

*With Allah's Name, Merciful Benefactor, Merciful Redeemer  
"To Him is due the primal origin of the heavens and the earth:  
When He decreeth a matter, He said to it: "Be", and it is."  
(Al-Qur'an 2:117)*

*Janazah Service*  
for  
*Sumarah Nurullah*

*Sunrise  
May 17, 1938*

*Sunset  
February 2, 2012*



*Monday, February 6, 2012  
Eleven o'clock in the morning*

**WARIS CULTURAL CENTER**  
62-70 Howard Street • Irvington, NJ

*Imam Dean Sharif, Officiating*

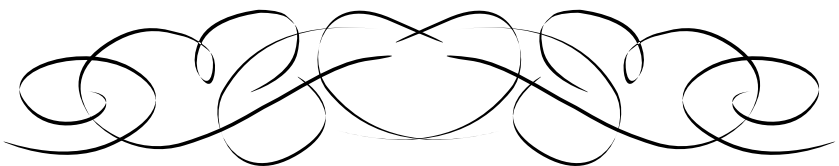
## *Reflections of Life*

**Sumarah Nurullah** born **Harriett Lewis** on May 17, 1938 to parents, Robert and Odessa Lewis in Newark. She was the only girl and had four brothers, Calvin, Arnold, Gerald and Robert Lewis, Jr. They grew up a close-knit family on Rutgers Street.

She graduated from Central High School in 1956. Shortly thereafter, she moved to New York City where she met and married jazz musician, Donald Walden, and their union produced two daughters, Deirdre and Aisha Walden. They relocated to Detroit, Michigan, but she returned to her roots in Newark a few years later after they separated.

She converted to Islam, then met and married Halim Nurullah in 1974. A New Yorker at heart, she spent as much time as possible in and around NYC. Most of her adult life, she worked as a Administrative Assistant in the city. Her true loves were music and dancing, especially jazz and salsa. She spent many nights throughout her life on the dance floor. Always the life of the party, dancing and laughing she easily made lots of friends.

One of the most important things in life to her was family. She is survived by: her husband, two daughters, mother-in-law, Loretta Andrews; stepdaughter, Cherre; granddaughters, Imani and N'Digo Jones; grandson, Bobby; dear cousins, Hazel and Edwin Burks, Walter Muse, Camille Watts and Corrine Selph; and nieces and nephews, Cheryl, Gerald Jr, Stacey, Sabriyyah, Rasool, Terri, Al-Nisa, Ronald, Afrikah, Sharon, Pam, Andre and Anisah; also her dearest friends, Helyn Glover, Ruth Travis, Sajda Ladner-Mussawir and Claudine Johnson.



## *Order of Service*

# *Janazah Salute*

***Imam Dean Sharif***

*“Nor” can a soul die except by Allah’s leave,  
The term being fixed as by writing.  
If any do desire a reward in this life,  
We shall give it to him;  
And if any do desire a reward in the Hereafter  
We shall give it to him.  
And swiftly shall we reward those  
(that serve us with) gratitude.”*

*Holy Qu’ran*  
*Surah 3: Ayat 145*

**Interment**

Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden , New Jersey

*In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful  
All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.*



*The Beneficent, the Merciful, Master of the Day of requital,  
Thee do we serve and Thee do we beseech for help.*



### *Acknowledgement*

The family wishes to thank everyone who has expressed condolences in word or deed during this moment of sorrow. Our hearts have been strengthened by your friendly and sympathetic gestures of kindness.

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