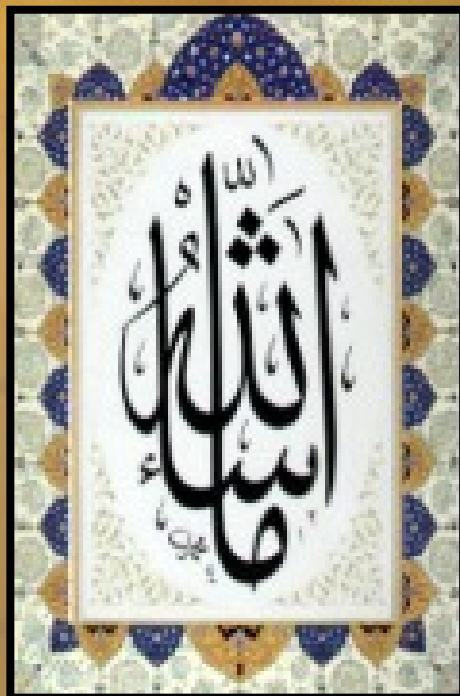


*In Loving Memory
of
Dennis P. Nelson*



Sunrise
June 20, 1941

Sunset
December 28, 2015

Thursday, December 31, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.

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Mustafa Alameen, Iman

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 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.**

INTERMENT

Rosedale Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

Obituary

Dennis P. Nelson was born June 20, 1941 in Newark, New Jersey to Walter D. and Rosetta Nelson.

Dennis was educated in the Newark Public School system, graduating from South Side High School. He went on to serve in the US Army from 1964-1966, leaving with an honorable discharge.

He was best known for his laid back personality and charismatic smile. "To know him was to love him."

Dennis leaves to mourn: his wife, Darlene Nelson; daughter, Hafeezah Nelson; grandchildren, Hakeem, Amirah and Aniyah; brothers, James (Hadiyyah) and Kirk (Leonor); sister, Angelique; extended brother, Edward Odom; extended sister, Eleanor Bilial; and a host of nieces, nephews, family members and friends. With a very special thanks to great niece, Sharonda Smith and brother-in-law, John Miller.

Dennis was predeceased by his sons, Hakim and Omar, his brother, Daryl and sister, Delores.

Dennis will truly be missed.

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The Opening

In the name of Allah,
Most Gracious, Most Merciful.
Praise be to Allah, Cherisher
and Sustainer of the Worlds;
Most Gracious, Most Merciful;
Master of the Day of Judgement.

You do we worship it is Thine aid we seek.

Show us the straight way,
The way of those on whom Thou hast bestowed
Thy Grace, Those whose (portion) is not wrath,
And who go not astray.

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in their time of sorrow. Your prayers, visits, telephone calls and other acts of thoughtfulness will be greatly remembered.

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