



Ms. Bonnie B. Saunders

May 10, 1944 - May 20, 2021

Obituary

Bonnie Beth Saunders was born on, May 10th, 1944 to the union of Anderson J. Smith and Helen I. Gee in Kansas City, KS. Bonnie received her education through the Kansas City Missouri School District. She attended Central High School before moving to Los Angeles, California where she then graduated early from Jefferson High School in 1961.

Bonnie married Robert E. Gill on September 27th, 1962. To this union was born three children; Charnita (Nita), Roberta (Marie), & Robert Jr. (Robbie). Bonnie and her children moved back to the Kansas City in 1968 and resided on the Missouri side of the City. On April 17th, 1971 Bonnie married Leslie R. Saunders. To this union was born 1 child; Leslie II (Little Les).

Bonnie worked as an Accountant/Payroll Assistant while living in Los Angeles after graduating from high school. After moving back to Kansas City; Bonnie worked at CEP (Concentrated Employment Program) on 3030 Prospect Ave. Bonnie also worked for UCP (United Cerebral Palsey) and retired from Bank Of America after 20 years of service. After retiring she kept herself busy by working at Northwood Elementary in the Raytown School District as Teacher Assistant (Paras) for special needs children.

Bonnie was a faithful member of the 8TH Street Baptist Church for over 50

years. She was a true Servant. She was mostly known for being on the Usher Board Ministry where she had served as President for many years. She was a Sunday School member and attended BTU (Baptist Training Union) back in the day. She served in the kitchen and as a dining room hostess on special occasions. She served as a hostess at Gideon's Banquets. She was a Mission member and participated in the National Baptist Conventions. She was also a member of the Church Finance Department.

Bonnie loved her family. She was dedicated to her family. She always expressed the value of family and how important family should be. She served as Secretary/Treasurer for the Wesley/Glenn Family Reunions on her Mother's side of the family and with the Thompson/Addison Family Reunions on her Father's side of the family. Bonnie would spread her love by visiting family and friends that were in Nursing Homes and Hospitals; and every Tuesday at 10AM she would talk on the phone with her cousin Yvonne. She loved to teach and watch over her grandchildren/great grandchildren when they came to her home. She would have games and toys for them to play with and children's music for them to sing and dance to. Since Bonnie liked to dance herself; she would have fun by joining in with them.

Bonnie did her fare share of traveling outside the U.S. to destinations like Acapulco, Bermuda, London, and Haiti. She had traveled to many cities all over the United States as well. Bonnie enjoyed to listen to Jazz and Gospel music during her leisure time. She would also keep Luther Vandross in heavy rotation. Doing word searches and watching Wheel Of Fortune was something that Bonnie often enjoyed doing. Bonnie was overall a good cook when it came to the kitchen. She would make the best sweet potato pies and the family would always enjoy them during the Holiday season.

Bonnie departed this life surrounded by caring medical professionals and family on May 20th, 2021 at Kansas City Hospice and Palliative Care. She

passed in a peaceful manner that were honored by her wishes.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her son Robert E. Gill Jr.(Robbie) on May 26th, 2013 and step-daughter Lezley R. Saunders King (Seeta) on March 24th, 2021.

Bonnie leaves to mourn her passing: father Anderson J. Smith, mother Helen I. Gee, 2 brothers Dr. Rev. Stanley A. Smith (Corliss) and Cornelius G. Smith, 2 daughters Charnita Y. Gill and Roberta M. Anderson-Mabry (Ernest), 1 son Leslie R. Saunders II (Breanna), 2 step-daughters Lisa D. Kelley (Kit) and Desiree Graves, and 1 step-son Victor L. McCoy. Grandchildren: Tamara J. Stansbury (Cedric), Dion J. Lewis II (Lauryn), Brandon L. Brown, Jamellah M. Anderson, Andrew M. Gill, Ashyante' S. Gill, Makaila J. Owens (Gabe), Leslie R. Saunders III and a host of great grandchildren, nephews, great nephews and great nieces, close knit cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be Friday, June 4, 11:00am at Eighth Street Missionary Baptist Church. Interment Forest Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10:00am-11:00am at the church. Services conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website. Due to COVID-19, social distancing and face coverings are required indoors. Temperature check for all guest (s).

To send flowers
to the family or plant a tree
in memory of Ms. Bonnie B. Saunders, please visit our floral store.

