

Celebration of Life

IM FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery
Buffalo, New York

REPAST

Henry Nance Fellowship Hall
Bethel AME Church



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Brian K. Lewis Funeral Home
347 Peckham St · Buffalo, NY 14206
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Bettye J.
Hutcherson
1931-2018

HER LORD SAID UNTO HER, *Well done thou good and faithful servant...*

BETTY JANE HUTCHERSON was born on July 1, 1931 to the late Adrewl and Ruth (Compton) Malone in Buffalo, New York. On August 21, 2018, Sister Hutcherson transitioned from her earthly home to her heavenly home.

Bettye attended Public School #12 and graduated from Fosdick Masten High School. Following high school, she attended Trott Vocational School, graduating as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Bettye was gainfully employed at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, retiring after 32 years of employment.

Bettye accepted Christ in her life at an early age. She joined Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1954 under the pastorate of the late Rev. Harry J. White, Sr; Bettye was a faithful member for over 60 years. Within her church home, Bettye has served in various ministries: she sang in the choir; worked with the after school program; was an active member of the Sister Sharing Missionary Unit; served on the Stewardess Board; worked with the Credit Union; and was a member of the Solidarity Club. In 2010, she was honored by Bethel AME Church for her many years of service as a Stewardess.

In 1974, Bettye married the late Clarence R. Hutcherson, II and became the mother to Lisa and Clarence, III.

Bettye's hobbies included attending YMCA Senior Exercise Program, and watching NBA basketball games. She was an avid collector of VHS and DVD movies. Bettye traveled and enjoyed playing Solitaire on her computer up until her health failed.

Bettye will be remembered for her sense of humor, warm smile, and her love for family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Lisa A. (Carleanos) Carroll; one son, Clarence R. Hutcherson III; one brother, Richard Malone; three sisters, Patricia (Michael) Stokes, Diane Malone and Janice (Bobby) Higgs; a dear cousin, Edith Barclift; a devoted friend and companion for over 17 years, William Heard; and a host of nieces, nephews, other loving family and friends.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Family of the late Ms. Bettye J. Hutcherson wishes to thank you for your expressions of sympathy during our time of bereavement.

A special thanks to Sister Ruthie Morey, Sister Loretta, Brother Joseph Demps, Sister Marie Brown, Ms. Susan Willard, Ms. Elise Drumb and Ms. Carrie Bryant for your continued love and support for Bettye. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.



Home Going Service

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018
12 Noon

BETHEL AME CHURCH
1525 Michigan Avenue · Buffalo, NY 14208
Rev. Richard A. Stenhouse, Pastor



Musical Prelude

Opening Sentences

Final Viewing

Hymn
"Down At The Cross #243"

Prayer of Comfort
Rev. Trevor McNeal

Old & New Testament Readings
Psalm 23 · II Timothy 4:7-8
Rev. Annie Wilson

Musical Selection
Mr. Mitchell McCleod

Reflections (Family & Friends)
Mr. Joseph Demps · Ms. Lisa Carroll

Resolutions
Bethel AME Church Missionary Society
Steward AmourRhea Funderburg

Acknowledgements
Steward Marie Brown

Silent Reading of the Obituary

Musical Selection
Mr. Mitchell McCleod

Eulogy
Rev. Justin Anderson

Recessional
"Going Up Yonder"