

THE HOMEGOING  
CELEBRATION OF

*Audrey Bruce*



**Sunrise: August 5, 1937    Sunset: December 17, 2021**

**MASS OF THE RESURRECTION**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022**

**VIEWING: 9:00 AM – 9:55 AM**

**MASS: 10:00 AM**

**ST GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

800 Marcy Ave • Brooklyn, NY 11216

*Father Landon Moore, Officiating*

# Obituary



*Audrey Bruce*, the first of three born into the family of Cecil Bruce and Violet Meek; completed her earthly assignment and joined her brother Clifton Ward Bruce and sister Norma Bruce On December 17, 2021 and now rests from her labor.

Audrey was born August 5, 1937 in Panama. She received her nursing degree from Long Island College of Nursing and later went on to be a Nursing Supervisor at Community Health Care.

Education was very important to Audrey and she received many certifications to add on to her nursing degree including a degree in infectious disease.

She was an avid reader and could spend hours in a good book. When Audrey was not reading or healing others, she loved to travel, cook, and go to the Opera.

Audrey was the life of the party and lived by the saying "Everything Happens for a Reason", and indeed...she made the best out of every situation.

She is preceded in death by her parents Cecil Bruce and Violet Meek. Siblings, Clifton Ward Bruce and Sister Norma Bruce.

Left to cherish her memories are a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Humbly submitted by the family.



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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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A Reading From: Revelation 7:9-17	
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## THE COMMUNION HYMNS

#691 My faith looks up to thee .....	1982 Hymnal
#75 Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring .....	LEVAS Hymnal
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## CAGED BIRD

A FREE BIRD LEAPS ON THE BACK OF THE WIND,  
AND FLOATS DOWNSTREAM TILL THE CURRENT ENDS,  
AND DIPS HIS WING, IN THE ORANGE SUN RAYS,  
AND DARES TO CLAIM THE SKY.

BUT A BIRD THAT STALKS DOWN HIS NARROW CAGE,  
CAN SELDOM SEE THROUGH HIS BARS OF RAGE.  
HIS WINGS ARE CLIPPED AND HIS FEET ARE TIED  
SO HE OPENS HIS THROAT TO SING.

THE CAGED BIRD SINGS WITH A FEARFUL TRILL,  
OF THINGS UNKNOWN BUT LONGED FOR STILL,  
AND HIS TUNE IS HEARD, ON THE DISTANT HILL  
FOR THE CAGED BIRD, SINGS OF FREEDOM.

THE FREE BIRD THINKS OF ANOTHER BREEZE,  
AND THE TRADE WINDS SOFT THROUGH THE SIGHING TREES,  
AND THE FAT WORMS WAITING ON A DAWN BRIGHT LAWN  
AND HE NAMES THE SKY HIS OWN.

BUT A CAGED BIRD STANDS ON THE GRAVE OF DREAMS  
HIS SHADOW SHOUTS ON A NIGHTMARE SCREAM  
HIS WINGS ARE CLIPPED AND HIS FEET ARE TIED,  
SO HE OPENS HIS THROAT TO SING.

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OF THINGS UNKNOWN, BUT LONGED FOR STILL  
AND HIS TUNE IS HEARD ON THE DISTANT HILL,  
FOR THE CAGED BIRD SINGS OF FREEDOM.

-WRITTEN BY MAYA ANGELOU

# Acknowledgement

*The family of **Audrey Bruce** acknowledges with great appreciation all acts of kindness, sympathy and love extended to us during this time of bereavement.*

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