

In Loving Memory of
Gerard W. Jones-Pinckney
Aka Kasson Ali



Sunrise
September 3, 1966

Sunset
April 26, 2016

Janaazah Prayer
Monday, May 2, 2016 - 1:00 p.m.

MASJIDU AHLIS SUNNAH
215 North Oraton Pwky • East Orange, New Jersey 07017

Obituary

Gerard William Jones-Pinckney (Kasson), was born on September 3, 1966, to Gloria and Bruce Jones. Kasson was born and raised in Newark, NJ and attended the Newark Public School system, as well as The African American Cultural Center called New-Ark School.

Kasson, who worked various jobs, was well-known, respected and loved by all who knew him. He was sensitive, loving, caring and very protective of his family whom he held dear to his heart.

He leaves to cherish his memory: the love of his life and soulmate of twenty-seven years, wife Kareemah (Phyllis); son, Kasson (Lisa); daughter, Khadijah; two grandsons, Devon and Demetrius; two granddaughters, Kazyiah and MiKayla (Beautiful); nephew, Fa'rd; two great nephews, Nasir and Aston; one great niece, Shahadah; a sister, Intisar; and a host of relatives and friends. Kasson was preceded in death by his beloved sister, Coridian (Lady) and brother, Ibn.

Innaa lillaahi wa innaa ilaihi raaj'uun. Allahummah ajirnee fee museebatee we aklif lahoo khairan minhaa.

To Allah we belong and to Him is our return. O Allah reward me in my affliction and let him be succeeded by the best.

Janaazah 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 the Al-Fatihah, 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.*

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

Restland Memorial Park
77 Deforest Avenue
East Hanover, New Jersey

The Opening

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Beneficent, the Most Merciful,
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the Lord of the worlds;*

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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.*

*The family wishes to thank the Frost family for loving Kasson
as a son and brother and the Wise and Shipley families.*

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