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Tribute Wall



“ Dignity in white pedestal arrangement was purchased for the family of Ms. Bonnie B. Saunders. Send Flowers IN LOVING MEMORY! FROM YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY AT OLATHE DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP

May 25, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Bonnie B. Saunders by Sam and Chareda White. Send Flowers To Marie, Charnita and family. We pray for peace, strength and comfort in your of need. We are truly sorry for your loss. Sam and Chareda White

Sam and Chareda White - May 25, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Bonnie B. Saunders by Mike & Paula Powers . Send Flowers Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Mike & Paula Powers

Mike & Paula Powers - May 25, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ Grandmother's garden remembered was purchased for the family of Ms. Bonnie B. Saunders. Send Flowers

Expression of Sympathy - May 25, 2023 at 01:19 PM

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“ Table basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Bonnie B. Saunders by The May Family. Send Flowers

The May Family - May 25, 2023 at 01:19 PM

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“ Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Bonnie B. Saunders by Your friends at Americas Auto Auction Kansas City (KCI). Send FlowersYour family is in our thoughts and prayers.Your friends at Americas Auto Auction Kansas City (KCI)

Your friends at Americas Auto Auction Kansas City (KCI) - May 25, 2023 at 01:19 PM

MT

“ Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Bonnie B. Saunders by Mark Thaw. Send FlowersSorry for the loss from “The Thaw Family”.....,Mark Thaw

Mark Thaw - May 25, 2023 at 01:19 PM

TJ

“ Tropical dish garden with fresh flowers was purchased for the family of Ms. Bonnie B. Saunders by TIF Commission and staff, Heather, Sandra, La'Sherry and Janine. Send FlowersDion, we are so sorry for your loss.TIF Commission and staff, Heather, Sandra, La'Sherry and Janine

TIF Commission and staff, Heather, Sandra, La'Sherry and Janine - May 25, 2023 at 01:19 PM

ES

“ Beautiful in blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Bonnie B. Saunders. Send Flowers

Expression of Sympathy - May 25, 2023 at 01:19 PM

CS

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Ms. Bonnie B. Saunders by Cavierre Stolberg. Plant a TreeFor: Bonnie B. Saunders & Marie Anderson. This tree will be planted in honor of your mom Bonnie. This tree will grow in her memory.Love,CC, Jason and Payton StolbergCavierre Stolberg

Cavierre Stolberg - May 25, 2023 at 01:19 PM

NF

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Ms. Bonnie B. Saunders by Nicole Fraser. Plant a TreeOur warmest condolences. We are thinking of you all during this difficult time.Nicole Fraser

Nicole Fraser - May 25, 2023 at 01:19 PM

AG

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Ms. Bonnie B. Saunders by Ashyante S Gill. Plant a TreeMs. Bonnie B. Saunders will remain in our hearts forever. Love you grandma Bonnie.Ashyante S Gill

Ashyante S Gill - May 25, 2023 at 01:19 PM

JM

“ A beautiful servant and caring person. Rest Well my sister in the arms of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus!Deacon John Myers

John Myers - June 04, 2021 at 08:57 AM

BS

“ Praying God's comfort for the family. Encourage you to hold the memories close to your heart for they will bring smiles to your faces.Coy and Betty SheltonKansas City

Betty and Coy Shelton - June 01, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ *To the family I am paying for your strength and comfort. I encourage you to lean on one another look to the hills. We are here to support you. We love you*

Janice Winston - May 28, 2021 at 05:53 PM

AJ

“ To the Saunders Family We take this time to express our personal condolences to the family of Bonnie B Saunders. Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends during this time of great sadness. Please remember that you will have the support of the family and friends. May we also remember that God will also be there for us. Yes it is just as the scriptures states, that God is a God of all tender mercy and comfort. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4) Indeed we need comforting words to get us through these difficult days just ahead. Yes God is concerned about all of us, and He takes the times to provide love and support to those who are grieving at heart over the lost of a love one or friend. For a brief moment, I would like to share this promise of God to all those who have lost anyone n death. The promise is recorded at John 5:28-29 and Acts 24:15. Both of the text speaks of a future resurrection hope that God extends to those who have fallen asleep in death. In fact when reading those verses, we can have the understanding that God is giving us His personal promise or guarantee that life will be restored back to those who have died. Would you not agree that these are comforting words for us to hear and read about. In fact God wants all to develop strong faith in this promise, He has lovingly taken the time to preserve nine accounts in the Bible that speaks about the resurrection blessing that is near at hand. Here is just one of those accounts that is recorded at Acts 9:36-42. I hope that all will get a chance to see how these verses apply to Bonnie, and a great host of others who have fallen asleep in death. Really the future is bright for God's earthly family. In the very near future will be able to witness with our every eyes our love ones standing up in life again. Yes remember that when God makes a promise, it becomes reality. For it is impossible for God to lie. (Titus 1:2)

Albert Caldwell Jr - May 24, 2021 at 09:28 AM