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Celebrating the Life
of
Clyde Boddie Murphy

March 30, 1922
June 19, 2016

Friday, June 24, 2016

Visitation: 11:00 am
Service: 12:00 Noon

Lincoln Memorial UM Church
641 Masten Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209

Pastor George F. Nicholas, Senior Pastor
Our dearly beloved mother passed to eternity at the age of ninety-four. She was born Clyde Wilkins Boddie on March 30, 1922 in Milledgeville, Georgia, the daughter of Dr. Julian Franklin Boddie and Clyde Wilkins Boddie.

She grew up in Milledgeville with her four siblings, Julian, Alonzo, O'Teele and Elizabeth. Her father was the family doctor to Milledgeville’s African-American community and her mother was the organist at church. As a child, she loved making mud pies, playing with her friends and visiting relatives in other towns in Georgia. During the illnesses of her mother and even though she was a young teenager, Clyde took on the caretaking role for her family.

Clyde graduated from West Virginia State College with a degree in elementary education. While there she joined Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. Mom talked fondly of her college years, her boyfriends and of Homecoming Weekends. Mom went on to Atlanta University and earned a Master’s Degree in psychiatric social work. (Later, she earned a Master’s Degree in early childhood education from the State University of New York at Buffalo.)

During her social work internship at Homer G. Phillip’s Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, mom met her husband to be, Dr. Benjamin Franklin Murphy, Jr., who was an intern there at the same time. Upon her marriage she moved with Frank to his hometown, Buffalo, NY. Clyde and Frank were the parents of three children, Clyde Edith, Pamela Elizabeth and Benjamin Franklin III. Clyde was a very hands-on parent figure, instilling values and trying to give her children the best education possible.

Clyde was a devoted member of Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church. She served as president of Lincoln’s United Methodist Women, and was active on church committees providing outreach to the community and working for the betterment of children.

In addition to her home and church life Clyde was serious about her commitment to the community. She left behind a legacy of service to others. She served on the Urban League Scholarship Committee, the United Way Allotment Committee and belonged to the NAACP.

Clyde chose not to work professionally until her children were in grade school. She was employed as a social worker at the Salvation Army Booth Memorial Hospital where she counseled expectant teenage mothers, counselor for minority students at the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Nursing, coordinating teacher of the CAO Head Start Centers, and later, as a social worker for the Buffalo Public Schools.

Clyde was a reader, very serious about social justice for all, loved the intellectual stimulation of Chautauqua Institution and was thrilled to live to see the election of President Barack Obama.

She loved social get-togethers and her friends. She was a charter member of the Buffalo Chapter of the Girl Friends Incorporated, a black women’s organization dedicated to camaraderie and community service. She was an avid bridge player and helped to found two bridge clubs, the Bridgette’s and Semanon. At home, she enjoyed crewel embroidery and making hand hooked rugs. She also played a little golf with her husband, Frank, and their friends.

We know our mother would say that if more people choose to believe that a successful life means service and love to others and not just a struggle for wealth and power there would be so much more peace and joy in this life.

Clyde was a good and caring and humble lady. She loved and stood by her children, dearly loved her daughter-in-law, Betty, and loved her grandchildren, Damani and Elizabeth. We are so thankful she is now at peace and with the Lord. She will be missed but will ever remain in all our hearts.

Clyde Boddie Murphy

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Gathering

The Word of Grace

Greeting

Opening Song "Spirit Song" UMH #347

Opening Prayer

Scripture Luke 22:24-30 Matthew 7:12

Ministry of Music “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

Scripture Luke 10:30-35

Acknowledgements & Obituary

~ Family & Friends Reflections ~

Ministry of Music “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” Janet Barnes

Sermon Pastor George F. Nicholas

Recessional “Here I Am Lord”
Pallbearers
Lawrence Murphy  Paul Murphy
David Gordon     Herbert Cadle
Damani Johnson   Frank Murphy

Honorary Pallbearers
Fred Gordon

Ministry of Music Provided By:
Janet Barnes & Joel Nicholas

Arrangements Entrusted to:
Amigone Funeral Home, Inc.
1132 Delaware Avenue       Buffalo, NY 14209

Internment
Forest Lawn Cemetery (Buffalo)
1411 Delaware Ave.         Buffalo, NY 14209

Repast Immediately Following Internment
Acqua Restaurant
2192 Niagara St, Buffalo, NY

Acknowledgement
The family wishes to express our sincere gratitude for your expressions of sympathy, and many acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. Please continue to pray for our family and my God bless each and everyone of you.

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