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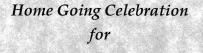
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> Monday, January 26, 2009 Wake 11:00 a.m. Funeral 1:00p.m. Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church 1525 Michigan Ave Buffalo New York 14209 Reverend Richard Allen Stenhouse, Pastor

Her Motto: MAY THE WORKS I'VE DONE SPEAK FOR ME

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On June 30, 1951, Florence was united in the bond of holy matrimony to the late George Leonard. To this union hree children were born; Gervais (Jerry), Garcia (Garry) and Gavina (Princess) and three foster children, Arturo, Maxine and Elsieta Chapman.

Florence was a product of the Buffalo Public School system where she received the Jesse Ketchum award and numerous other awards and merits. She also attended Bryant and Stratton Business Institute

Flo began her employment career at Westinghouse, after which she worked as a real estate agent. She was also co-owner of the Plaidlocks Society. She volunteered for many years as a foster grandparent for Catholic Charities and received an award for 20 years of service.

Flo was a lifetime member of Bethel AME Church and in 2007 she was honored as a Golden Member. Flo was a founding member of the Hospitality Usher Board, serving as President for fifteen years. She was also a devoted Greeter.

Sister Florence was affiliated with the Queen Esther Household of Ruth #10 of the G.U.O. of O.F.; Sisters of Jeremiah #130 International F. & A.M. Mason & Order of Eastern Stars; the V.F.W. Glover Fleming #2501; Buffalo High Steppers and the Buffalo Marching Club. She was also an active member of her community where she participated in numerous organizations.

Florence leaves to cherish her memory: Two sons, Gervais of Houston Texas and Garcia (Deborah) of Buffalo, New York; one daughter, Gavina of Buffalo, New York; one granddaughter, Iesha; three foster children, Arturo, Maxine and Elsieta; two foster grandsons, Luis and Tyrone and a host of family and friends. Home Going Celebration for

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Prayer of Comfort

Scripture

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New Testament John 14: 1-6Rev. Annie Wilson

Resolution	Steward Martha Younger
Solo	It is Well With My Soul
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Acknowledgements &Reading of the Obituar	ySteward Marie Brown
Congregational Hymn	This Little Light of Mine
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Pallbearers

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What is a Mother

It takes a mother's love to make a house a home A place to be remembered, no matter where we roam...

It takes a mother's patience to bring a child up right. And her courage and her cheerfulness to make a dark day bright.

It takes a mother's thoughtfulness to mend her heart's deep "hurt," And skill and her endurance to mend little socks and shirts....

It takes a mother's kindness to forgive us when we err, to sympathize in trouble and bow her head in prayer.

I takes a mother's wisdom to recognize our needs. And to give us reassurance by her loving words and deeds And that is why in all this world there could not be another Who could fulfill God's purpose as completely as a mother!

By Helen Steiner Rice



Our Mother

Auspices H.Alfred Lewis Mortuary 968 Jefferson Ave. Buffalo NY 14204 Internment Ridge Lawn Cemetery Cheektowaga, NY

Acknowledgement

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