A Celebration Of Praise & Thanksgiving
For the Life Of

Deaconess Brendel Louise Cox
1934-2005
Safely Home

I'm home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.
There is work still waiting for you,
So, you must not idly stand;
Do it now; while life remaineth,
You will rest in God's own land.
When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home.
Oh, the rapture of that meeting
Oh, the joy to see you come!

- Author Unknown
I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.
Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me at that day
2 Tim. 4:7, 8

Deaconess Brendel
Louise Cox

Born: January 12, 1934
Died: December 28, 2005
Age: 71 years

SERVICES HELD AT:
Salem Union Baptist Church
Taylor Street, Nassau, Bahamas

Sunday, January 8th, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.

Officiating:
Rev. Dr. Enoch Backford II
Pastor, Mt. Carey Union Baptist
Fox Hill

Assisted by:
Rev. Warren Anderson
Associate Minister,
Mt. Carey Union Baptist Church

Interment:
Mt. Carey Union Baptist Church Cemetery
Fox Hill
Obituary

Brenda - Beautiful

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee:
and let such as love thy salvation say continually, let God be magnified. Psalm 70:4

On January 12th 1934, in Fox Hill Village, Nassau, the late Rev. Leopold Duncan Cox and the late Mrs. Erma Cox were blessed with their 6th child, a beautiful baby girl, who they named Brendel.

Brenda, as she was affectionately called, received her primary education at the Sandilands Primary School and, afterwards, attended the Government High School. Having a love for helping and caring for others, she later enrolled at the Bahamas School of Nursing, where she studied general nursing and midwifery from 1951 to 1955. She then joined the staff of the Rassin Hospital (now Doctors Hospital), remaining there until 1959 when she left for Mount Vernon Hospital in Northwood, England, for further training in general nursing. At the end of her training in England, she became a qualified Registered Nurse.

Between 1965 and 1976, Brenda worked privately as a Registered Nurse and Midwife, and also served as the Registrar to the Nursing Council of The Bahamas. She worked as a Senior Staff Nurse and Midwife in the Family Islands from 1976 to 1980, supervising a number of government clinics.

Nurse Cox, desiring to expand her scope and further qualify herself in the field of nursing, returned to the Bahamas School of Nursing in 1980 to begin the Community Nursing Program. Eventually becoming a Grade-two Nursing Officer, she served as a Health Visitor from 1982 to 1988, helping with the supervision of clinics and Family Island relief duties. She also functioned as the Nurse-in-Charge of the Gambier Clinic, and later, the Coconut Grove Clinic.

Additionally, Nurse Cox served as president of the Nurses’ Association of the Bahamas between 1974 and 1975, and was a member of the Board of Examiners for Community Nursing and Midwifery.

After thirty-five years of dedicated and untiring service, Brendel Louise Cox retired from nursing in the Public Service in January 1994.

Brenda’s retirement from a career in nursing gave her the opportunity to demonstrate in other ways her passion for helping and caring for those in need. She soon began voluntary community work in Fox Hill, ministering to the elderly and shut-in. For seven years, Wednesday was known as ‘soup day’, where she cooked and delivered soup to the needy. She then went on to start Mount Carey Union Baptist Church’s soup kitchen where she assisted with cooking soup for delivery every 4th Saturday in the month to persons in the Fox Hill Community. This soup kitchen continues to be operational today.

Her kindness was demonstrated to the shut-ins through her visits and prayers. Community members, family and friends alike, all testify to Brenda’s Christ-like example of easing the burdens of others. In recognition of this, in 2001, the Fox Hill Concerned Citizen’s Association presented her with a Josiah Award for her outstanding service in the Fox Hill community.

Brenda’s love for God and His work were fully expressed in the context of her home church, Mt. Carey Union Baptist Church where she was an effective organizer, a disciplinarian and an encourager of the young and the old. In addition to beginning the soup kitchen, she served there as Superintendent of the Sunday School for over twelve years which was only discontinued due to her declining health. Consequently, she was appointed Director of the Sunday School, a position held until the time of her death. She also served as advisor to the
Women's Missionary Society, member of the Senior Choir, member of the prayer band and a member of the Margaret B. Roker cell group. She was overseer of Vacation Bible School where many children flocked every summer. She also started the Family Fun Day at the church. As a result of her commitment and faithfulness, Brenda was ordained as a Deaconess of the church on 29th April, 1997.

The Deaconess' service extended to the Bahamas Baptist Union, where she served as Vice President of the Women's department for four years. In the New Providence District Convention, she served as Vice President of the Women's Department from 1998 to 2000.

Deaconess Brendel Cox was also a loving, self-sacrificing and supportive mother of four children and has, in every way, contributed towards their achievements.

