

*Celebrating the Life and
Honoring the Memory of
Surqan Naim Akbar Muhammad*



Sunrise

July 21, 1957

Sunset

June 11, 2015

Service

Monday, June 15, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

MASJID NIA

231 Roseville Avenue • Newark, New Jersey 07107

Imam Wahy Deen Shareef, Officiating

Burial

The deceased is taken to the burial ground where, according to the Sunnah (tradition of the Prophet (SAW), he is facing the Qiblah (direction of prayer).

While the body is being lowered into the grave, one may utter: "In the Name of Allah, (we bury) according to the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah."

Witnesses may help fill the grave with dirt with three hands at least three times.

"Out of it we created you, And into it we deposit you. And from it we shall take you out once again."

Surah Ta Ha:55



Arabic calligraphy of the Bismillah (In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful) in a decorative frame. The text is written in a stylized, bold script. The frame is surrounded by a decorative border with blue and gold patterns.

Obituary

Furqan Naim Akbar Muhammad was born July 21, 1957 to the late Oscar Simpson and Shahidah Muhammad in Newark, New Jersey. He received his education in the Newark Public Schools, graduating from Barringer High School. He later became a Newark, New Jersey Special Police Officer for the Newark Housing Authority. He also worked security detail for the Nation of Islam, numerous entertainers and professional boxers such as New Edition, Whitney Houston, Muhammad Ali and Sugar Ray Leonard, just to name a few.

During his illness Furqan became a Chaplin for the Newark Police Department. He was very active in politics including campaigning for the current Newark, New Jersey Mayor Ras Baraka. Furqan was well known and loved both in and out of the Muslim community. He enjoyed boxing, football, camping, and karate with the KA system of Karate Karriem Abdallah. Most of all, he enjoyed spending quality time with his family, especially his children and grandchildren.

Furqan was married to Regina Bryant for thirty-two years. He was blessed with four lovely daughters, Ajeenah, Najiyah, Tiffany, and Zakiyyah, thirteen grandchildren and one godson. He was proceeded in death by his parents, Oscar Simpson and Shahidah Muhammad, two brothers and two grandsons, Prodigy and Strategic.

Furqan Naim Akbar Muhammad leaves to cherish his memory: a wife of thirty-two years, Regina; four daughters, Ajeenah (Eric), Najiyah, Tiffany and Zakiyyah (William); thirteen grandchildren, Najiyah, Righteous, Daequar, Nafieh, Ambitious, Nijai, Capacity, Isaiah, Majesty, Khai, Prestigious, William III and Carter; one godson, Dayquan; six brothers; six sisters-in-law; two sisters; mother-in-law, Ruby Bryant; one aunt, Hajjah E. Sabreen Muhammad; sister-in-law, Cimeron Bryant; two brothers-in-law, Reginald Bryant, Hajji Kron, Abdul Lateef; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins; close friend, Wayne Shareef and other countless friends. May Allah forgive his sins, have mercy on his soul, and enter him into paradise. Ameen.



We'll Miss Your Smile

We'll miss your happy cheerful smile
that brightened many days.

We can't forget the family love
you showed us in so many ways.

We can't believe that you have gone
with a departure that was so swift.

It was just a short time ago
that your smile gave us all a lift.

Your parting leaves an aching void
and moments of despair.

But we'll accept our Great God's choice,
And go to Him in prayer.

Even though we're burdened in our hearts,
And it seems troubles never cease,

We still thank God for the good and the bad,
For in Him we know there is Peace.

Furqan you are now free.

Dedicated by the Family.

Janazah Prayer

(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 the Al-Fatihah, The Opening, *In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Most Merciful, Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds; The all Merciful, the ever Merciful, The Possessor of the Day of Judgement. You only we Worship and only Your help we Seek. Guide us to the straight Path; the path of those whom you Bestowed your grace and mercy And not of those who encourage Your wrath.*

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.*

Allah - there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the

Sustainer of [all] existence. Neither drowsiness overtakes Him nor sleep. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Who is it that can intercede with Him except by His permission? He knows what is [presently] before them and what will be after them, and they encompass not a thing of His knowledge except for what He wills. His Kursi extends over the heavens and the earth, and their preservation tires Him not. And He is the Most High, the Most Great.

Interment

Forest Green Park Cemetery
Morganville, New Jersey

Acknowledgements

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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