

In Loving
Memory
of

Mahmud Ramza

A.K.A

Walter Hayes 5X

Sunrise
February 7, 1929

Sunset
April 19, 2014

Service

Friday, April 25, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

METROPOLITAN METHODIST CHURCH

1975 Madison Avenue • New York, NY
Abdul Hafeez Muhammad, Officiating

Obituary

Ramza was born on *February 7, 1929* in the State of New York, to the late Eugene Hayes, born in Kingston, Jamaica and Thelma Brown Hayes, born in Savannah, Georgia who migrated to NYC where they raised their family. Ramza was raised in Williamsburg, Brooklyn on Siegel Street. He is the first child of six children, his siblings Gloria Hayes, Rose Hayes Lawson, Betty Hayes Shah, James Hayes, and Catherine Hayes Alexander.

Ramza joined the Air Force in the 1940's and went on to receive an honorable discharge in 1947 from Roswell Air Field, in Roswell, New Mexico. He was bestowed the honor of receiving a Purple Heart Metal in World War II.

At the young age of twenty-two, Mahmud Ramza made history in 1956 when he led a hunger strike in prison. He led this strike so that Muslim prisoners would be receiving kosher foods; by all means necessary he was going to continue to practice his Muslim faith. He also made historical strides in his community of Crown Heights where he resided at the Rutland Plaza Complex; Ramza was the Chairman of the Community Patrol and as a holder of a Black Belt in Karate, Ramza trained security members in the art of self-defense and techniques learned while in China, for the betterment of their community.

Ramza was an avid trumpet player; he would sometimes sit in with big name bands at the famous Cotton Club and various other Clubs. Ramza also had his own radio show on WLIB 105.9 fm called the "Black Connection with Gary Byrd" that which Ramza would play various music as a back drop to Farrakhan's speeches. Brother Ramza's jewelry was featured in the Spike Lee movie "Malcolm X", the ring is seen worn by actors Al Freeman Jr. and Denzel Washington. He gave Malcolm X the ring in 1957, that he also gifted Spike Lee and Denzel Washington.

In 1957, under the guidance of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad he converted over 1500 inmates before being released. Ramza made an insignia pin for the honorable Elijah Muhammad with the quote "IN THE NAME OF ALLAH." Since that time Ramza has been named the Official Jeweler of the Nation of Islam by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Ramza was sent Malcolm X, and Betty Hayes Shah to help him establish and recognize Islam as a religion within the prison system.

On *April 19th 2014* Allah called Brother Mahmud Ramza home. He passed away in the Veterans Nursing Home in Queens, New York. Ramza was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene Hayes and Thelma Hayes, wife, Leola Hayes, wife, Josephine Gore Ramza, daughter, Salat Hayes, granddaughter, Tiffany, and siblings, James Hayes, and Betty Hayes Shah.

Ramza leaves to mourn: *two children*, Wendy Hayes Williams, and Ballah Walter Hayes; *three sisters*, Gloria Hayes Rush, Rose Hayes, and Catherine Hayes Alexander; ex wife, Marcia Elcock Hayes; *ten grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, two great grandchildren*, nieces and nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends. Ramza also leaves to mourn his brothers and sisters in the Nation of Islam. Ramzas funeral services will be held at the Metropolitan Methodist Church, and then will be carried to his final resting place at Calverton National Cemetery where he will be laid to rest next to his wife Josephine Gore Ramza who has patiently awaited the arrival of her forever love.

Order of Service

Janazah Prayer Service

Obituary

Message of Janazah

Prayer Service

Passing of Mints

Final Respects

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

The Holy Quran

Al-Fatihah (The Opening Chapter)

1. With the Name of **ALLAH**,
Most Gracious, Most Merciful.
2. Praise be to **ALLAH**, The
Cherisher

And Sustainer of the Worlds:

3. Most Gracious, Most Merciful;
4. Master of the Day of
Judgement.
5. Thee do we worship,
And Thine aid we seek.
6. Show us the straight way.
7. The way of those on whom
Thou has bestowed Thy Grace,
Those whose (portion) is not wrath
and who go not astray. Amen.

صَلَاة

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
الحمد لله الذي هدانا لهذا
والذي كنا لنهتدي لولا أن هدانا
الله لولم يكن لنا له شكر

استمع يا رب الراحة الابدية

وليعلم امام نور قلب يسوع الاقدس . باقلب مريم
العزيزين صلت ليلهم . باماريوس صديق القديس
صلى لاجله امين
بفتح فقران ١٠٠ يوم لهذه الصلاة



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