In her evening years, while Deaconess Brenda was successfully completing her God-given assignments on this earth, her body began to show the signs of the wear and tear of life and indicated that it would soon release her spirit to begin a blessed eternity with her Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. On December 28th, 2005 at 2:10 a.m., a week after gathering all of her children and grandchildren around her and blessing them, she slipped into eternity while a continuous stream of worship and praise to the Lord flowed from her lips.

Left to cherish her memories are her four children: Pauline Beneby, Christine Collie, Richard Martins and Cheryl Martins; four grandchildren: Codero Martins, Aaron Martins, Rachel Collie and Jeffrey Collie Jr.; two brothers: Solomon Cox and Lincoln Cox; two sisters: Patsy Cox and Pamela Cox; two sons-in-law: Simon 'Kim' Beneby and Pastor Jeffrey Collie; one daughter-in-law: Eleanor Smith-Martins; two sisters-in-law: Frances Cox and Clara Cox; five aunts: Julia Finley, Inoris Poitier, Mae Cox, Gladys Cox and Vera Cox; one uncle: Jeremiah Cox; three nephews: Frank "Pancho" Rahming, Daniel Rahming and Vernon Collie; ten nieces: Joan Neely, Francita Deveaux, Brenda Morris, Jackie and Carla Cox, Rev. Erma Mackey, Elder Jackie Armbrister, Minister Stephanie Rahming, Minister Tracey Musgrove, Deborah Strachan and numerous other grandnieces and grandnephews, cousins and friends including: Elder Miriam Roker, Agnes Edgecombe and Family, Frank and Clementina Edgecombe and Family, Sis. Olive Mackey, Gold Hanna and Family, Stephanie Davis and Family, Tamika Ferguson, Tara Gordon, Santon Gordon, The Smith Family, Alarc Ferguson and Family, Fred and Florence Ramsey and Family, Estelle Sawyer and Family, Celeste Lockhart and Family, Lydia Rahming and Family, Samuel and Essie Ferguson and Family, Lillian Moss and Family, Audrey McKinney and Family, Sally Ferguson and Family, Sylvia Carey and Family, Huey and Shirley Armbrister and Family, Ann Woodside and Family, Deacon Eugene Rahming and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rahming and Family, Anne Smith and Family, the Armbrister Family, Pastor Rodney J. Roberts and Family, Evangelists Luther and Luliane Collie, Stanley Beneby and Family, Brezetta King and Family, the Thurston Family, Joseph Moss and Family, Martin Moss and Family, Peter Demeritte and Family, Sis Alice Rolle, Barbara Reckley and Family, Geneva Thornton and Family, Muriel Sears and Family, Eugenia Thurston and Family, Pastors Mario and Erica Moxey and the Bahamas Harvest Church family, Sheila Johnson and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Adderley and Family, Ms. Lurlene Taylor and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Higgs, Sis. Dorothy Laing, Sis. Daphne Rolle and Family, Rev. Dr. Philip Rahming, Roy Thompson and Family, Deacon Philip Armbrister and Family, Bishop E. Randy Fraser and Family, Esmeralda Rutherford, Nursing Officer Mary Johnson, Nursing Officer Gloria Gardiner, Nurse Sheryl Charlow, Nurse Lynne Lewis, Nurse Rosa Johnson, retired and current colleagues at the Department of Public Health and Private Nursing Community, Rev. Dr. Charles W. Saunders, Rev. Dr. Enoch Backford II and the Mount Carey Union Baptist Church Family and the staff and parent body of Wellspring Academy.
Order of Service

Presiding ................................................................. Rev. Dr. Enoch Backford II Pastor,
Mt. Carey Union Baptist Church

Assisted by .............................................................. Rev. Warren Anderson Associate Minister,
Mt. Carey Union Baptist Church

Prelude ....................................................................... Musicians

Seating of the Family

Procession .............................................................. The Ministers of Religion
The Casket, led by Rev. Dr. Enoch Backford II

Processional ........................................................... “The Strife Is O’er”

The strife is o’er, the battle done;
The victory of life is won;
Now be the song of praise begun,
Hallelujah!

The three sad days have quickly sped;
He rises glorious from the dead;
All glory to our Risen Head!
Hallelujah!

Lord by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death’s dread sting Thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to Thee,
Hallelujah!

CALL TO WORSHIP
And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.” Revelation 14: 13

Introit ........................................................................... “We Shall Walk Through The Valley In Peace”

We shall walk through the valley and the shadow of death
We shall walk through the valley in peace
If Jesus Himself shall be our leader
We shall walk through the valley in peace

There will be no weeping there
There will be no weeping there
If Jesus Himself shall be our leader
We shall walk through the valley in peace

Selection .............................................................. Combined Choirs of Mt. Carey Union Baptist Church

Invocation .............................................................. Elder Theodore Rahming
Prayer Response ........................................... "Mummy’s Favorite Song"............................... "’Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon his promise,
Just to know Thus saith the Lord”

I’m so glad I’ve learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus, Saviour, Friend
And I know that Thou art with me
Wilt be with me to the end

Chorus:
Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him!
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more.

