion to pursue my education. Your investment in me was invaluable. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and for being the example.

Alvin J.B. Roberts, III
Bachelor of Arts in Hospitality & Hotel Management ’09
Masters of Human Resource Management ’10
Rochester Institute of Technology
If Roses Grow in Heaven

Don't think of her as gone away,
Her journey's just begun.
Life holds so many facets,
This earth is only one.
Just think of her as resting
from the sorrows and the tears,
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years.
Think how she must be wishing
That we could know today,
How nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away.
And think of her as living
In the hearts of those she touched,
For nothing loved is ever lost
And she was loved so much.
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of Beuline Crawford wishes to acknowledge with great appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and many other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and deeds. Our hearts are strengthened by the love of God and those of you who have reached out to us in our time of bereavement.

*May God Bless and Keep You*
~The Family~

The family expresses its regard for the exceptional care received through Bristol Village. A special thanks to Dr. Nelda Lawler at the Erie County Medical Center and Hospice Buffalo. The Alexander and Roberts families wish to thank Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church family, Mount Zion AME Church, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Gamma Phi Omega Chapter and the Community Action Organization of Erie County, Inc.

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