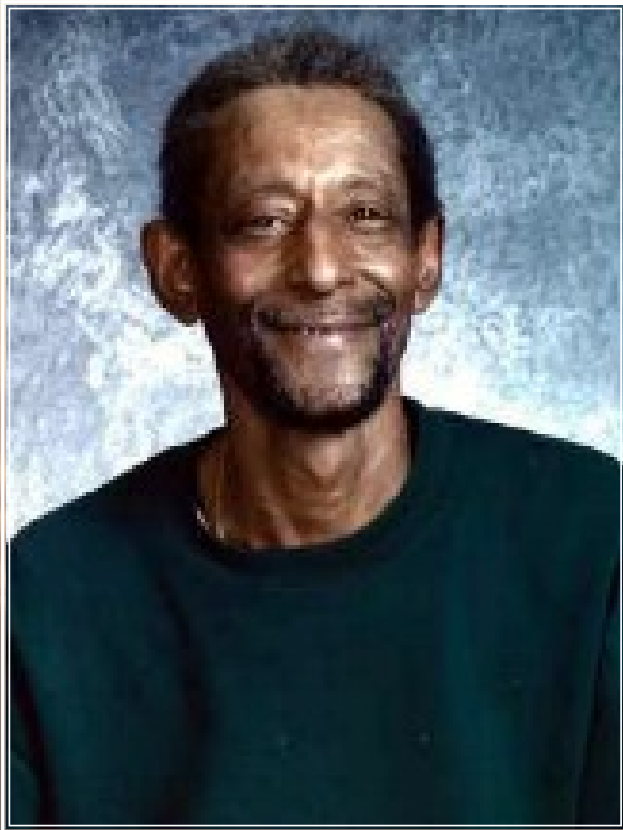


*In Loving Memory of*  
*Wali S. Muhammad*



*Sunrise*  
*March 22, 1947*

*Sunset*  
*October 19, 2015*

*Saturday, October 24, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.*

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# *Order of Service*

## ***Processional***

### ***Selection***

*"I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"*  
by Brenda Lowe

### ***Scripture Readings***

*Old Testament - Psalm 23:1-3*  
*New Testament - Corinthians 13:4-7*

## ***Prayer of Comfort***

### ***Selection***

### ***Remarks***

*(Two minutes each please)*

## ***Acknowledgements***

## ***Obituary***

### ***Selection***

### ***Eulogy***

*Rev. Edward Allen*

## ***Recessional***



# Obituary

**Wali S. Muhammad** formerly known as Donald Evans Richards, was born March 22, 1947 in Orange, NJ to Tansie Mae Jeffries and Charlie Marion Evans. Siblings include the late Edith Mae King of South Hill, VA and Gene Evans also of South Hill, VA. His stepfather, Levie Richards also played a key role in his childhood. In 1989, after joining the Nation of Islam, he decided to legally change his name to reflect his new found religion.

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Wali was educated in the Orange Public School system in NJ and was a former member of the US Military. He was employed by the East Orange Community Charter School before retiring in 2009.

Wali was married to the late Shirley Ann Douglas Muhammad. Their union brought upon the birth of Khalilah Hickman. They spent thirty plus years together until they departed this life. Wali was a person who did not let the grass grow under his feet. He enjoyed life to the fullest; always the life of the party and full of laughter at family functions. He had nicknames for all his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. They in turn nicknamed him "GP". He loved all genres of music but couldn't sing a lick.

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He could spend hours locked away watching football and playing dominoes. Those who knew him loved him and were familiar with his wit and sarcasm.

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Wali departed this life on October 19, 2015 after a long battle with Liver Cancer. He finally found rest in the arms of God.

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Surviving family members include: Linda Hickman Allen, Jerry Hickman, Darryl Hickman, Dwayne Hickman, Khalilah Hickman and a host of relatives and friends.

Wali's laughter will echo in our hearts forever. Rest easy GP, you will be sorely missed!

# *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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