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Obituary Cont'd

When Alberta became ill and moved to Cleveland, OH, she was lovingly cared for by her sister, Ruth B. Jefferson and her family; and her brother, Robert N. Black, Sr., and his family.

She made the transition from earth to Life Eternal at Harbor Side Health Center on Saturday morning, February 24, 2007, surrounded by loving family members.

Her twin brother, Albert C. Black and sisters, Quintella B. Patterson, Dora B. Stewart and Canice B. Thomas predeceased her. Siblings who treasure fond memories of Alberta's life are Jency B. (Leonard) Mitchell, Memphis, TN; Robert N. (Cillian) Black, Sr., Warrensville Heights, OH; Alexander (Bessie) Black, Beatrice, AC; Bennye B. (Joe) Reasor, Montgomery, AC; twins, Ruth B. (Abraham) Jefferson, Cleveland, OH and Rufus (Vera) Black, Kansas City, KS.

She is survived by her step-daughter, June Rachel Ford-Jordan, step-grandson, Ambi Berry Ford and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Special caring friends are Vivian Edmond, Dorothy Robinson, Mildred Stallings, Garnet Hicks Wallace and Bettye Wyatt.

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Alberta Coretta Black Ford acknowledges with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, floral tributes, telephone calls, visits, prayers and many other expressions of kindness, concern and love extended during the illness and demise of our loved one. Special thanks are expressed to the physicians and staff at Harborside Health Center and Homewood Assisted Living Residence, Cleveland OH and Alterra Wynwood, Buffalo, NY.

Auspices

H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary Inc.
Buffalo, New York

Homegoing Service

for

Alberta Coretta Black Ford



April 14th
1915

February 23rd
2007

Friday, March 2, 2007

Wake 10:00 a.m.

Funeral 11:00 a.m.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

1525 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York

Reverend Richard Allen Stenhouse, Pastor

Obituary

Mrs. Alberta Coretta Black Ford, a native of Beatrice, Monroe County, AL, was the daughter of the late Robert Lee Black and the late Gussie McCreary Black. At an early age she confessed Christ and joined the New Purchase CME Church where she served in many capacities until she left to attend college.

Her early education was received at the Monroe County Training School. The Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education was earned at Alabama State Teachers College (now Alabama State University) in Montgomery, and the Master of Science degree was received from the State University of New York.

Mrs. Ford brought eleven years of teaching experience from Alabama. She retired from the Buffalo New York School System after thirty-eight years in the teaching profession. She served more than ten years as delegate to the Buffalo Teachers Federation-a service that she enjoyed immensely.

She met George Ford while residing in Chicago, IL. After they were married they moved to Buffalo. She reared a stepdaughter, June Ford Jordan and a step-grandson, Ambi Ford. Her husband preceded her in death.

Mrs. Ford joined Bethel AME Church in August, 1956, during the pastorate of Reverend Harry White, Sr. She served as Trustee with four pastors-Reverends, James Baldwin, Harry White, Jr., Simon Bouie and Richard Stenhouse. She served faithfully in many positions in the church including Sunday School teacher, until her failing health prevented her active participation. She was Bethel's honoree to receive a plaque from the Council of Churches in 1989. She was president of the Cay Organization from 1983 until 1995, third vice president of the New York Annual Conference and advisor to the Cay Organization for seven AME Churches in the Buffalo area.

She held memberships with HOME, the Black Educators, Lit-Mus Study Club, the Satellite Social Club, the Executive Board of the Bethel Head Start Program, the Policy Committee, the Personnel Committee and the National Friendship Group of Head Start, the YMCA on William Street, the American Association of University Women, and life membership of NAACP.

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Order of Service

Prelude

Opening Sentences

Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #84

Prayer of Comfort Clergy

Scripture

Old Testament Psalm 23

New Testament John 14:1-6

Reflections Family

Resolutions

Acknowledgements

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Solo "I Won't Complain" Sister Dorothy Williams

Eulogy Reverend Richard Allen Stenhouse

Recessional "May The Work I've Done"

Interment
Forest Lawn Cemetery
Buffalo, New York