

*In Loving
Memory
of*



*Richard T.
Basknight
“Salaam”*

Sunrise: January 15, 1953

Sunset: June 6, 2023

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023 - 11:00 AM

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Richard Tyrone Basknight (bka) “Salaam” as born January 15, 1953 at Overlook Hospital in Summit, New Jersey. Richard’s family moved from Summit, New Jersey when he was a young boy and relocated to Newark, New Jersey in the late 50’s.

As a child, Richard attended Bergen Street Elementary, Clinton Place Jr. High and then Southside High School. There, his passion was being well dressed known to wear his gatons and parkers, and el paca sweaters. He later admired Joe Camildino’s Men’s Shop and was always dapper during his young years. During his young years he took up Latin dancing and was also called “Salsa” for his bee-bop.

Richard was always a family man loving his family and always enjoying a good time. During his later years, his eyes had started going blind but that didn’t stop him. He continued on as if he had his sight. When his great niece was born and able to go out with him, she was also his eyes and the neighborhood would see them daily. He took his stroll on Bergen Street every day until April 2022 when he had his first stroke, but he always said “one day at a time”.

Richard worked for the Newark Board of education as a painter and loved his job in the 90’s.

Richard was the son of the late Prudence Basknight (mother) and Benjamin Basknight (father) and beloved late older brother Donald (wife) Rayla Basknight; brother Iris (BB) (wife) Catherine (Cat) Basknight; one sister Sherry Basknight; two nieces Ayesha Basknight and Nichelle Basknight; nephew, Geoffrey; great nephews Naadir Basknight and R.J. Jones; one great niece Clarissa Jones; one great great niece Ijaz Taqua Basknight; one great great great niece Kaylani Lylah Basknight; a host of other relatives and friends. Richard will be truly missed. My brother’s love...

Richard was a person who loved his community and in return his community loved him as well. He wore many hats throughout the South Ward. Salaam, Lame Lam, OG, Richie Rich and Brother Man. Through it all he was my brother Rich so he will truly be missed. The man who was blind but got around like he had eyes to see.

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
Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Peace Be Thine

God saw you were getting weary
So he did what he thought best.
He came and stood beside you
And whispered "Come And Rest."
You bade no one a last farewell,
No, not even a goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.
We shall forever cherish the love,
And memory of you.
You have been everything to us
A son, a brother, an uncle,
a nephew, a friend.
God saw the road was getting rough, The
hills so hard to climb.
So he gently closed your loving eyes And
whispered, "Peace Be Thine."



Acknowledgement

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