

*Celebration of  
Life for*



*Cynthia C. Saunders*

January 24, 1932 - February 3, 2016

*Service*

*Monday, February 15, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.*

**Christ Church Riverdale**

Bronx, New York

*Rabbi Steve Fenchel, Officiating*

*Sha'ar Adonai (Gate of The Lord) Congregation*

*New York, New York*

## *Obituary*

**Cynthia Carridad Fuller** was born in Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, on January 24<sup>th</sup> 1932. She was the third eldest of five brothers and one sister, all of whom have predeceased her. She attended and graduated high school in Jamaica. After high school, she studied cosmetology and worked as a beautician for several years in Kingston.

At twenty years old she married Robert McSweeney Saunders, businessman and politician. The marriage lasted eight years and bore two children, Melville (Robert) and Carol Saunders.

In 1962 she immigrated to the United States and worked as a private home attendant. Sometime after, she became a licensed CNA. As a CNA she worked the better part of twenty-five years at Kings Terrace Nursing home in the Bronx. It was at Kings Terrace Nursing Home that Cynthia truly found her calling. She loved each and every one of the residents took care of. She poured her heart out to serve them well. She always counseled them to thank God for their life, count their many blessings (everyone had something to thank God for, she told them) and she never missed a chance to encourage them to be all that they could at that stage of their life. She always offered a hand to anyone needing help - residents and colleagues alike. At Kings Terrace she made life-long friends, some of whom are here today celebrating her life.

Cynthia retired from Kings Terrace in 1988 and moved to Cornwall, Orange County, New York. During retirement, she became active in the local seniors' club and enjoyed time spent with family and friends. For sure she became a doting grandmother to Matthew and Sara. She prayed that she would live to see both her grandchildren grow up and attend college. By the grace of God, this prayer was answered. Indeed, another blessing for which she was very happy and grateful.

After suffering a stroke, she became a resident at The Hebrew Home at Riverdale, in Riverdale, New York, in February 2009 until her death in February 2016.

Truly her last years the best. She came to know Jesus as her Lord and Savior and got baptized at the age of seventy-one at Times Square Church in New York City. Along with her daughter, Carol, she served in the Prison Ministry at Times Square Church. She was also in the Seniors Ministry there. In February 2012 she and Carol felt the Lord leading to know more about the Jewish roots of their faith and so started attending Sha'ar Adonai Congregation in New York City and also Beth Israel Worship Center in Wayne, New Jersey, two Messianic congregations. At both congregations she learned all the richness of the history of her faith and witnessed the "one new man" (Jew and Gentile coming together in Yeshua – the Hebrew name for Jesus) as described in the New Testament. She attended all three congregations on a regular basis and Yeshua truly became the chief joy of her life until He called her home to have eternal life in His awesome love, peace and joy.

Always having a heart to serve, she accompanied her daughter to feed the homeless and hungry at the pantry run by Mason Church in New York City. She derived immense joy serving in whatever way she could, even as she was wheelchair bound by this time.

She is survived by her son, Robert, daughter-in-law, Arlene, grandchildren, Matthew and Sara, daughter, Carol, cousins, many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, great grandnieces and great grandnephews.

# *Order of Service*

Organ Prelude

Processional

Opening Prayer ..... Rabbi Steve

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Selection

Mourners Kaddish (Obituary)

Selection

Reflections

Selection

Eulogy ..... Rabbi Steve

Selection

Final Viewing

Aaronic Benediction ..... Rabbi Steve

**Entombment**

Tuesday, February 16, 2016  
Woodlawn Cemetery  
Bronx, New York

# Aaron's Blessing or The Aaronic Blessing

[Numbers 6:24-26]

Y'va-reh-ch'cha Adonai v'yeesh-m'reh-cha,  
Ya-air Adonai pa-nahv ay-leh-cha vee-choo-  
neh-ka, Yee-sa Adonai pa-nahv ay-leh-cha  
v'ya-same l'cha Shalom.

*In English*

*The Lord bless you  
and keep you;*

*The Lord make His face shine upon you and  
be gracious to you;*

*The Lord lift up His countenance upon you  
and give you peace.*

*Acknowledgement*

*The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation  
for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was  
shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

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