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OBSEQUIES
OF

Mrs. Rosie M. Freeman

1909 1984

Tuesday, August 28, 1984
1:00 P.M.

Bethel A.M.E. Church
1525 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209
Reverend Eugene E. McAshan, Pastor
OBITUARY

Mrs. Rosie McMillan Freeman, daughter of the late L. A. and Madella McMillan, was born August 26, 1909 in Fulton, Alabama. She departed this life August 22, 1984 in the Millard-Fillmore Hospital, Buffalo, New York.

She accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of Spencer Chapel A.M.E. Church in Fulton, Alabama. In later years the family became members of Lillie Baptist Church in Fulton, Alabama.

She was married to Arby Freeman, who preceded her in death in 1978.

Mrs. Freeman attended the public schools in Fulton and Selma University in Selma, Alabama. She taught school throughout Jefferson and Barbour Counties in Alabama. She later attended State University College at Buffalo, New York, receiving a degree in Special Education. She taught at P.S. #31 in Buffalo for a number of years and retired in 1975 from P.S. #74.

In 1956, she and her family moved to Buffalo, New York and placed her membership at Bethel A.M.E. Church under Reverend Harry J. White Sr., serving faithfully until her health failed. She sang in the choir, was a member of the Missionary Society, the Bethel Historical Society and Stewardess Board #2. She received numerous citations, honors and awards from her church. Other organizations included: Church Women United, Council of Churches, served as treasurer of the Area Missionary Council of Western New York, Business and Professional Women's Club and the Parent Advisory Council of the Buffalo Board of Education.

Rosie reached out and touched many people of all ages and positions in life. She was always encouraging others in their educational goals in any capacity. She loved her family, her church and was loved and respected by all those who knew her.

She leaves to mourn her passing: six children; Willie of Pensacola, Florida; Jeanette Lewis (Howard), Meriden, Mississippi; David of Buffalo, Joyce Hapson (Nathaniel), Rochester, New York; Johnnie of Atlanta, Georgia and Gladys Mae Hudson of Silver Springs, Maryland. Sixteen grand children, eight great grand children, two sisters; Mrs. Ender Watson of Fulton, Alabama and Minnie Montgomery of Birmingham, Alabama, and a host of other relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude ........................................... The Organist

Processional ........................................

Congregational Hymn ............................ No. 78

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Invocation ............................................ The Reverend Thomas A. Moore

Choral Response ................................ Bethel Chorus

"Be Still My Soul"

Selection ........................................... Bethel Chorus

Ecclesiastes 3

New Testament Reading ........................ I Corinthians 15: 35-58

Selection ........................................... Bethel Chorus

Missionary Society

Stewardess Board No. 2

Mrs. Carolyn Thomas

Solo .................................................. Mr. Henry Nance

Eulogy .................................................. The Pastor

"Steal Away"

The Commitment ................................ Forest Lawn Cemetery

ARRANGEMENTS

Meadow Brothers Funeral Home

Buffalo, New York
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PALL BEARERS
Garvie Freeman
Reginald D. Hopson
La Mar Hudson

John Mose Jr
Willie Watson
James Robinson Jr

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE
23RD PSALM

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 forever.

Humbly Submitted
The Family

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Family gratefully acknowledges with sincere and deep appreciation the comforting thoughtfulness of their many friends and neighbors expressed through many acts of kindness.