

*In Loving Memory of*  
**James Edward Gaines**  
*aka Al-Dhuhuntiquan*



*Sunrise*  
*April 9, 1955*

*Sunset*  
*November 4, 2017*

Janazah Prayer  
Tuesday, November 7, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

**MASJID AS-HABUL YAMEEN**

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Imam Abdul Aziz, Officiant

# Obituary

**James Edward Gaines**, was born April 9, 1955 in Newark, NJ and returned to his Creator November 4, 2017. His arrival brought great joy to his late parents Emma Lou and Sam Gaines, as he was the last child of the couple.

James, better known to many as Al-Dhuhuntiquan or Mr. G, was well-known, respected and loved by all who knew him. His early education was obtained through the Newark Public School System, in addition, he graduated from Essex County College with an associate degree in Business. In his earlier years, James was a substitute teacher for the city of Newark, which was just the beginning of his mentoring role to many of the youth. As sole owner and proprietor of his daycare center, Aunt Christine's Preschool Nursery and After-school program, that he named after his late sister, he also founded the Colonnades Inner City Youth Association and summer camp. This is all while he worked 27 years for City of Newark Division of Sanitation as a supervisor, and owned a few pool halls and a well-known Bean Pie business.

He was the youngest (because you couldn't call him the baby) amongst all of his brothers and sister, survived by sister Earline Best (residing Queens, NY) and brother Robert Gaines Johnson (living in Newark, NJ), former mates yet lifetime friends, Cassandra Miller and Tycina Washington. He leaves behind to cherish his memory; his oldest daughter Waliya, sons Al-Dhuhuntiquan and Sha, and daughter Ameenah, with many children whom he loved like they were his own. Grandsons; D'Ante, Quayon, Amir, Jordan, Zuhayr, Basheer; Granddaughters Katie, Maya, Arman'i, and Great Grands Malia, and Jade; with a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Inna 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**  
Forest Green Park Cemetery  
Morganville, New Jersey

# Al-Fatihah

(Revealed before Hijrah)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ  
الْكَافِرِينَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا  
إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا يُسْئِرُونَ  
بِأَعْيُنِنَا  
وَنَحْنُ أَعْيُنُهُمْ  
فِي الْيَوْمِ الْحَكِيمِ

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful  
All praise is for Allah, Lord of the Worlds,  
The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful  
Master of the Day of Judgment  
You (Alone) we worship, and You (Alone) we ask for help  
Guide us to the Straight Way,  
The way of those upon whom You have bestowed Grace, not of  
those who earned Your Anger, nor of those who went astray.

## Acknowledgements

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