# In Loving Memory of Jihad D. Marshall

Sunrise: May 5, 1991 **Sunset: May 29, 2023** 

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 - 11:00 am

Transcend Worship Center

971 Clinton Ave. • Irvington, New Jersey



Jihad Douglas Arlee Marshall, a young gifted man resident of Bloomfield, NJ died unexpectedly on Monday, May 29, 2023 at the age of 32.

Jihad is survived by his parents, mother Tamanni Sharandah X Gilbert, father Douglas Arlee Marshall (Shukirra), his 2 daughters Alana Miller (Jolisa Miller) Lael Marshall (Destiny Negron), his siblings, Sister Maki Bethea, 2 brothers Jovanni Bank & Isaiah Ferguson-Ross, his grandparents, grandfather Hamid Muhammad (Shirley), grandfather preceded in death Lester Gilbert, grandmother preceded in death Lucille Muhammad. Grandmother Mary-Ann Morley (Vernon Morley preceded in death), Grandfather Arlee Marshall Jr. (Renee), his Uncles and Aunts, Uncle Dwayne Marshall (Maureen), Garfield Wright, Akeer Gilbert, Damion McKinnon, Al-Furquan Ferguson (Kimberly), Aunt Saudah Muhammad, Bahiya Gaines (Hegwood), Hasana Muhammad, Exzora Bey-Brown (John Brown), Julia Roberson, Nabihah Sharrieff (Aunt Rebecca), Daisy Malone, Shanna McKinnon. Nieces Olivia Banks, Talia Banks, Layla Ferguson-Ross. Cousins, Nazir Muhammad, Jahfar Gaines, Zabaidah Gaines, Brianna Edouardo, Dwayne Marshall, Jr., Eveyln Marshall, Marcus Woods, Miya Woods, Rashad Majied, Tanajah Gilbert and Fur sister Dutchess. He also leaves behind a host of great uncles, aunts and cousins.

Jihad was born in Newark, NJ on May 5, 1991 to Tamanni Sharandah X Gilbert and Douglas Marshall. Jihad's educational roots began with at-home child-care provided by his grandmother, Lucille Muhammad, up until the age of 3.

He attended Hillside, NJ school District, Hamilton, NJ school district and graduated from Piscataway High School in 2009 and attended Morgan State University in Maryland. Jihad picked up many trades such as working as a carpenter for Local 253. He also worked as a stage handler for MetLife Stadium, but his passion was music and bringing people together. He was a Barber, DJ, promoter, influencer and most of all, a protector.

Jihad's pride and joy was his family. On any given day he could be seen with his beautiful daughters Alana & Lael, traveling to the beach, to North Carolina and many other fun trips. Jihad was a devoted father and welcomed his first daughter Alana Miller in 2015 and his second daughter Lael Marshall in 2020. No one could deny how much Jihad loved, adored, and protected his little sister Maki. He also enjoyed spending time with his two brothers, Jovanni and Isaiah and loved rough housing with his nieces.

Jihad was very athletic and played all sorts of sports. He played flag football for hillside and pop Warner football for Hamilton, NJ. He played high school football for Piscatawayy, NJ, wearing jersey #7,where in 2008 they won the NJ State Championship. He played little league baseball for Hamilton, NJ, he played basketball in middle school and also for Piscataway high school. He surfed, snow boarded and was an avid swimmer.

Jihad was a ray of light every time he entered the room. He was adored and his spirit was an abundance of ENERGY that would move you like a WAVE!!! Jihad had a way of bringing all different types of people together through his personality. His frequency transcended into dimensions that inspired, elevated and connected many through music and dance. Everyone wanted to soak up Jihad's vibrations when he was in the room. He loved music, he loved to bust a move, he loved thinking he could sing and making people laugh and smile. Jihad's passion was music but he was also great at working with his hands and putting things together without directions. He had a great eye for building, fixing, and creating things. He enjoyed being around all of his family at different times and functions and would bring life to all the gatherings.

There are so many people that touched his life like Niiya Ruth, Tre Pollard, Sidnee Michelle, Juliet Fife, Thaddeus Hammond, Margaret "Tasha" Bolden, Troy Bowers, Andre Bethea, Gravesande Family, Luc Family, Mitchell Family, Nicholson Family, Majied Family, Ferguson Family, Wright Family. Jihad had many people that touched him and that he also touched.

