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Pallbearers

~Honorary Pallbearers~

**Marcus Brown
Joseph Demps
Lonnie C. Foote
Aundry Ogden
George McMillan**

~Pallbearers~

**Raymond A. DuBard
Matthew Ogden
Joshua Redden
LC David Rogers, II
Donald Thagard**

Interment

**Forest Lawn Cemetery
Buffalo, New York**

Auspices

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

Acknowledgement

The DuBard family extends heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation to everyone for the special acts of kindness to our family during our hour of bereavement.



Celebration of Life

Willah B. DuBard

July 9, 1915 ~ October 24, 2008



October 30, 2008

**Bethel A.M.E. Church
1525 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209**

Reverend Richard A. Stenhouse, Pastor



OBITUARY

Willah B. DuBard passed away October 24, 2008 in Millard Fillmore Hospital at Gates Circle after a brief illness. She was 93. Born in Benoit, Mississippi on July 9, 1915, Willah was the daughter of Jacob and Emily Greene, their only child. The family moved from Benoit to Buffalo where she grew up in the family home on Matthews Street and she often assisted her uncle, Charlie, in his hardware store called "Irving's Variety Store" on Jefferson Avenue near Broadway. In 1943 she was married to Raymond E. DuBard, who passed away on January 17, 1996.

Willah joined Bethel AME Church in 1929 and was a member of numerous organizations including the Kings Daughters, History Committee, Nautilus Circle, Stewardess Board, Cathedral Choir, Dorcas Missionary Unit and a Board Member of the Bethel Federal Credit Union. She attended School 41, graduated from Fosdick-Masten Park High School and attended Buffalo State Teacher's College for two years. She worked for Curtis Wright Aircraft Plant, U.S. Bureau of Census, Ulbrich's Bookstore, the Board of Elections, AM&A's, then moved on to become a Special Reading and Math Aide for the Buffalo Board of Education, from which she retired.

Willah was also an active member of various community organizations including the Lit-Mus Study Club of the Buffalo Region Empire State Federation of Women and Youth Clubs, Inc. and the CAO Pratt-Willert Senior Group. She was an avid traveler and enjoyed many trips and cruises across the United States and beyond. Her hobbies included calligraphy, gardening, sewing, photography, and reading and writing poetry, some of which was published in Poetry of America.

Willah is survived by her two sons, Raymond C. (Sharon) and Jon I.; three grandchildren, Raymond A. (Heather), Stephanie and Jon C.; and three great-grandchildren Mikayla, Jayden and Donovan. She also leaves behind other loving relatives in Chicago, New York City, Florida, South Carolina, New Jersey, California, numerous friends and her church family.

ORDER OF SERVICE

- Prelude ~
- Opening Sentences.....Clergy
- Hymn ~ #437 "Be Not Dismayed"Congregation
- Prayer of Comfort.....Clergy
- Old Testament
Psalm 91Clergy
- New Testament
I Thessalonians 4:13-18.....Clergy
- Resolutions
- PoemMarilyn Foote-Kragbe'
- Remarks.....Jon I. DuBard
- Obituary (read silently)
- Selection, "When Peace Like A River"
- EulogyRev. Richard A. Stenhouse
- Recessional ~ "I'll Fly Away"

