## In Loving Memory of Aboul Flakim Muhammad

Sunrise August 1, 1955 Sunset January 15, 2016

Salatul Janazah

Wednesday, January 20, 2016 Immediately after Dhuhr Prayer

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**Abdul Hakim Muhammad** was born August 1, 1955 to the late Bevin Williams and Gladys Devon in Goldsboro, North Carolina. He passed away on January 15, 2016 at his home in North Plainfield, New Jersey.

Hakim was raised in the city of Newark, New Jersey and educated in the Newark School System. He was employed at the Universal of Medicine and Dentistry for twenty-eight years. Hakim was a devoted family man. He was a loving husband and best friend to his wife. Hakim's goal in life was to ensure that his children would be successful. Hakim enjoyed spending time with them either as spectator or participate. Hakim can always be found supporting them at basketball games, football games or Taekwondo Tournaments. He was well respected by his friends and the community in which he lived. Hakim was a man of his word, a true friend and adviser.

Hakim positively touched the lives of many people, as a mentor or motivator. Hakim believed in second chances and that good could be found in all people. He also had encouraging words; words which he also instilled in his children, to be Confident, Kind and Courageous. He taught them to advocate for themselves and others. They were taught that it is okay to fail sometimes because success often comes from the lessons learned in defeat. He encouraged them to take on challenges and never give up. He was a good Muslim and caring person. He was a man of peace; his ultimate goal was to keep family and friends together. He enjoyed listening to music, playing memory games on his computer, like basketball, boxing, dancing and singing. He loved and supported his family and friends in whatever they did; whether it was celebrating with them or being a morale support. Hakim would be there for you. He loved his family and would often call to say hello. He was a man of purpose and walked in his purpose which was caring for others.

Hakim is survived by: his wife, Myrna; his children, Avaline, Kiysha, As-Sahmad, Ihesha, Elijah, Zahrah, Yasheekah, Jovon, Aliyah, Aminah and Angel; his mother-in-law, Lizzie Mae; his aunts, Flonnie, Betty, Erma, Pat and Fannie; uncle, James; sister, Vanessa and Patricia; his brothers, Winfred Rahim, Wadell and William; grandchildren, sisters-in-law, Labeebah, Gloria and Renee; great aunt, Vonnie; and host other loving relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by his brother, Willie Sam, Uncle Lee and Uncle Lynberg.



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.

## <u>Interment</u>

Hillside Cemetery 1401 Woodland Avenue Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

## 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.

## 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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