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OBSEQUIES

— of —

Matilda S. Briscoe

1899

1986



TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1986

11:00 a.m.

H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY, INC.

968 Jefferson Avenue

Buffalo, New York 14204

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Reverend Eugene E. McAshan, Officiating



ORDER OF SERVICE

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— Music —

Processional

Selection O For a Faith That Will Not Shrink

Prayer

Selection My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament..... 23rd Psalm

Acknowledgments and
Obituary (*read silently*)

Selection Blessed Assurance

Anlogy St. John 14

Selection My Jesus I Love Thee,
I Know Thou Art Mine

Benediction

Recessional When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

... *My Testimony* ...

*For we know that if our earthly house
Of this tabernacle were dissolved,
We have a building of God,
An house not made with hands
Eternal in the heavens.*

— II Corinthians 5: 1

Women's Club also Business and Professional Democratic
Women's Club. In 1955 she was named the Iota Woman of
the year by the Beta Phi-Chapter, Phi Lambda Sorority.
She was the widow of J. Westly Briscoe and ever
strove to be a good Christian neighbor.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Matilda S. Briscoe was born on January 19, 1899. She was the daughter of J. Raleigh and Elizabeth Harris.

She was a Past Most Noble Governor of Sarah J. Poole 6705 Household of Ruth. A Past Matron of Naomi Chapter No. 10 Order of Eastern Star, Past President of Urban League Home Bureau. A member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, a member and former Treasurer of Ladies Aux. Pvt. Grover Flemmings V.F.W., a member of The Thrifty-Ten Club which she organized over forty years ago and for fifteen consecutive years was the President. The club has honored her by making her President Emeritus and appointed her as Chairman of their Cancer Rally, which is their Annual Project.

Mrs. Briscoe is a native of Macon, Georgia where she received her education, being a product of Pleasant Hill Public School and Ballard Normal High. In Macon, Mrs. Briscoe was outstanding for her Federation and Church work. When she was converted at the age of eleven and joined Holsey Temple C.M.E. Church, she taught Sunday School, sang in the choir and did secretarial work. It was at Holsey Temple where she was united in holy wedlock to the late George C. Smith. From that union, one daughter: Lula Elizabeth Smith was born. From childhood, the combination of food always interested Matilda Briscoe. When she arrived in Nyack-On-The-Hudson in the Spring of 1922 fate soon guided her to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Demarent Kline. Mrs. Kline saw her capabilities and encouraged her to follow through.

From then on it was working by day and burning the midnight electricity studying the art of fine cookery and catering service at one time working with Maurice Mazetta, the great New York Caterer.

In moving to Buffalo, she identified herself in various community projects working in the Y.M.C.A. drive, Red Cross, Community Chest, N.A.A.C.P. Cancer Crusade, Committee work in N.C.C.J. and at present in serving as 2nd Vice President of Cold Spring Council of Community Relations. Program Chmn. Woodlawn Avenue Community Club No. 1, a member of Masten District Democratic