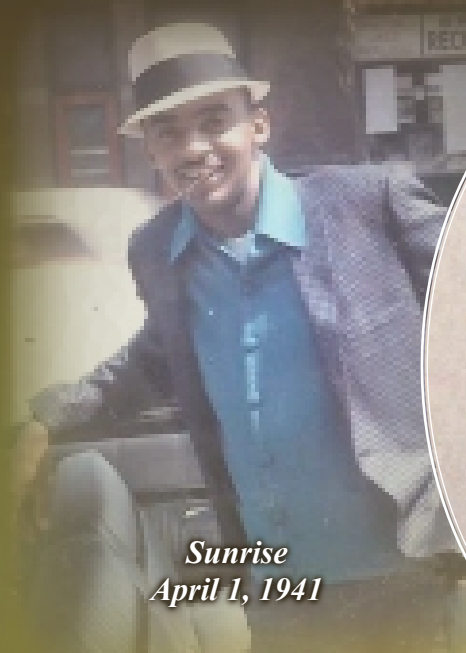
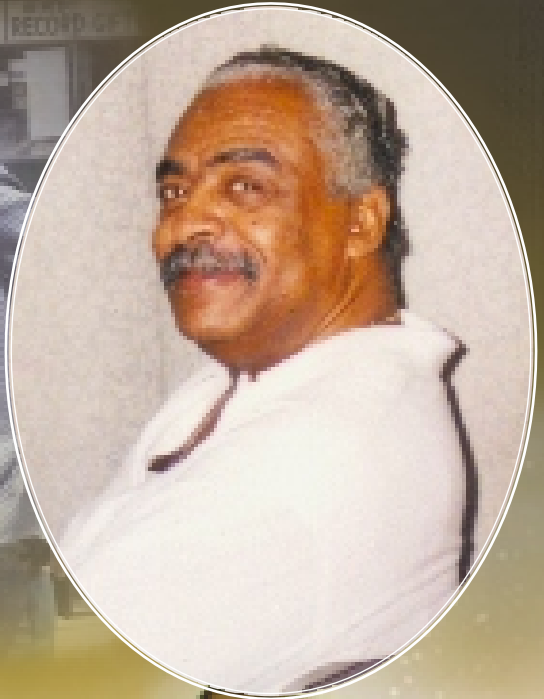


In Loving Memory of
Robert B. Hill
"Abdullah Muhammad"



Sunrise
April 1, 1941

A background image of a younger man wearing a light-colored hat, a blue shirt, and a grey jacket, smiling and leaning on a counter. The background shows a sign that says "RECORDS".

Sunset
April 16, 2016

Salatul Janazah
Thursday, April 21, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

MASJID NIA
231 Roseville Avenue • Newark, New Jersey
Imam Ahmad Burhani

A decorative Islamic geometric pattern on the floor, featuring a central square with intricate designs, surrounded by other geometric shapes.

Obituary



Robert B. Hill, AKA “Abdullah Muhammad”, was born on April 1, 1941 in Newark, NJ to Mary and Walter Hill. He spent his formative and adolescent years in Long Branch and Cranford and also attended the Newark Public School system and graduated from Arts High School.

During those years, Robert discovered, developed and cultivated his life-long artistic gifts and talents, which included writing, drawing and playing the piano among many others. After high school, he attended the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) and worked in numerous sales positions, thus launching his decades long career as an accomplished salesman and entrepreneur.

Robert was always on a path of enlightened spirituality and joined the Nation of Islam during his early adult years, thus taking on the Islamic attribute, Abdullah Muhammad. During this time, he entered into matrimony with Hadiyah El-Amin and out of this union, nine children were born, Salimah, Emin Karriem, Jamil Kalib, Fatima, Rahim, Farida, Nadia, Tahia and Khaatim Ibn.

Abdullah was committed to his various roles in the Nation. He was on the secretary committee and utilized his creative skills as a writer for the Islamic publication, “Muhammad Speaks” and was also a photographer for many of the community's Islamic wedding ceremonies.

Abdullah was the consummate salesman and a proprietor of many businesses. He was the President of Cornerstone Enterprises and was instrumental in creating a merchandising platform surrounding the sporting, (particularly boxing), promotions and entertainment arenas. During this time, Abdullah traveled extensively around the country and internationally. He visited countries such as Ghana, Africa, South Africa, London, Nigeria, and even orchestrated a merchandising deal with mercenaries to purchase diamonds from Senegal.

Abdullah had an acute business acumen, was affluent and very knowledgeable about many aspects of business and life. He was without a doubt, an intellectually savvy businessman.

He was one of the first successful African Americans in retail in the downtown Newark, NJ area and owned a lucrative jewelry store. He ultimately ventured off into many aspects of entrepreneurship through his own company, Buy-Rite Distributors.

Abdullah was a well-known man who was revered and highly respected in the community. He was a loving, kind and personable individual. He made a lasting impression on everyone who crossed paths with him. He had a wonderful sense of humor and an overall, phenomenal spirit. He leaves to mourn his passing: his loving wife, Sandra James-Hill and their daughter, Madinah N. James; his children, Salimah Muhammad, Emin Karriem Muhammad, Jamil Kalib Muhammad, Fatima Muhammad, Rahim Ali Muhammad, Farida Muhammad, Nadia Muhammad, Tahia Muhammad and Khaatim Ibn Abdullah Muhammad; ten grandchildren and one great grandchild; a brother, Ronald Hill; two nephews, Wayne Hill and Craig Hill; and a brother-in-law, Keith James. Robert was predeceased by his parents, mother-in-law, Edna M. Graham and brother-in-law, Larry “Hussain” James. He leaves to mourn a host of other nephews, nieces, cousins, family members 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 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
Orange, New Jersey

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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