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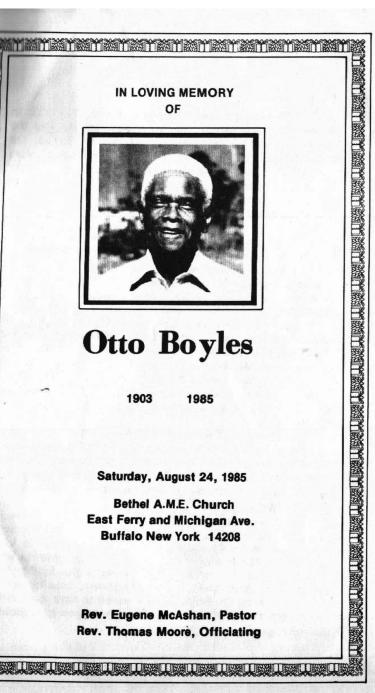


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OBITUARY

Otto Boyles was born on March 7, 1903 in Jonestown, Mississippi, one of 8 children. He was the eldest son of the late Mr. & Mrs. B. H. Boyles. On December 25, 1929, in Belen, Mississippi, he married Miss Leona Butts. This marriage of 55 years produced 11 children; 3 sons and 8 daughters. Otto Jr. and Olive Jean were taken by the Heavenly Father at early ages leaving 9 loving children: Erma Clark, Essie Hardaway, Christine Hardaway, Hernando Boyles, Geraldine Boyles, Yvonne Evans, Antoinette Stewart, Otis Boyles and Benita Boyles.

Mr. Boyles was a faithful member of St. Luke M.B. Church in Jonestown and for the last 38 years was a dedicated member of the Bethel A.M.E. Church, Buffalo, New York under the recent guidance of Rev. Eugene E. McAshan.

In addition, he was a member of the Masonic Order associated with the Fitzpatrick Lodge. He was active in the formation of the Wohlers Avenue Block Club.Mr. and Mrs. Boyles have resided on Wohlers Avenue for the last 30 years. He donated many hours to children and neighbors. It was common to see him up on a ladder painting houses on the block. He always had a kind word for those who stopped to visit.

Mr. Boyles retired from Bethlehem Steel Company, Lackawanna, New York in 1968. He departed this life on Tuesday, August 20, 1985, with his devoted wife, Leona, by his side. He touched countless lives and many will cherish fond memories of this sensitive, compassionate and loving man.

He is survived by; his wife, Leona, 9 children, 2 brothers; Robert and Clarence Boyles; 3 sisters; Areecy Walls, Cleola King, and Artrilla Hatchett; 2 sons in law; Jimmie Hardaway and Kermit Evans; one daughter in law; Vickie Boyles, 13 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, 1 great, great grandchild, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends. Mr. Boyles was blessed to have lived a full and a rich life of 82 years. He has moved on to a greater expression of eternal peace.

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OPEN GATE

There's an open gate at the end of the road
Through which each must go alone,
And there in a light we cannot see,
Our Father claims his own.
Beyond the gate our loved one finds happiness & rest
And there is comfort in the thought
That a loving God knows best.

Submitted by the Family



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family wishes to extend sincere thanks and deep gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness and consideration shown in their hour of bereavement. God bless you.

The Family