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Home Going Celebration  
for

*Florence "Flo" Leonard*



*Sunrise*  
*November 2, 1926*

*Sunset*  
*January 21, 2009*

Monday, January 26, 2009  
Wake 11:00 a.m.  
Funeral 1:00p.m.  
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church  
1525 Michigan Ave  
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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 three 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.

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Sandra Benefield      Charles Jones      Steve Aiken

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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.*



*Our Mother*

*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  
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By

Helen Steiner Rice

**Auspices**

H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary

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Internment Ridge Lawn Cemetery

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