

# *Janaazah (Funeral) Service for*

With Allah's name, The Merciful Benefactor,  
The Merciful Redeemer

Holy Qu'ran Surah 2 Al Baqarah Verse: 115 "To Allah belong the East and the West: whithersoever Ye turn, there is Allah's countenance. For Allah is All-Embracing, All-Knowing."



## *Barbara Jenkins-Bowers*

**Sunrise**  
*June 5, 1948*

**Sunset**  
*October 30, 2011*

Janaazah

Thursday, November 3, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

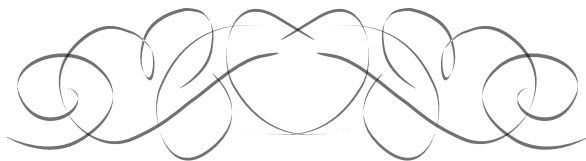
*Imam Aqeel Mateen, Officiating*

## *Obituary*

**Barbara** was the daughter of the late Earl and Victoria Jenkins. She was born on June 5, 1948 in the city hospital of Newark, NJ.

Barbara was an avid homemaker and school bus attendant. She was a lifelong resident of Newark. Barbara departed from this life on October 30, 2011 at Clara Mass Medical Center in Belleville, NJ.

Barbara leaves to cherish her memories: her son, Warren Drew Jenkins and his father, Lawrence White of Newark, NJ; brothers, Jerry Chestnut of Imperial Valley, CA, Arthur Jenkins Newark, NJ and Iman Earl B. Siddiq of Budd Lake, NJ; sisters-in-law, Shirley Jenkins and Linda J. Siddiq; her nieces, Ya Vonne, Sakinah, Al-Waritha, Regina and Sabriya; nephews, Malik, Al-Awwal, Wazir, Hassan and Aquil; and a host of other relatives and friends.



## *Janazah* (Funeral Prayer)

The deceased Muslim is placed horizontally in front of the Imam who stands, according to the Sunnah, at the shoulder of the deceased. The believers stand behind the Imam. There is no Ruku (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 Du’aabul Istiftaah, the opening supplication.

*“Glory be to You, Oh Allah, and Praise be to You, and Blessed is Your Name and Exalted is Your Majesty, and there is none to be served besides You.”*

**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, whomsoever 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 then 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 ‘Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi”\** and the believers repeat.

*\*Peace and Mercy of Allah be upon you.*

**BURIAL**  
**Clinton Cemetery**  
**Irvington, New Jersey**

The deceased is then taken to the burial ground where, according to the Sunnah (tradition of the Prophet (SAW), he is placed facing the Qiblah (direction of prayer). While the body is being lowered into the grave, one may utter:

*“In the Name of Allah, (we bury) according to the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah.”*

Witnesses may help fill the grave with dirt with two hands at least three times.

*“Out of it we created you, And into it we deposit you. And from it we shall take you out once again.”*

*Surah Ta Ha:55*

All are invited to return to the Masjid at 936 Bergen Street, Newark, NJ for the repast, immediately following the interment.

**Acknowledgements**

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in their time of sorrow. Your prayers, visits, telephone calls and other acts of thoughtfulness will be remembered and we pray that Allah's blessings will continuously be bestowed upon you.

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