

*Celebrating the Life and Honoring the  
Memory of  
Sabir Muhammad*



*Sunrise*

August 2, 1950

*Sunset*

July 6, 2017

*Service*

Monday, July 10, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

**MASJID NIA**

231 Roseville Avenue • Newark, New Jersey 07107

*Imam Wahy Deen Shareef, Officiating*

# Burial

*The deceased is taken to the burial ground where, according to the Sunnah (tradition of the Prophet (SAW), he is facing the Qiblah (direction of prayer).*

*While the body is being lowered into the grave, one may utter: "In the Name of Allah, (we bury) according to the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah."*

*Witnesses may help fill the grave with dirt with three hands at least three times.*

*"Out of it we created you, And into it we deposit you. And from it we shall take you out once again."*

*Surah Ta Ha:55*



Arabic calligraphy of the Basmala (Bismillah) in a decorative frame. The text is written in a stylized, bold script. The frame is surrounded by a decorative border with blue and gold floral patterns.

## Obituary

**Sabir Muhammad**, born Norville L. Eagle was born August 2, 1950 in Metter, Georgia to Thomas J. Eagle and the late Lula Mae Eagle.

Sabir received his education in the Newark Public School system, graduating from South Side High School and finishing at Essex Business School for Business. Sabir was currently working in Logan Hall (Correctional Facilities). Known for his sharp dressing, jazz, salsa and, of course, his favorite, The Whispers. His presence touched many on his earthly journey and he will be missed dearly.

Sabir was married to Cathy Rainey-Eagle for 18 years. He was blessed with two daughters, Aidah Hill and Anjil Rainey, one son, Darrell Rainey, granddaughter, Hadia Hill and grandson, Kahir Rainey.

Preceded him in death was his mother, Lula Mae Eagle, and his beloved niece, Yamin Sharif.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Cathy, their children, Aidah, Anjil, Darrell, granddaughter, Hadia and his beloved grandson, Kahir Rainey. His father, Thomas J. Eagle, his sister, G. Tahirah Sharif (East Orange, NJ) brother, Thomas A. Eagle (Irvington, NJ) his niece, Al-Mumtahanah Sharif and great niece, Kamilah Lockhart (East Orange, NJ). He also leaves to cherish his memory a host of family and friends.



# 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.*

# 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 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.*

**A**llah - there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the

Sustainer of [all] existence. Neither drowsiness overtakes Him nor sleep. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Who is it that can intercede with Him except by His permission? He knows what is [presently] before them and what will be after them, and they encompass not a thing of His knowledge except for what He wills. His Kursi extends over the heavens and the earth, and their preservation tires Him not. And He is the Most High, the Most Great.

### Acknowledgements

*The family would like to thank you for your prayers, your calls, your emails, and if you just thought of us, we appreciate that too.*

*"I am the wind that kiss your cheeks, the rain drops that touches your face and the memory in your heart."*


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