-Wm. J. Kirkpatrick

Scripture Reading........................................ 2 Corinthians 5:1-10..............................Rachel Collie (granddaughter)

Praise and Worship.......................................................... Sis. Joan Neely (niece)

Tribute to Grammy ........................................................... Codero Martins (grandson)

Condolences.............................................................. Deacon Fred Ramsey, Mt. Carey Union Baptist Church
Representative from New Providence District Convention
Representative from the Bahamas Baptist Union

Congregational Hymn........................................................ "How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die. I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Condolences.......................................................... Nursing Officer Mary Johnson, Director Of Nursing

Selection.............................................................................. The Family

2nd Scripture Reading.............................................. Psalm 63:1-7 .........................Aaron Martins (grandson)

Congregational Hymn........................................................ "That Glad Reunion Day"

There will be a happy meeting in heaven I know,
When we see the many loved ones we’ve known here below,
Gather on the blessed hill-tops with hearts all aglow.
That will be a glad reunion day.

Chorus:
Glad day, a wonderful day,
Glad day, a glorious day
There with all the holy angels and loved ones to stay,
That will be a glad reunion day.

There within the holy city we’ll sing and rejoice,
Praising Christ the blessed Saviour with heart and with voice
Tell him how we came to love Him and make Him our choice.
That will be a glad reunion day.

When we live a million years in that wonderful place,
Basking in the love of Jesus, beholding His face.
It will seem but just a moment of praising His grace.
That will be a glad reunion day.
Tribute .......................................................... Missionary Society of Mt. Carey Union Baptist Church
Solo ............................................................................................................ Vernon Collie (nephew)
Reading of Obituary .................................................................................. Deborah Strachan (niece)
Selection .................................................................................. Combined Choir Mt. Carey Union Baptist Church
Sermon ..................................................................................................... Rev. Dr. Enoch Backford II
Prayer for the Family .......................................................... Pastor Mario Moxey Pastor, Bahamas Harvest Church
Recessional Hymn ............................................................................. “Heaven’s Jubilee”

Some glad morning we shall see, Jesus in the air,
Coming after you and me, joy is ours to share;
What rejoicing there will be, when the saints shall rise,
Headed for that jubilee, yonder in the skies.

Chorus:
Oh what singing, Oh what shouting,
On that happy morning when we all shall rise;
Oh what glory, Hallelujah!
When we meet our blessed Saviour in the skies.

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Chorus:
It is well, it is well
With my soul, with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though satan should buffet, tho’ trails should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My Sin - on, the bliss of this glorious tho’t
My sin not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so” it is well with my soul.
CITY OF GOLD

There's a city of light
Where there cometh no night,
'Tis a city of beauty untold;
All my treasures are there
And its beauty I'll share
When I get to that city of gold.

Chorus:
When I leave all trouble and care,
I will say good morning up there;
I will have great gladness untold,
When I get to that city of gold.

There's no sorrow up there
In that city so fair
And no sickness can enter I'm told;
Shadows all will have flown,
I will meet friends I've known,
When we get to that city of gold.

Won't you go there with me
To the home of the free,
Would you see heaven's beauty unfold?
If you will come along
We will sing heaven's song,
when we get to that city of gold.

LAST MILE OF THE WAY

If I walk in the pathway of duty,
If I work till the close of the day;
I shall see the great King in His beauty
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

Chorus:
When I've gone the last mile of the way.
I will rest at the close of the day.
And I know there are joys that await me
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

If for Christ I proclaim the glad story,
If I seek for His sheep gone astray;
I am sure He will show me His glory
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

Here the dearest of ties we must sever,
Tears of sorrow are seen ev'ry day;
But no sickness. no sighing forever
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,
Sing His mercy and His grace.
In the mansions bright and blessed
He'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain
When we all get to Heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
We'll sing and shout the victory!

While we walk the pilgrim pathway,
Clouds will overspread the sky;
But when traveling days are over,
Not a shadow, not a sigh.

Let us then be true and faithful,
Trusting, serving every day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory
Will the toils of life repay.
Deacon Philip Armbrister
Deacon Patrick Rahming
Darrell Moss

Joseph Moss
Daniel Rahming
Alvin Thurston

Honoury Pall Bearers

Solomon Cox
Deacon Linclon Cox
Frank “Pancho” Rahming
Simon “Kim” Beneby

Richard Marti̇ns
Vernon Collie
Pastor Jeffery Collie
Codero Martins

In Appreciation

We sincerely appreciate your prayers, visits, telephone calls and other acts of kindness. These gestures have helped to ease our pain during this difficult time. May God continue to bestow his blessings upon each of you.

The Family

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