

In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the most Merciful,

*"To the righteous soul will be said: O (thou) soul, in (complete) rest and satisfaction!
Come back to you Lord, well pleased (yourself) and well pleasing unto Him! Enter you,
then among my devotees! And enter you My Paradise!" Al-Qur" an 89:27-28*

Salatul Janazah

Donald Rankin, Jr.

Sunrise

December 19, 1949

Sunset

February 29, 2016

Service

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

Masjid As'haabul Yameen

224 North 18th Street

East Orange, New Jersey 07017

Imam Abdul Aziz, Officiating

Reflections of Life

Donald Rankin was born December 19, 1949 in Newark, New Jersey. He was the youngest of five children all born to the late Donald and Armentha Rankin. Donald Rankin was preceded in death by his sister, Patricia Rankin and two brothers, James and Jerome Rankin. Donald Rankin was survived by his sister, Mary Terrell of Newark, New Jersey.

Donald Rankin attended Newark, New Jersey Public schools. He also served in the U.S. Marine Services for over seven years and served in the United States Army for over four years. Along with many other forms of work, Donald Rankin was employed at the local VA Hospital where he dedicated over ten years of dedicated service. Rankin then retired from the local Post Office.

Donald Rankin leaves behind: a significant other, Vanita Harris and his daughter, Ranana Harris. In addition Rankin also leaves behind memories with three brothers-in-law, James Terrell, Boyd Kirkland and Ivan Kirkland; one nephew, Corey Terrell; nieces, Donetta Terrell, Kisha Terrell, Felicia Terrell; and a host of other nieces, nephews, family and friends.

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 Sujud (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

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery
Wrightstown, New Jersey

“Ayat-ul-Kursi”

Allah! There is no God but He, -the Living, the Self-subsisting, Eternal. No slumber can seize Him, nor sleep. His are all things in the heavens and on earth. Who is there can intercede in His presence except as He permitteth? He knoweth what (appeareth to His creatures as) before or after or behind them. Nor shall they compass aught of His knowledge except as He willeth. His Throne doth extended over the heavens and the earth, and He feeleth no fatigue in guarding and preserving them for He is the Most High, the Supreme (in glory).

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Donald Rankin, Jr. wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!



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