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Pallbearers

Leonard Charles (LC) Reynolds, Brother

William Bryant, Jr., Grandson

Enrico (Rick) Callender, Grandson

Brandon Nolan, Grandson

Michael King, Grandson

Elton Callender, Grandson

Damonni Farley, Grandson

Jesse Bryant, Grandson

Flower Pallbearers

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Final Arrangements Entrusted To

Wright-Beard Funeral Home

9 Lincoln Avenue

Cortland, NY 13045

Interment

Cortland Rural Cemetery

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Willie B. Bryant would like to thank The Rev. Nathaniel Wright, The Rev. Dr. William Lytle, funeral attendees, relatives, and friends near and far for prayers, cards, kind messages of sympathy, and donations. We are forever grateful for the out-pouring of your love and support. Special thanks to the staff of the Swing Bed Unit of the Cortland Regional Hospital for the many years of exceptional medical and loving care rendered to our sister, mother, grandmother and friend.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MRS. WILLIE B. BRYANT



September 17, 1921 – June 3, 2008

Services

Saturday, 11:00 a.m.

June 7, 2008

God's Lighthouse of Praise

98 Port Watson Street

Cortland, New York 13045

Officiated by The Rev. Nathaniel Wright

The Obituary

Willie B. Bryant, 86, formerly of Pendleton Street, Cortland, passed away while surrounded by family on June 3, 2008, at the Cortland Regional Medical Center, after a long illness. Mrs. Bryant, the daughter of the late Jesse Reynolds and Sarah Lee Reynolds, was born in Savannah, Georgia on September 17, 1921. She was predeceased by John Bryant, her husband of 59 years, her son, John M. Bryant, Jr., brothers Frederick Reynolds, Steven Reynolds, and her sister Marie Williams.

Mrs. Bryant had been a resident of Cortland since 1959. She and her husband raised eight children and two grandchildren, Gwendolyn Bryant and William M. Bryant, Jr. Mrs. Bryant was an avid volunteer who served as PTA president for many years in Ft. Pierce, Florida. She also served on the Older Americans Act Advisory Board; she was a long-time member of the American Red Cross, advocate for sick and shut-ins throughout Cortland, and a member of the CAPCO board. She worked for many years as manager and accountant for her husband's asphalt business. Mrs. Bryant, a Christian of strong faith, was well known for her tenacity in guiding the Lee Family Reunion through its growth to over 350 annual participants. She will always be known as a very loving and caring mother and grandmother, and will be sadly missed. She was also famous for her delicious homemade apple and sweet potato pies, and antique collecting.

Mrs. Bryant is survived by her sons, William of Dryden, Edward of Gainesville, Fl., and Leon of Cortland; four daughters, Norma Callender of San Jose, CA, Patricia Bryant of Cortland, Phillis Farley of Schenectady, and Gloria Simonson of Cortland; one surviving brother, Leonard C. (LC) Reynolds of Marietta, Georgia, and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

*A precious one from us has gone, A voice we
loved is stilled, A place is vacant in our home,
which can never be filled.*

The Order of Service

<i>Parting View</i>	<i>The Family</i>
<i>Solo - His Eye Is on The Sparrow</i>	<i>Tiombe Farley, Granddaughter</i>
<i>Scripture Reading, John 14.1-4; 6-7; 27</i>	<i>William Bryant, Jr., Grandson</i>
<i>Prayer</i>	<i>The Rev. Nathaniel Wright, Presiding Pastor, God's Lighthouse of Praise</i>
<i>Acknowledgements</i>	<i>Tia Bryant, Granddaughter</i>
<i>Prayer</i>	<i>The Rev. Dr. William Lytle, Pastor Emeritus for the Madison Square Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, TX; now resides in Monte Sereno, CA</i>
<i>Reading, The Little Parable for Mothers by Temple Bailey</i>	<i>Norma Callender and Phillis Farley, Daughters</i>
<i>Remarks - 2 minutes each</i>	<i>Family and Friends (Coordinator, Gwendolyn Bryant, Granddaughter)</i>
<i>Tribute to Grandma</i>	<i>Risheena Schwemle, Granddaughter</i>
<i>The Obituary</i>	<i>Rick Callender, Grandson</i>
<i>Solo - Amazing Grace</i>	<i>Tiombe Farley, Granddaughter</i>
<i>Eulogy</i>	<i>The Rev. Nathaniel Wright</i>
<i>Benediction</i>	<i>The Rev. Nathaniel Wright</i>

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She was predeceased by John Bryant, her husband of 59 years.

Mrs. Bryant had been a resident of Cortland since 1959. She and her husband raised eight children and two grandchildren, but were predeceased by one son, John Bryant, Jr.

Mrs. Bryant was an avid volunteer who served as PTA president for many years in Ft. Pierce, Fla. She was also a long-time member of the American Red Cross, advocate for sick and shut-ins throughout Cortland, and member of the CAPCO board. She worked for many years as manager and accountant for her husband's blacktop business.

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Calling hours will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, at Wright-Beard Funeral Home, 9 Lincoln Ave., Cortland. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at God's Lighthouse of Praise, 98 Port Watson St., Cortland, with the Rev. Nathaniel Wright officiating. Interment will follow at the Cortland Rural Cemetery.

Those wishing to make memorial contributions are asked to consider the Swing Bed Unit at Cortland Regional Medical Center.

