

*A Celebration of Life*  
*for*



*Bernice Rebecca Brown Hodges*

*Sunrise*  
July 8, 1922

*Sunset*  
May 14, 2013

**Service**

Saturday, May 18, 2013 - 5:00 p.m.

**ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH**

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NEW YORK

134<sup>th</sup> Street at Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard – New York City

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*The Rev. Keith Johnson, Priest-In-Charge*

*In Thanksgiving*

***Bernice Rebecca Brown Hodges***

**Bernice Rebecca Brown Hodges** was born on July 8, 1922 and departed in peace on May 14, 2013.

Bernice was born in the Bronx, New York and took up residence in Manhattan. She worked for the City of New York until her retirement.

Bernice was an active member of St. Philip's Church and the A. Philip's Randolph Senior Center.

For those who knew Aunt Bernice knew that she loved her family, friends, enjoyed traveling and had a zest for life.

She is survived by: her nieces, Dr. Lauren (Renee) Brown of Massachusetts and Mrs. Lisa (Robyn) Harris of Alabama.

Bernice was preceded in death by Mr. Rueben and Mrs. Bertha Brown (parents), Mr. Hubert Brown and Dr. Lawrence Brown (brothers) and her devoted husband, Mr. Clarence Hodges.

**-In sorrow--  
THE FAMILY**

*"I will glory in the Lord: Let the humble hear and rejoice."*

Psalm 34

# *The Order for the Burial of the Dead*

THE OFFICIANT:

*The Rev. Chloe Breyer*

*Assistant Priest, St. Philip's Church*

*The Service Begins on Page 491 (Rite II) of The Book of Common Prayer*

Prelude

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Opening Hymn... “*O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*” Hymnal #660

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The First Lesson..... Isaiah 61:1-3..... Louise Lewis, *Reader*

Psalm 23, Page 476..... Ronald Morrison, *Reader*

The Second Lesson..... Revelation 7:9-17 .... Garl Robinson, *Reader*

Hymn..... “*My Faith Looks Up To Thee*” ..... Hymn #691

The Holy Gospel..... John 14:1-6..... Mo. Breyer

Reflections..... Family & Friends

The Homily..... Mo. Breyer

The Prayers Of The People, Page 497..... Ronald Morrison, *Reader*

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The Recessional..... “*The Strife Is O'er*” ..... Hymnal #208

Postlude

## **Interment**

Woodlawn Cemetery  
Bronx, New York

## *To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me*

When I am gone, release me, let me go--  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You musn't tie yourself with tears,  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love. You can only guess  
How much you gave to me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have shown.  
But now it's time I traveled alone.  
So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must,  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part,  
So bless the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away, for life goes on,  
So if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near,  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
All of my love around you, soft and clear.  
And then, when you must come this way alone.  
I'll greet you with a smile and say, "Welcome Home."



### *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Bernice Hodges** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to us, either in body or spirit, during the passing of our loved one.

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