

The moment that you died
my heart was torn in two,
one side filled with heartache,
the other died with you.

I often lie awake at night,
when the world is fast asleep, a
take a walk down memory lan
with tears upon my cheeks.

Remembering you is easy,
I do it everyday,
but missing you is heartache ♪))
that never goes away.

I hold you tightly within my heart
and there you will remain.
Until the joyous day arrives,
That we will meet again.

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I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!
-author unknown

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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.

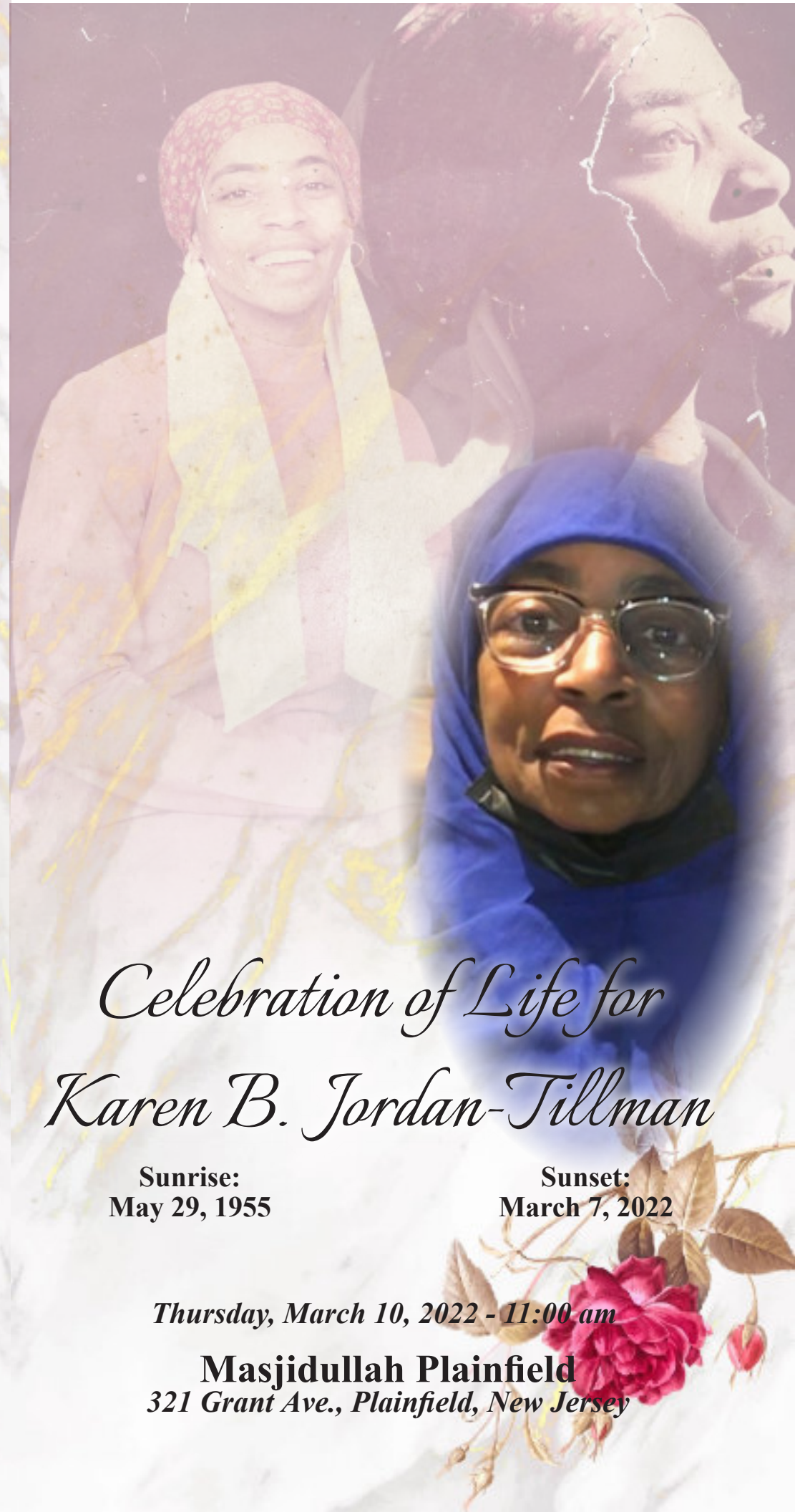
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Celebration of Life for Karen B. Jordan-Tillman