If us "family" were not able to mention them all, please blame our minds and not our hearts.

Jihad's legacy will continue to live on through his family and the heroic blessings of the gift of life. Continue to RIDE THAT WAVE as waves continue forever.

# Order of Service

#### **Processional**

Opening Prayer: Imam

Prayer of Comfort: Pastor Jerry Smith

Solo: Margret "Tasha" Bowden

Words of Reflection (2min): Parents Words

Reading of the Obituary

Solo: Renee Stephenson

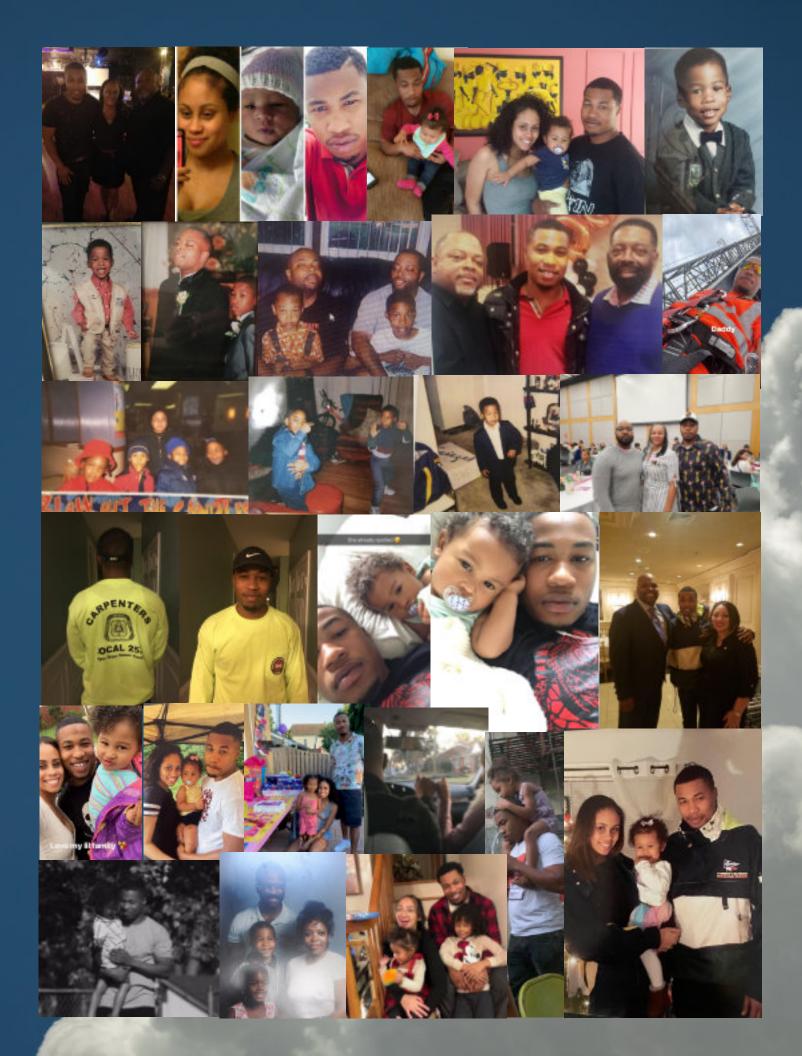
**Eulogy: Pastor Jerry Smith** 

Recessional

### Interment

Evergreen Cemetery Hillside, New Jersey

Following the interment:
all are welcome to fellowship with the family at
Jihad's family Home in Piscataway, NJ.









## When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not here to see, If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me. I wish you wouldn't cry the way you did today, While thinking of the many things we did not get to say. I know how much you love me as much as I love you, Each time that you think of me I know you will miss me too. When tomorrow starts without me please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand. The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above, And that I would have to leave behind all those I Dearly Love. But When I walked through Heaven's Gates I felt so much athome, When GOD looked down and smiled at me from his golden throne. He said This Is Eternfty and All I promised you, Today for life on carthis done, But Here it starts a new. I promise no tomorrow, For today will always last, And Since each day's the exact same way, There is no longing for the past. So When Tomorrow starts without me Do not think we're apart. For every time you think of me Remember I'm right here in your heart.

Acknowledgement
The family will always remember and cherish the kindness of your many expressions of love, sympathy, prayers, messages and courtesies so graciously extended. Thank you and may God bless you. The family

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