



**Obsequies  
of  
Edward D. Gladden**

***Sunrise***  
**February 2, 1918**

***Sunset***  
**February 16, 1997**

**Friday, February 21, 1997**

**Wake- 11:00 A.M.**

**Funeral- 12 Noon**

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

***Pastor Simon P. Bouie***  
***Senior Minister***

## Obituary

Edward D. Gladden departed this life on Sunday, February 16, 1997 at Buffalo General Hospital.

He was the seventh of seventeen children born to the late Alfred and Lula Gladden, in Chester, South Carolina on February 2, 1918. Edward received Christ in his life at Mt. Hebron A.M.E. Church in Chester at an early age. After moving to Baltimore he continued his Christian Service. In 1938 he moved to Buffalo where he joined Bethel A.M.E. Church under the late Rev. D.O. Walker. He served on the Male Usher Board and was appointed to the Steward Board by the late Rev. Harry J. White Sr. There he met and married Vera E. Hoffman. They shared 44 years together. They have one daughter, Caroline, one adopted daughter, Precious, one grandson, Dion, and two Goddaughters; Regina Smith and Angela Kennedy.

He is survived by his wife Vera, daughters Caroline and Precious, grandson Dion, two Goddaughters, two brothers and one sister, all of Baltimore, Maryland, two Brothers-in-law and three Sisters-in-law, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

## Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Mrs. Ruthetta S. Smikle

Opening Hymn....."A Charge To Keep I Have".

### Scriptures

Psalm 23

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Prayer.....Rev. Pedro Castro

Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Solo.....Brother Henry Nance  
"I Am Redeemed".

Reflections.....Rev. Thomas A. Moore

Obituary.....Regina Smith

Eulogy.....Rev. William C. Cobb Jr.

Hymn.....Bethel Joint Choir  
"Order My Steps".

Recessional

*Servant of God well done,  
Rest from Thy labor  
The battle is fought,  
The victory is won-  
Enter Thy Master's joy.*

*Lovingly Submitted,  
The Family*

*Sleep on, Take your rest, We love you, But God loves you Best.....  
The Trueheart Family*

**PALLBEARERS**

*Hadji Temple #62  
Samuel Trueheart 999  
Stafford Trueheart  
George McMillian*

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

*Steward Board- Bethel A. M. E. Church*

**Interment**

*Forest Lawn Cemetary*

**Arrangements**

*H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary  
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Buffalo, New York 14204*

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