5-7-1998

Obituary; 1998-05-07; Foote, Sr., Lonnie Charles

Bethel A.M.E. Church

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.buffalostate.edu/bethel-ame

Part of the History Commons

Recommended Citation
"Obituary; 1998-05-07; Foote, Sr., Lonnie Charles." Bethel A.M.E. Church. Monroe Fordham Regional History Center, Archives & Special Collections Department, E. H. Butler Library, SUNY Buffalo State. https://digitalcommons.buffalostate.edu/bethel-ame/222

This Papers is brought to you for free and open access by the Church Collections at Digital Commons at Buffalo State. It has been accepted for inclusion in Bethel A.M.E. Church by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons at Buffalo State. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@buffalostate.edu.
In Loving Memory of
Lonnie Charles Foote, Sr.

July 16, 1923 - May 7, 1998

Pentecostal Temple COGIG
618 Jefferson Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14204

Tuesday, May 12, 1998
Wake Visitation 11:00 a.m.
Funeral Service 12:00 noon

Auspices
H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary, Inc.
968 Jefferson Ave., Buffalo, NY 14204
Obituary

Lonnie Charles Foote was born July 16, 1923, the sixth child to the union of Bennie Dick Foote and Ola Mable Carson Foote in North Braddock, Pennsylvania. The Lord granted eternal peace and rest to Lonnie Foote on May 7, 1998. He was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister.

Lonnie and Mary Ellen Dryer united in holy matrimony on May 11, 1947, and were blessed with seven daughters and one son.

At an early age he became responsible at home. He learned skills with his hands in carpentry and auto mechanics to help support the family. He never completed elementary school and at the tender age of 19 entered the U.S. Army during World War II. He served in continental duty and the European Theater which included England and Northern France. He was decorated with the American Service Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, Good Conduct and World War II Victory Medals.

Being a “jack of all trades and a master of none”, his employment history varied from truck driver to laborer at J. Edgar Thompson Plant in Pittsburgh, to Bethlehem Steel Plant in Lackawanna, where he retired in 1984. His love for cars and trucks was a passion and in his spare time when not with the family, was spent running a neighborhood mechanics shop.

He was a simple man who loved to reminisce about the depression years and tell war stories. He even went to an elementary school and participated with other grandparents, retelling stories about military life during the war years.

He enjoyed life with his family and will be sorely missed by them and a host of many other relatives and friends. He leaves to mourn and cherish his memory, his loving wife Mary; daughters, Sharon (Raymond), Geneva, Beverly, Marilyn, Lorraine (Audry), Norma, Leslie, and son Lonnie (Frances). He is also survived by his sisters Ruby Franklin and Marjorie Fuller of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; his mother-in-law Geneva Allen and twenty-one grandchildren, Eddie, Jennifer, Toddie, Raymond A., L.C. David, II, Lisa, Nicholas, Nathalie, Ola, Marlon, Stephanie, Tatchy, Byron, Lia, Cassandra, Marcella, Matthew, Joshua, Isaiah and Lonnie III; and eight great-grandchildren.

Believe that life is meant to be embraced not just endured, treasured, not just tolerated, savored not just survived, advertised not just avoided, illuminated not just ignored, and most of all, believe that life was meant to be celebrated!
Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings - Old Testament, Psalms 23
- New Testament, 1 Corinthians 15: 51-58

Hymn When Peace Like A River

Solo His Eye Is On The Sparrow
- Vietta Hutchinson

Poem Read by Marilyn Foote-Kragbe

Obituary (Read Silently)

Musical Selection - Tamella Mitchell, Verona and Vietta Hutchinson,

Family Expressions

Acknowledgements

Eulogy Rev. Robert Lowe

Benediction

Recessional

Interment - St. Matthew's Cemetery, West Seneca, New York
Lonnie Charles Foote, Sr., by Marilyn Foote-Kragbe

Name him,
The frisky and polite little boy
Who smiled quickly and laughed a lot
Always savoring his only toy
He made from scraps and a box.

Name him,
That obedient and caring son who grew
Very fond and close to his mom
While he wiggled on the church pew
And stole many hearts with his charm.

Name him,
At nineteen he dutifully and with honor
Served as a Sargent in the army during W.W. II
In the infantry and the firemen’s corp
England, France and Belgium he had gone through.

Name him,
A committed husband till death do us part
An ever ready energy father of eight
Endless, rides, the comet, tobogganing and Beaver Island Park
Remember, “You have to eat everything on your plate.”

Name him,
He was the man everyone called dad on the neighborhood block
Who reached out to help his sisters and brothers
Worked double shifts and made it home by 4 o’clock
Self-sacrificing many basic needs and always included others.

Name him,
He was the father of invention and very resourceful
Because he was good with his hands
His life’s stories were humerus and inspirational
He loved to tell them to all, his grands and great grands.

Name him,
He was the lover of Mahalia Jackson and the big bands
He could repair anything that was under a hood
Faulty machinery and “ole Betsy” woke-up at his command
Everything he put his hands on, he tried to find some good.

His name was Mr. Lonnie Charles Foote, Sr.
When All Is Done

When all is done, and my last word is said,
And ye who love me murmur, "He is dead,
Let no one weep, for fear that I should sorrow too,
And sorrow too that ye should sorrow too.

When all is done, say not my day is o'er,
And that thro' night I seek a dimmer star,
Say rather that my morn has just begun,
I greet the dawn and not a setting sun.

When all is done.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Lonnie C. Foote, and all who acknowledge with grateful appreciation the many acts of kindness throughout the time of sorrow.

Pallbearers

Greg James, Jerome Young,
Joe Moscato, Raymond A. DuBard, LC Dr.
Rogers II, Nicholas Ogden,