

Life Celebration Service for
Reginald G. Graves
“Brother Saleem”

Sunrise
December 2, 1948

Sunset
May 5, 2016



Janzah

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

Interment

Colonial Memorial Park • Hamilton, New Jersey

LED FORD FUNERAL HOME, INC.

929 S. Clinton Avenue • Trenton, New Jersey 08611

Obituary

Reginald G. Graves, 68, of Trenton, New Jersey, passed away peacefully at his home on May 5, 2016. Born in Trenton, New Jersey, Reginald was a lifetime resident of the City of Trenton.

Reginald attended the Trenton Public School District. “Little Reggie” as he was affectionately known to many, was a boxer of pals in the City of Trenton, New Jersey and the bigger guys understood, Bro Saleem was a devoted member of F.O.I. He was the Fisher man of the Community and highly respected. His memory will be forever celebrated and forever remembered.

Reginald loved his family and was always there for them to teach, to listen, to help and do whatever he could.

Reginald was born to his late and beloved parents, Thomas and Lucy Graves of Trenton, New Jersey. Brother of the late Bonita Graves Brown, Charlene Graves Collins, Tommy Graves, Freddy Graves and Barbara Graves.

His memory will be celebrated and forever remembered by: his committed and dedicated children; sons, Reginald Parker, Gerald Parker and Isaiah Robinson; two daughters, Latosha Parker Moore and Makia Robinson; three sisters, Valerie Graves Givens, Michelle Graves Jones and Toni Graves Wood.

Thirteen grandchildren, two special friends, Lorraine Robinson and sister, Diane X. and a host of very close friends.

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.*

Life Celebratory Dinner

1490 South Olden Avenue • Trenton, NJ 08610

WHAT IS A *Father?*

*A father is love,
A devotion that grows,
A from-the-heart feeling
That he alone shows.
He's deep understanding,
He's friendship that's rare,
He's someone to count on
Who'll always be there.
His lasting affection
Will keep you together –
A father is love
That stays with you forever.*

Acknowledgements

*We the family of **Reginald G. Graves** acknowledge with deep appreciation the many acts and words of kindness expressed during our time of bereavement.*

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