



Ms. Julia C. Saunders

July 8, 1929 - September 20, 2025

Julia Corien Saunders was born July 8, 1929 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was the only child born to the union of the late Robert Crawford Davis, Jr. and Cleo Hortense Jackson. When Julia was two, her parents decided to return to their roots and family in Chicago. She completed her education in the Chicago school system. She attended McCosh Elementary School and graduated from Englewood High School. While she attended junior college, she worked at a couple of jobs but decided to complete her education and graduated from Teacher's College in Chicago. Julia met her future husband while attending college. Julia Davis was united in holy matrimony with Eugene Saunders on March 31, 1951. The union was blessed with two sons. Larrell and Stanley were born in Chicago but the family moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1955 where the family remains today. She joined St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and later found her new church home at Trinity Episcopal Church. She was an active participant in bible study, book club, and church events like the Awesome

Auction which she greatly enjoyed.

Although she graduated from Teacher's College in Chicago, Julia began her teaching career in the

Milwaukee Public School System as a kindergarten teacher for 31 years.

During her time at MPS, she

participated in programs for improving education that included a trip to London on education

comparisons. Of course, that close to France, she had to visit Paris and Louvre to see the

impressionists. In the 1970's she went back to school and earned her Master's Degree in Education.

She was asked to consider working in administration in Central Office, but declined because she

preferred working in the classroom with children. She loved working with the 5-year-old kindergarten.

Family and friends were always important to Julia. The picture of her great great grandmother Sara

motivated her to begin her journey into involvement with genealogy. In 1991 after attending a

conference, she was one of the participants who encouraged passing a sheet of paper around and

gathering names. This led to the creation of the African American Genealogical Society of Milwaukee.

Julia was one of the founding members and held various roles in the organization. She also was

member of the Protos Social Club, Investment Club, Book Club, Bridge Club and always attended

family and friend activities.

When Julia moved to The Lutheran Home, she continued participating in the daily activities. She loved

Bingo, Wheel of Fortune, Shut the Box and winning. Always the teacher -

helper, she looked out for the other residents during game time. She never lost her smile, enjoyed interacting with residents and staff and always felt blessed by the staff and her family.

"Julia Corien Saunders departed this life on September 20,2025 at the blessed age of 96. She was preceded in death by her parents Robert and Cleo Davis, and her son Larrell Saunders.

Julia leaves to cherish her memories her loving son Stanley (Betty) Saunders, daughter-in-law Myrelene (Larrell) Saunders, grandchildren, Pamela (Joseph) Bell, Milwaukee, WI, Alexander Saunders, Lakeland, FL, Sara Saunders, Milwaukee, WI, 4 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandson, and other loving relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Northwest Cremation Services

6630 W. Hampton Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53218

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Episcopal Church
1717 Church Street
Wauwatosa, WI

Funeral Service

OCT 1. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Leah Noid lit a candle in memory of Ms. Julia C. Saunders*



Leah Noid - October 01, 2025 at 08:48 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Julia C. Saunders.*



September 29, 2025 at 01:43 PM