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Pallbearers

George McMillan

Bryon McIntrye

Adell McTier

Eddie Rainey

Louie Veasey

Melvin Williams

When I Must Leave You

*When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name-
Live on and do all things the same.
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways.
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer.
And I in turn will comfort you- and hold you near.*

Auspices

H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary, Inc.
968 Jefferson Avenue
Buffalo, New York

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to thank our many friends and relatives for all their expressions of love, through prayer, cards, flowers and thoughtful deeds.
May God bless and keep you.

A Celebration of the Life of *Ethel Mae Wilder*



Sunrise
June 18
1912

Sunset
February 5
2005

Saturday, February 12, 2005

Wake 10:00 a.m.

Funeral 11:00 a.m.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

1525 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209
Reverend Richard Allen Stenhouse
Officiating



Obituary

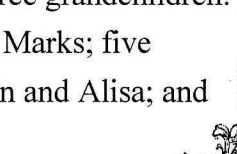
Ethel Mae Wilder was born June 18, 1912, in Jeffersonville, Georgia. She was the youngest of eleven children of the late Charles and Eliza Harris. In 1935, she was united in Holy Matrimony to Elmer Wilder and from that union three children were born.

In 1943, Ethel and her family moved to Buffalo, New York. In October 1943, Ethel joined Bethel AME Church where she served as a Steward and on Stewardess Board #2. She was later appointed Steward Emeritus in recognition of her faithful service to her beloved Church.

Ethel was employed by the City of Buffalo's Department of Parks and Recreation for 30 years. She retired in June 1982. While working and raising her three children, Ethel attended the University of Buffalo's Evening School where she majored in Psychology and graduated with a degree in 1973.

Ethel was a member and Past-Matron of the Order of Eastern Star, P.H.A., Naomi Chapter, No. 10. She was also a member of the Heroines of Jericho Esther Court #9 - Prince Hall; and a member of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

On February 5, 2005, Ethel's soul returned to God, who gave her a full life with good health and an abundance of love from her family and friends. Ethel leaves to cherish her memory: a son, Elmon Wilder of Washington, DC; two daughters, Delores Davis of Buffalo, NY and Margaret Anne Wilder of Athens, GA; a brother, George Harris and a sister, Lucille Perrin of Buffalo, NY; three grandchildren: Pamela (Cedric) Morris, Kevin Davis, April (Alvin) Marks; five great-grandchildren: Tamara, Tanisha, Sabrina, Alvin and Alisa; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



Order of Service

Prelude

Opening Sentences

Hymn "When We All Get To Heaven" #511

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Robert Graham, Pastor
Saint Luke AME Zion Church

Scriptures

Old Testament Psalm 121 KJV Rev. Beverly Abram
New Testament I Thessalonians. 4:13-18 CEV Rev. Annie Wilson

Selection "Time Is Filled With Swift Transition" #513

Resolutions Sis. Vanetta Williams

Remarks

Acknowledgements Steward Charlene McKinnon

Obituary (read silently)

Solo "If When You Give Your Best" Sis. Rhonda Maclin

Eulogy Reverend Richard Allen Stenhouse

Recessional

Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery
Buffalo, New York

