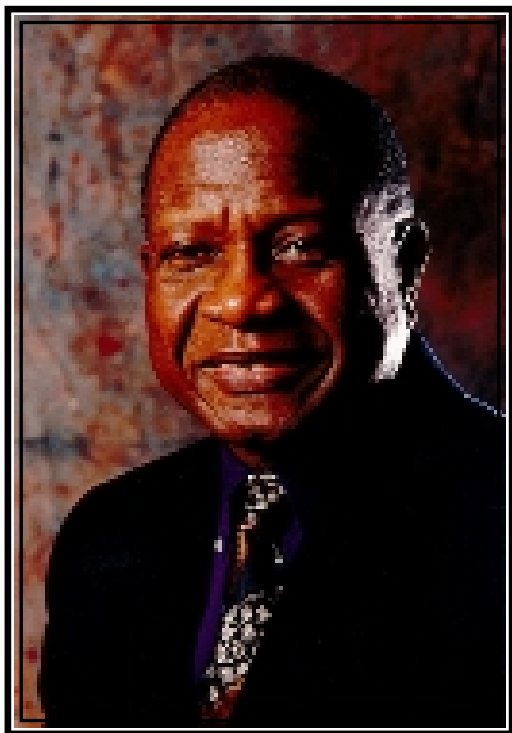


*A Celebration*

*Of Life*



***Berman Oliver Saunders, MD***

May 10, 1940 – September 20, 2016

**Service**

Thursday, September 29, 2016 – 6:00 pm

**SDA Church of the Oranges**

270 Reynolds Terrace

Orange, NJ 07050

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
You will find a solace there.



## When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound,  
and time shall be no more,  
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;  
When the saved of earth shall gather  
over on the other shore,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

### Refrain

When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

On that bright and cloudless morning,  
when the dead in Christ shall rise,  
And the glory of His resurrection share;  
When His chosen ones shall gather  
to their home beyond the skies,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Let us labor for the Master  
from the dawn till setting sun,  
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care,  
Then, when all of life is over,  
and our work on earth is done,  
And the roll is called up yonder I'll be there.

# Obituary

**Berman Oliver Saunders, MD (Bertie)**, was born on May 10<sup>th</sup> 1940, in Kitty, Georgetown Guyana. Bertie was the youngest of seven children born to Isabella Eldica Saunders (Ivy) and Henry Archer Saunders. He was the brother of Kora Roberts (deceased), Alphonso Saunders (deceased), Beryl O'John (UK), Daphne Bartholomew (Trinidad), Shirley McPherson (Guyana), Winston Saunders (FL, USA).

Bertie began his formal education at the Kitty Methodist Primary, then Tutorial High School. He eventually traveled to Scotland then England, and finally the United States of America (US) where he took up residence.

At the tender age of six years old, he vowed to become a doctor after witnessing a mother's grief from the death of her son, because she was unable to pay for his medical expenses. This thought of caring for the poor and other undeserved persons was the driving force as he pursued his studies.

He attended Rutgers Newark College of Art and Science, then The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), where he obtained his Medical Degree. He completed his Residency in Family Practice at Mountainside Hospital, Montclair, New Jersey.

Bertie received many awards, academic and humanitarian. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa Psi Chi, the National Honor Society of Psychologists. While he was a sophomore, he was elected to the position of Director of the Student Family Health Center at UMDNJ, a position usually reserved for seniors. The center provided after hours care for the uninsured and indigent in the Newark community.

During that time, he received the coveted Foster Burnett, MD student award for Community Service Development, and more recent, the Community Service Award for Outstanding

Medical Out-Reach Work in the USA and Caribbean, from the Caribbean American Medical and Scientific Association, Inc. Multiple additional awards have since followed.

He excelled in the medical field having joined East Orange General Hospital Family Health Center while maintaining a private practice located in West Orange, New Jersey. He was instrumental in acquiring a Mobile Health Clinic under the sponsorship of the East Orange General Hospital, to provide on the spot care for patients who could not access a health care facility.

