

**HOMEGOING SERVICE**

— for —

***Louise Taylor Hathcock***

1910

1986



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1986  
1:00 P.M.

**BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

EAST FERRY AND MICHIGAN AVENUE  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14209

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*Reverend Eugene E. McAshan, Pastor*



## OBITUARY



Louise was born to the union of Melvin and Melvina Taylor in Inverness, Florida on August 17, 1910. She was the fifth of thirteen children. The family later moved to Winter Garden, Florida where she grew up and finished grammar school. She moved to Daytona Beach, Florida and completed high school. Later, with her family, she moved to Buffalo, New York.

In 1941, she joined Bethel A.M.E. Church under the pastorship of Reverend D.O. Walker. She carried her children to Church and Sunday School every Sunday. She was a Sunday School Teacher in the Primary Department for twenty years. She was also a member of the Zion Traveler's Club under the leadership of Ruth Jackson. Since 1954, she was a member of the Stewardess Board. It was a pleasure for her to serve wherever she was needed in her Church. She was also a volunteer at the Buffalo General Hospital for five years. She served on the Board of Directors of the C.A.O. from 1977-1982; also the Board of Directors of the Ellicott District Concerned Taxpayer's for four years. She served as President until illness forced her to resign. She was a tutor for the Wider Horizon Program for three years.

Louise Taylor Hathcock was the mother of three children: Barney Louis Mickens, who preceded her in death; John Taylor Mickens, Sr. and Barbara Mickens Reese; two stepchildren: Annie Hathcock Miller, who preceded her in death and Samuel Hathcock; eighteen grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter, all of Buffalo, New York. Her favorite song was, "How Great Thou Art" and "If I Could Help Somebody". It doesn't say everything, but it says enough.

## ORDER OF SERVICE



Organ Prelude

Processional

Service Hymn ..... "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Invocation ..... Reverend O. Bailey

Choral Response

Selection ..... Bethel's Chorus

Scripture Reading ..... Reverend Thomas A. Moore  
Ezekiel 22: 23-31

Solo ..... "How Great Thou Art"

Resolutions ..... Stewardess Board No. 3

Acknowledgments ..... The Family

Obituary

Solo ..... Mr. Henry Nance  
"If I Can Help Somebody"

Eulogy *John 13:15* ..... Pastor McAshan

Closing Hymn ..... "Come and Go With Me"

Recessional

Interment ..... Forest Lawn Cemetery

Benediction



*Mothers Never Really Die -  
They Just Keep House Up In The Sky*

Death beckoned her with outstretched hand  
And whispered softly of "An Unknown Land" -

But she was not afraid to go

For though the path she did not know,

She took *Death's Hand* without a fear,

For He who safely brought her here

Had told her He would lead the way

Into *Eternity's Bright Day* . . .

And so she did not go alone

Into the "*Valley That's Unknown*" -

She gently took *Death By The Hand*

And journeyed to "*The Promised Land*" . . .

And there, with step so light and gay,

She polishes the sun by day

And lights the stars that shine at night

And keeps the moonbeams silvery bright . . .

For *Mothers* really never die,

They just "*Keep House Up In The Sky*" . . .

And in the *Heavenly Home Above*

They wait to "welcome" those they love.

**. . . Pall Bearers . . .**

Douglas Reese

Steven Reese

John T. Mickens, Jr.

Alexander C. Clark

Kevin D. Reese

Dennis Richardson

*Arrangements:*

**H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary, Inc.**

E. Paul Smith, Director