Sunrise:
May 29, 1955

Sunset:
March 7, 2022

Thursday, March 10, 2022 - 11:00 am

Masjidullah Plainfield
321 Grant Ave., Plainfield, New Jersey

Obituary

On May 29, 1955, **Karen B. Jordan Martin Tillman, (also known as) ‘Shakeerah’**, was born in Hackensack, NJ. She is the oldest daughter of Lillie Mae Jordan and the late Athens James Jordan of Hackensack, NJ.

On March 7, 2022, Karen returned to Allah in her sleep at her home.

Karen ‘Shakeerah’ was raised in Newark, NJ in the Hyatt Court section. She attended Hawkins Street Elementary School and later attended East Side High School. Karen graduated from Bergen Community College where she earned her GED. Subsequently, she committed her life to Al Islam where she remained a dedicated Muslim for the rest of her life.

Karen married Samuel Martin and from that union they were blessed with one daughter; Najah Martin. Years later, Karen re-married, a loving devoted husband Nathaniel Tillman (Mujib), and from that union they were blessed with her youngest daughter Samiyah Tillman.

Karen spoke of Islam in the highest esteem and one of the highlights of her life was her journey for ‘Hajj’, the annual Islamic Pilgrimage to Mecca.

Karen was educated in the fields of Data Entry, Switchboard, Key punch and Lab Technician where she pursued a long career. Later, she changed her career focus and really enjoyed working at the New Jersey Turnpike as a toll collector. Karen was not afraid to try new work endeavors, as she had worked at the Prudential Center, became a teacher’s aide, and worked at Kohl’s department store. Those jobs enabled Karen to do what she loved best; support, nurture and care for others.

Those who knew Karen will agree that she was an affectionate caregiver. She would stop to help anyone that she saw in need; no matter what the situation was! She

never thought twice about lending a helping hand to a stranger. She helped with pride and joy and passed that message on to her family and friends. One special thing about Karen was her love for ‘delicious food’. Karen requested her favorites, such as her mother’s famous Marconi Tuna Salad. But Karen was best known for her famous Homemade Rice Pudding, a recipe which she learned from her grandmother, which often caused everyone to fight over getting their share. Karen also was an excellent dancer who was not afraid to get on the dance floor alone and start the party with the well-known dance the ‘electric-slide’. She loved many different genres of music, her favorite artist hands-down was ‘The Whispers, ‘Earth Wind and Fire’ and ‘The Isley Brothers’.

Karen leaves to cherish her dear memory; her beloved husband Nathaniel Tillman (also known as Mujib); two daughters Najah Martin of Edison NJ; Samiyah Tillman of Plainfield, NJ; one granddaughter, Za’Mani Pierre-Louis of Edison, NJ; one previous husband Samuel Martin; her mother, Lillie Mae Jordan of Newark, NJ; Two sisters, Donna L. Jordan of Orange, NJ; Kim D. Butler (Marvin) of Edison, NJ; One brother-in-law Samuel Jones (Sheryl) of Hillside, NJ; Four brothers, Marvin Scott-Jordan of Newark, NJ; Athen Jordan of Rahway, NJ; Athens (AJ) Jordan, of North Carolina; Terik “Jerod” Jordan of Fayetteville, North Carolina and her loyal cats Onyx and Prince and her dogs Otto and Munchie her nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Janaazah Prayer *(Funeral Program)*

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

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