



## Lawrence Saunders Jr.

June 22, 1932 - January 24, 2015

LAWRENCE SAUNDERS, JR. was the son of the late Lawrence Saunders, Sr. and Lillie Brockington Saunders. He was born on June 22, 1932, in Baltimore, Maryland. Lawrence and his three siblings were lovingly reared and spiritually guided by their mother, Bishop Monroe Saunders, Sr. and his wife Alberta.

He was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System but left high school at age 17 to enlist in the Army to help support his mother and three siblings. Lawrence, affectionately called "Larry" or "Brother" among family members, proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1953. He was honorably discharged in 1953. After his discharge, he enrolled at the Baltimore Institute and received his high school diploma. He later attended Eastern College.

Lawrence was employed as a bus driver for the Baltimore Transit Company from 1953 to 1956. It was during this time, in 1955, that he met and married his lovely wife of 59 years Vera Clayton Pettigrew Saunders. In 1959, they were blessed with a daughter (his heart), Lauren Denise Hill, affectionately known as "Candy".

In 1956 he was employed by the Progressive Life Insurance Company (later known as Unity Mutual Life), as insurance agent, and because of his excellent work and leadership, he was promoted to staff manager after only one year on the job. In 1966 he was promoted to District Manager for the Washington, DC and Northern Virginia offices. Lawrence retired in 1996.

Lawrence, a faithful servant of the Lord, joined Metropolitan Baptist Church in 1982 and was baptized by Pastor H. Beecher Hicks, Jr. He was a member of the Metropolitan Men's Ensemble for several years and said that they were among some of the most enjoyable years of his life. His greatest passion was playing golf! Whether playing on golf courses or simply practicing his putting in the yard, how he loved his golf!

Lawrence will be remembered as a devoted and loving family man, who generously gave of his time and himself if anyone was in need. He enjoyed engaging in conversation with anybody on any subject. He was a man of intense integrity, pride and compassion.

On Saturday, January 24, 2015, Lawrence peacefully departed this life. He will be deeply missed. He leaves to cherish his precious memory his loving daughter, Lauren D. Hill, son-in-law, Warren Hill, and his two adoring grandchildren, Erika and Christopher Hill, (\*the apples of his eye); his brother, Dr. Elijah Saunders (Sharon); brother-in-law, William Gregory; three sisters-in-law, Jean Jowers, Janet Johns and Angela Saunders. He leaves a host of nieces and nephews, including a special nephew, Van S. Johnson, and a host of many close cousins, family members and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Arbutus Memorial Park Cemetery

1101 Sulphur Spring Road  
Baltimore, MD 21227

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB 1. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Family Hour

FEB 1. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

---

FEB 2. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Transformation Church Of Jesus Christ  
5150 Baltimore National Pike  
Baltimore, MD

## Service

---

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Transformation Church Of Jesus Christ  
5150 Baltimore National Pike  
Baltimore, MD

# Tribute Wall

MT

“ *RIP  
Mr. Saunders hired me with Progressive Insurance Company as an agent in Washington DC while promoting me later to Staff Manager. Mr. Saunders was a great man. I really appreciate his coaching in business also his outlook of life.  
Mr. Taylor*

---

**Mr. Taylor** - November 05, 2023 at 03:11 PM



“ *Lawrence Saunders Jr.*

---

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

EH

“ *May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful time together as you celebrate a life well lived.*

---

**E. Huskey** - February 01, 2015 at 09:25 PM

MA

“ *To the family of Lawrence Saunders Jr:  
I am sorry for your loss. It is never easy when someone you love dies. I have found much comfort in the Bibles promise. At Isaiah 25:8 t says "He will swallow up death, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces." I hope this brings you much comfort.*

---

**margaret awoyera** - January 28, 2015 at 11:39 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

---

**March Funeral Homes** - January 27, 2015 at 10:02 AM