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Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for
than art with me; thy rod and thy staff
they comfort me
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head
with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life; and I will dwell in
the house of the Lord forever.

Arrangements Entrusted To:
H. ALFRED LEWIS MORTUARY, INC.
968 JEFFERSON AVENUE
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Acknowledgement
The family of the late Lula Peoples wishes to
express our sincere appreciation for the many
expressions of love, sympathy, and kindness
during our time of bereavement.
Thank you and may God bless you.
~ The Family

Home Going Services
Celebrating the Life Of
Lula Peoples

Sunrise
December 10, 1913

Sunset
April 29, 2007

Friday, May 4, 2007

Wake: 11:00 AM
Funeral Service: 12:00 Noon

Bethel
African Methodist Episcopal
1525 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209
†
Reverend Richard Allen Stenhouse,
Pastor
Obituary

Lula, daughter of the late Will and Hattie Diamond was born December 10, 1913 in Memphis, TN. At age 5, Lula, sisters Alma and Frinzella, brother Herman and their parents moved to Buffalo, New York where she began her education at B.P.S. #32 and went on to graduate from Fosdick Masten High School. Lula returned to her place of birth to attend Lemoyne College before returning to Buffalo, New York.

In 1927, early in life, Lula accepted Christ as her personal Savior and began her spiritual journey at Bethel A.M.E. Church located on Eagle Street, under the leadership of the late Reverend M.E. Jackson. Mrs. People's long standing service to her church spanned over 70 years. Her love for her church family was as great at death as it was when she first joined Bethel.

She was a family oriented person who believed that education and hard work are the essential elements for success. Always active in church activities, she began her many years of volunteer service as a member of the Junior Usher Board. When the church moved to its present location, Lula continued to worship and volunteer at Bethel Church and was honored with numerous awards including a 50-year pin for dedicated service; a pin which she was extremely proud to display.

In 1932, Lula joined into holy matrimony to King Peoples. Their love and devotion to each other is immeasurable by the 64 years they had together. Lula's long list of accomplishments include: The first African-American “Floor Lady” at the Larkin Warehouse, a division of Curtis Wright; long term employee of H.S.B.C. Bank; self-employed retailer; produced and directed talent show benefits for the March of Dimes, and Buffalo reporter for the Pittsburg Courier. Interviewing such notables as Josephine Baker, Nat King Cole, Eartha Kitt, and Sammy Davis Jr.

Lula Peoples leaves to cherish her memory, a loving son: Ronald; grandchildren: Brian, Monica, Ronald J. (Linda); great-grandchildren: Miranda, James, Preston and Paige, and a host of grand nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Lula is predeceased by her parents: Hattie and Will Diamond; two sisters: Alma, Odem; one brother: Herman Diamond; beloved husband: King Peoples; one daughter-in-law: Arlene Peoples; one granddaughter: Rachel Bush.

Order of Service

~ Prelude ~

Opening Sentences ........................................
Hymn ........ Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior - 272
Prayer of Comfort ........................................
Scripture
Old Testament - Psalm 145:1-9
Resolution .................................................... Clerk
Remarks ........ Tribute by Family and Friends

Acknowledgements

Obituary ..................................................... read silently
Solo .................................................. Dorothy Williams
“I Won’t Complain”
Eulogy ................................................ Reverend Burnie Savage
Recessional ................................................... “I’ll Fly Away”

Interment
Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, New York

Pallbearers
Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Honorary Pallbearers
Robert Cook ........................................ Cravane Givens
George McCoullum ...................... Derrick Byrd
Roger Burke ........................................ Clarence Fitzgerald