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THE MERCIFUL BENEFACTOR,  
THE MERCIFUL REDEEMER  
JANAZAH SERVICE  
FOR

# *Antoin Alston*

Sunrise: July 16, 1965 - Sunset: June 20, 2023



Friday, June 23, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.

**Islamic Center of East Orange**  
215 North Oraton Parkway, East Orange, New Jersey

# Obituary

**Antoin Alston** was born on July 16, 1965, in Newark, NJ. He was born to Dorothy and the late Anthony Alston. Antoin transitioned back to Allah, on June 20, 2023

**Antoin** attended the Newark Public School System from elementary throughout high school.

**Antoin** had a great personality and made friends wherever he went. He was so giving and would give anyone the shirt off his back.

**Antoin** was preceded in death by his late father Anthony Alston

**Antoin** leaves to his memories: His wife April Williams, His mother Dorothy Alston. His sister Antonette Parks (Joan Sorbino) and Sylvia Meridith, Brother Anthony Alston Jr., and a Special Sister-in-law Erana.

His children: Ibn Fuquan Bowman, Charisma Berger, Juwan Alston, Shaheedah Beger, Amina Berger, Antoin Alston Jr., Jasmine Alston, Shanvia Alston, and Idireyah Washington.

His grandchildren: Kalilah Bowman, Egypt Bowman, Hajid Bowman, Jeremiah Maldonado, Nora Alston, Inari Bowman, Eyaad Bowman, and Ji-syin Webb and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.



# 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**  
Forest Green Park Cemetery  
Morganville, New Jersey

# Al-Fatiha

Bismillaah ar-Rahman ar-Raheem  
Al hamdu lillaahi rabbil 'alameen  
Ar-Rahman ar-Raheem Maaliki yaumid Deen  
Iyyaaka na'abudu wa iyyaaka nasta'een  
Ihdinas siraatal mustaqeem  
Siraatal ladheena an 'amta' alaihim  
Ghairil maghduubi' alaihim waladaaleen  
Aameen

In the name of God, the infinitely  
Compassionate and Merciful.  
Praise be to God, Lord of all the worlds.  
The Compassionate, the Merciful.  
Ruler on the Day of Reckoning.  
You alone do we worship,  
and You alone do we ask for help.  
Guide us on the straight path,  
the path of those who have received your grace;  
not the path of those who have brought down wrath,  
nor of those who wander astray.  
Amen.

## Acknowledgements

*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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