



## Oakley Henry Saunders

June 9, 1927 - May 19, 2009

Dr. Oakley Henry Saunders, Jr. of Baltimore, Maryland died Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at his home after a lengthy illness. Born in Baltimore on June 9, 1927, he was the son of the late Oakley H. Saunders, Sr. and the late Mary Sue Booker Lyles, both of Baltimore. Educated in Baltimore public schools, he left school and joined the Armed Forces. Following his return to Maryland, graduated from Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1942 and from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee in 1957. He completed his internship at Provident Hospital and his residency at the University of Maryland in Baltimore, MD. In 1960, he established a private pediatric practice on Madison Avenue where he served the citizens of Baltimore City for nearly twenty years. In 1972, he joined the staff of Provident Hospital as president of the medical hospital in 1984. He became a physician surveyor for the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, traveling the globe as a health care consultant for the Joint Commission, as well as the World Health Organization. During her career, Dr. Saunders was active on the boards of directors for numerous organizations and committees, including Maryland State Board of Higher Education, Central Maryland Health Systems Agency, Community Health Council of Maryland, and Minority Biomedical Research Consortium. Dr. Saunders also served on the Advisory Subcommittee for Minority Recruitment at the University of Maryland, School of Medicine and was instrumental in implementing Project Head Start in Baltimore City. He made numerous presentations to the National Institutes of

Health as well as the Maryland General Assembly. An inveterate sailor, he used every opportunity to relax while exploring the Chesapeake, fishing on his boat, "Imhotep". A true gardener, in later years, he participated in the Baltimore City Farms program at Leakin Park. Dr. Saunders expressed his love and dedication to Jehovah God by undergoing water baptism as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in 1989 and was an active member of the Sequoia Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses until his death. He is survived by: his wife, Barbara Saunders; four daughters, Stephanie Parker and Karen Clarke, both of Baltimore, Lisa Saunders and Fumie Collier, both of California; a son, Keith Saunders of Indianapolis; five grandchildren, Michelle Parker of Delaware, David and Rachel Clark of Baltimore, Maikai Sulimon and Oshea Drake, both of California; and aunt, Lorraine Calloway of Evington, VA; two sons-in-law, Eli Drake and James Collier.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Oakley Henry Saunders*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I. E. Martin lit a candle in memory of Oakley Henry Saunders*



**I. E. Martin** - February 17, 2020 at 10:00 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathies for the family of Dr. Saunders. Not only the family and friends of Oakley have suffered a great loss, but also the poor and deprived citizens of Baltimore have also lost a caring and compassionate physician. Dr. Saunders will be greatly missed by all those whom he had come in contact with during his professional career in this city and elsewhere in this nation when he served on the staff of the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Hospitals and made inspection visits to assess the quality of care at hospitals spread out all over this country.##imported-begin##C. Alex & Sudha Alexander##imported-end##*

July 02, 2010 at 02:21 PM



“ We last visited with Oakley for about an hour or two outside of the Safeway supermarket in the Ingleside Shopping Center. We solved some of the world's problems before listening intently as he shared his plans to move to Virginia near his Aunt. After exchanging "best gardening practices" we hugged lovingly and planned to visit after he settled in. We will sorely miss our long time family friend, our professional colleague, and our children's pediatrician.##imported-begin##Rev. George and Betty Merrill##imported-end##

---

July 02, 2010 at 02:21 PM



“ I grew up on Forest Park Ave, one block over from Dr. Saunders's home. He was a mentor & suggested that I pursue an advanced degree, in addition to my primary training. It was great advice & I am very happy that I followed it. Goodbye Oakley. Wendell Jones MD MBA##imported-begin##Wendell & Angela Jones##imported-end##

---

July 02, 2010 at 02:21 PM



“ Oakley and I were friends growing up. He became a doctor after I moved to New York and had a son who, at a young age though tested in the extreme I.Q. range, was not performing accordingly. I brought him to see Dr. Saunders, who after a complete work up, diagnosed him as having a learning disability. I was eternally grateful to him for that. He was then and remained, a man ahead of his time. He will be missed by all.##imported-begin##Frances Watkins##imported-end##

---

July 02, 2010 at 02:21 PM



“ To the Family, Please accept my condolences. May you find comfort in the hope of the resurrection at John 11:38-44. Here Jesus demonstrated the resurrection with his friend Lazarus. May this bring you comfort and strengthen you during this time.##imported-begin##Mrs. Howard##imported-end##

---

July 02, 2010 at 02:21 PM



“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of Dr. Saunders. Job 14:14,15 lovingly reveals: "If an able-bodied man dies can he live again?...You will call , and I myself shall answer you. For the work of your hands you will have a yearning". May you receive much comfort and strength from Jehovah's promise of the resurrection.##imported-begin##Mrs. Sharon Hill##imported-end##

---

July 02, 2010 at 02:21 PM



“ On behalf of the University of Maryland Department of Pediatrics, I wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Dr. Oakley Saunders. Steven J. Czinn, MD Chair, Department of Pediatrics##imported-begin##University of Maryland Department of Pediatrics##imported-end##

---

July 02, 2010 at 02:21 PM



“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. The Bible teaches about a future time when all those in the memorial tombs will come out by means of a resurrection (John5:28-29) to life on a paradise earth (Psalm37:11,29). May you find comfort in God and the many wonderful promises found in his word the Bible because Titus 1:2 assures us that he cannot die.##imported-begin##C. Murphy##imported-end##

---

July 02, 2010 at 02:21 PM



“ My sincere sympathy to the family. Dr. Saunders was my three children's pediatrician. I remember his kind and professional manner. Isaiah 26:19 says, "Your dead ones will live." I look forward to seeing Dr. Saunders again on the paradise earth.##imported-begin##Juanita Williams##imported-end##

---

July 02, 2010 at 02:21 PM



“ sorry to hear about the passing of my first cousin Oakley.His father was my uncle.Give me a call in Va. at 804-561-0527.I know he will rest in peace##imported-begin##Goldie Saunders Walker##imported-end##

---

July 02, 2010 at 02:21 PM



“ To the Saunders family, I offer my deepest condolences, and warm wishes for a happy future. I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Dr. Saunders, but he was my spiritual brother, and I look forward to meeting him in Jehovah's paradise. Reading his obituary, he seemed to be a wonderful man who accomplished so much in his lifetime. I can imagine how much he touched the lives of others, and I know how much he will be missed. Unfortunately, our enemy, death, continues to stalk all of us. 1st Cor 15:26. But I also know that Jehovah God has the power over death, and he can loose us from the bonds of death, because he is the God of all salvation. Whenever you are feeling sad family, keep this scripture in mind found at Isiah 66:13: "Just like a man whom his own mother keeps comforting, so I myself shall keep comforting you people. May Jehovah God comfort and strengthen you all to carry on until that glorious day of salvation will come about. What a joyous day it will be, when our loved ones come to life once again. Take care family.##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##

---

July 02, 2010 at 02:21 PM