

*In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.
Praise be to God, The Cherisher and Sustainer of the worlds.*

Salatul Janazah for



Cassandra Gail Bason

April 11, 1953 - April 12, 2014

Janazah Prayer

Monday, April 21, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

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Basking Ridge, New Jersey

Obituary

Cassandra G. Bason, was born Friday, April 17, 1953 in Morristown, New Jersey to Henry and the late Mary Bason. She was one of six brothers and sisters.

Gail, as she was known by most, graduated from Morristown High School and later pursued her degree in Mechanical Engineering at Newark College of Engineering. Before retiring, she was employed by Exxon and United Parcel Service and later became a Talent Manager for several artists in New Jersey and Florida.

She spent most of her latter years as a dedicated and compassionate caregiver, devoted wife, mother and grand-mother, and as a resource to all her family. She was a priceless treasure, and will be greatly missed for her love. Whenever she had time she liked doing puzzles, watching sports, researching health issues (mostly for her family), and always looked forward to seeing or hearing about her grand-children. Gail remembered everyone's birthday and all her friends and acquaintances. She could always recall places, events and times she spent with you. She always was encouraging and focused on the best in someone, and didn't hesitate to share what she knew. She seemed to have a way of cutting to the chase, and seeing things for what they are. She loved us, respected herself, and submitted to Allah. What more could we ask of her?

She departed this life on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, New Jersey.

Gail was predeceased by her dear mother, Mary L. Bason and her "man-in-the-moon" grandson, Raymond Dru Wesby.

Survivors include: her husband, Raymond Bryant (Morristown); daughter, Carli Bason (Florida); father, Henry B. Bason (Morristown); sisters, Clarethia Denny (Morristown), Carolyn (Dover) and Carla Bason (Morristown); brothers, Bernard Jr. (Randolph) and Michael Bason (Morristown); her four grandchildren, Knakeera, Jahaira, Marlon Jr., and Ca'Mya (all of Florida); her godchildren, Monique, Kendra and Mathew; and a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws and many other relatives and friends whom she loved so much.

Tanazah

(Funeral Prayer)

The deceased Muslim is placed horizontally in front of the Imaam who stands, according to the Sunnah, at the shoulder of the deceased. The believers stand behind the Imaam. There is no Ruke (bowing) or Sujuud (prostration) in the prayer. The prayer is conducted in an upright standing position, Qiyam and contains four takbirs.

FIRST TAKBIR: The Imam says “Allahu Akbar’ (God is Greatest), raising his hands to his ears and placing them between the chest and the navel. The followers do the same. The Imam recites Duaabul Istiftaah, the opening supplication.

“Glory be to You, Oh Allah, and Praise be to You, and Blessed is Your Name and Exalted is Your Majesty, and there is none to be served besides you.”

SECOND TAKBIR: The Imam says “**Allahu Akbar**” without raising his hands. The followers repeat. They then invoke Allah’s blessings upon the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) by reciting Salaatu ‘Alan Nabiyy. *“O Allah, shower Your Mercy upon Muhammad and the followers of Muhammad, as You showered Your Mercy upon Ibrahim and the followers of Ibrahim. Behold You are Praiseworthy. Glorious, Oh Allah, shower Your Blessings upon Muhammad and the followers of Muhammad as You showered Your Blessings upon Ibrahim and the followers of Ibrahim. Behold, You are Praiseworthy, Glorious.”*

THIRD TAKBIR: After the third takbir, the Imam and believers pray for the deceased by saying the following:

“Oh Allah, forgive those of us that are alive and those of us that are dead, those of us that are present and those of us who are absent; our minors and our elders; Oh Allah, whomever of us you keep alive, let him live as a follower of Islam and whomsoever of us you cause to die, let him die as a believer.”

FOURTH TAKBIR: The Imam says “Allahu Akbar and the believer repeat. They proceed with:

“Oh Allah, do not deny the reward which is due him, do not expose us to temptation after his death. Forgive us and him.”

The Imam concludes the prayer with:

“As Salaamu ‘Aiaikum wa Rahmatullahi”* and the believers repeat.

****Peace and Mercy of Allah be upon you.***

The Certainty of Resurrection

O mankind! If ye have a doubt about Resurrection, (consider) that We created you out of dust, then out of sperm, then out of a leech like clot, then out of a morsel of flesh partly formed and partly unformed, in order that We may manifest (Our Power) to you; and We cause whom We will to rest in the wombs for an appointed term, then do We bring you out as babes, then (foster you) that ye may reach your age of full strength; and some of you are called to die and some are sent back to the feeblest old age so that they know nothing after having known (much). And (further), thou seest the earth barren and lifeless but when We pour down rain on it, it is stirred (to life), it swells and it put forth every kind of beautiful growth (in pairs). This is so, because God is the Reality. It is He who gives life to the dead, and it is He, who has power over all things.

22:5,6

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