He was true son of Guyana, and never forgot his home and the promise he had made. In 1979, he began traveling annually to Guyana and several other countries including Jamaica to voluntarily offer his expertise. In 2000 in collaboration with OSHAG, he joined a team of doctors and nurses who traveled to Guyana to provide medical assistance to various regions, in addition to instructions in health care, a practice he continued doing annually.

If you knew him, you knew that he believed in giving back to the community, he LOVED TO PARTY and his friends were most important to him. He enjoyed soccer, cricket and playing dominoes.

Bertie's memory will be treasured by; his **wife**-Noella, **children** - Kim, Kit (Rosie), Merlene (Derrick), and Tumi Conrad; **grandchildren** – Christopher Nicholas Miller and Brandon Warren Saunders; **siblings** - Beryl O'John, Daphne Bartholomew, Shirley McPherson and Winston Saunders; **nieces and nephews of**-The Roberts Family(Kora), The Saunders Family (Alphonso), The O'John Family (Beryl), The McPherson Family (Shirley), The Saunders Family (Winston), Marilyn Patterson, Philip and Lynette Simon, The Patterson Family (Peter, Noel, Terrence, Joy and Claire), The Alleyne Family, The Dorway Family, The Adams Family, (The Patterson Family (Freddie) and a host of other relatives and dear friends.

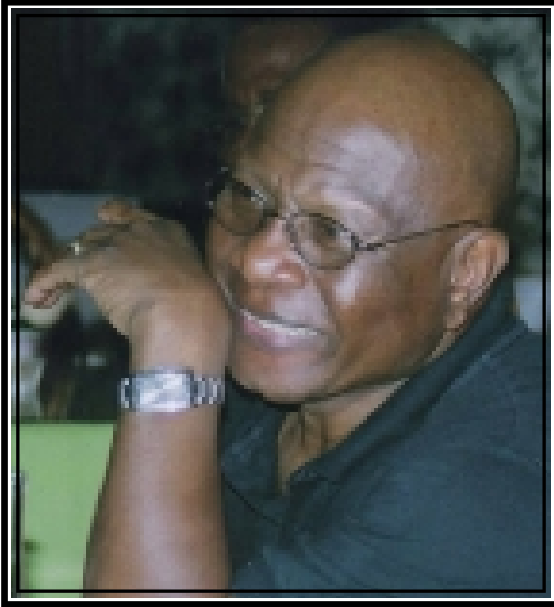
# Order of Service

- Processional.....Clergy
- Opening Prayer.....Elder Neeland Enniss
- Congregational Hymn.....“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”  
Hymn 499
- Scripture Reading.....Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11  
Dr. James Cort
- Musical Tribute.....“My Way” Anthony Alleyne
- Greeting.....Dr. Errol T. Stoddart
- Prayer of Consolation.....Pastor Leon Beckles
- Scripture Reading.....1 Corinthians 15: 51-58  
Mark Zeno
- Obituary.....Winston Saunders
- Musical Tribute.....“This Too Shall Pass”  
Anthony Alleyne
- Tributes.....♦Neville Premdas  
♦Caribbean Medical Mission  
♦Dr. Winston Scott
- Reflections & Tributes.....Family & Friends (2mins. or less)
- Acknowledgements.....Mrs. Claire Patterson-Monah
- Eulogy.....Elder Errol English
- Congregational Hymn.....“When The Roll is Called Up Yonder”  
Hymn 216
- Closing Prayer..... Elder Neeland Ennis

## **-Interment-**

Le Repentir, Cemetery  
Georgetown, Guyana

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.  
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the way,  
of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun of  
happy memories that I leave behind when my life is done.*



### ***In Appreciation***

*The family of **Dr. Berman O. Saunders**, acknowledges and thanks each of you for the comforting expressions of support and love you've shown and extended to us during our time of bereavement. We are deeply appreciative and thankful for you all. It is our prayer that the bounty of God's blessings be bestowed upon you also.*

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