



Ms. Jacquelyn R. Saunders Brown

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Obituary

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Jacquelyn, fondly known as Jackie, was born September 15, 1951. She was the daughter of Arnold P. and Betty J. Saunders. Jackie was born and raised in Kansas City, KS. She grew up as a member of Third Street Church of God, Kansas City KS (now named New Seasons Christian Church). In 2011, Jackie became a member of Macedonia Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO. Jackie resided both in Kansas City, KS and Kansas City, MO most of her adult life.

A 1969 graduate of Wyandotte High School, KCK, Jackie enjoyed and excelled in playing the violin in the school orchestra. Upon graduation she married and devoted herself to raising her daughter, Shellie. During her marriage to William Brown, Jackie lovingly helped support and raise those brought into their blended family. For 23 years Jackie worked for the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority as a bus driver. In this capacity she met and ministered to many people. Also, for a brief period, she worked at Our Lady and St. Rose Elementary School. During Jackie's work career, she worked in a nursing home facility which allowed her to give loving care and

comfort to many, something she was well known for. Upon retirement from various jobs, Jackie decided to attend culinary school, receiving certification as a professional chef. She enjoyed a brief period of working in the catering business until health concerns required her to cease working. In her free time Jackie enjoyed going to the movies and taking walks.

Jackie passed away on February 12, 2023. She is preceded in death by her husband, William Brown; her father, Arnold Penton Saunders; her mother, Betty Jean Saunders; a sister, Doris Jean Saunders; and a brother, Jerold Saunders.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory 1 daughter, Shellie Miller (Bryant); 3 granddaughters, Ashley Alkire, Kahleah Alkire, and Angela Allard (Garen); 2 grandsons, Ethan Alkire (Caitlyn) and Ryan Alkire; 3 great grandchildren, Ariana Alkire-Mansaray, Aidan Alkire-Hudspeth, Azaria Alkire-Hudspeth; 4 sisters, Vicki McCasted, Shahidah Abdul-Ali (aka Janice Saunders), Jo Annette Saunders, Joyce Alexander (Robert); and 1 brother, Arnold Saunders; an uncle, Phillip Clark; 3 aunts, Dorothy Clark, Mary Saunders and Dorothy Saunders; a daughter-figure, Charlotte Lynette Whitaker; a supportive neighbor and friend, Rodney Crockett; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Jackie will be remembered as a woman of faith who loved and served God, and was one who had a big heart. She regularly volunteered for the church helping the needy as well as taking it upon herself to call and check on the sick and shut-in. Jackie was a dedicated daughter, sister, aunt, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was a wonderful loving and caring person who did more for others than she did for herself. Jackie will also be remembered as an excellent cook who took great pleasure in feeding her friends and family, creating opportunities for loved ones to fellowship and remain united.

Memorial Service: Friday, March 10, 2023, 11:00 AM at Macedonia Baptist Church, 1700 E. Linwood Blvd., KCMO 64109. Flowers/plants may be sent directly to Macedonia Baptist Church during the hours of 9 AM-4 PM, March 7-9, 2023 and 9 AM-11 AM, March 10, 2023. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

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

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Tribute Wall

FJ

“ Happy birthdate!



Frank I. Johnson, Jr - September 15, 2025 at 01:55 PM

FJ

“ And Jackie -- The comment you said to me one of the last times that I saw you will truly remain between us. Nuff said.

Frank I. Johnson, Jr - September 07, 2025 at 01:46 PM

FJ

“ Jackie -- I was probably no more than a wee puppy (if that) in years when Percy Sledge came out with the song "When a Man Loves a Woman." Short but some beautiful memories of you and me and young love. Back in those days I probably didn't have much more than a dime to even spend. But as the song said ' ... I would have spent my last dime...' on you.



Frank I. Johnson, Jr - September 07, 2025 at 01:43 PM

FJ

“ Frank Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jacquelyn R. Saunders Brown



Frank Johnson - December 29, 2024 at 10:07 PM

AB

“ A Memorial Tree was planted for Ms. Jacquelyn R. Saunders Brown
We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Lawrence A. Jones
& Sons Funeral Chapels-Kansas-Lawrence A. Jones & Sons
Funeral Chapels
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

A Memorial Tree was planted for Ms. Jacquelyn R. Saunders Brown - May 25, 2023 at 10:57 AM

ES

“ Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Jacquelyn R.
Saunders Brown by Eisenhower Middle School Staff. Send
FlowersOur thoughts and prayers are with your family during this
time.Eisenhower Middle School Staff

Eisenhower Middle School Staff - May 25, 2023 at 10:57 AM

SA

“ My sister was a woman who loved life, her family, and her friends,
but more than anything she loved the creator, God Almighty. Now
she has moved on to her eternal home. I pray that God was pleased
with her, and that He blessed her with a wonderful home near Him,
the place we all long for. I pray that she is at peace now, a peace
that passes all understanding.

Love you Sis 

Shahidah

Shahidah Abdul-Ali - March 11, 2023 at 12:52 PM

JE

“ *Shahidah Abdul-Ali and family: May Jacquelyn's memory be for a blessing! Hold on to precious memories of your ancestors.*
Shalom, Jerilynn Payne, Columbia, Maryland

Jerilynn - March 10, 2023 at 12:08 PM