In Loving Menelik Muhammad Arrival Departure October 16, 1940 August 22, 2013 Service Saturday, August 24, 2013 - 9:00 a.m. UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

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Imam Umar Abdul-Jalil

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Menelik Muhammad was born Menelik Brown to James and Isadora Brown of Harlem, NY on October 16, 1940. He was the oldest of three children.

Menelik attended and graduated from George Washington High School in 1958.

At the age of seventeen, he met and married Iva Jo Watts and from this union six children were born. Later he met and married Naomi Daffin; from this union one child was born.

Through the years, Menelik continued to educate himself. He studied Architectural Mechanical Drafting, took Dale Carnegie Sales Course for Professional Selling, Business for Computer and Mathematics, Innovation Facilitators Training, Pace University for New York State Advisory Council.

Awards: Employee of the Month - Rikers Island Humanitarian Award for Participation in the World Trade Disaster The Joy of his life came when he accepted Islam. He truly loved the religion and grew in faith until his death.

Menelik became a Chaplain for the Department of Correction at Rikers Island for seventeen years. This was a joy for him. He worked tirelessly until he was stricken with illness that rendered him unable to work.

He was a kind compassionate and loving husband. He loved his children and family dearly. He loved people, was kind and helpful to all he met. He would never say no, to anyone he could help. He always gave praises to Allah. He always had sound advise for whomever he spent time with, always praising Allah.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Naomi Muhammad; his seven children, Kevin Brown, Dennis Brown, Stephanie Brown, Ivana Brown, Bilal Muhammad, Malikah (Martiis) Mack and Veronica (Gregory) Jones; one son, Menelik Brown, II, who preceded him in death. Twenty-three grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; one sister, Lucercia Boamah Delesline; one aunt, Norma Leveridge; two nephews; five great-nephews; one niece, multiple cousins and friends.

Order of Service
Open Prayer
Obituary

Precious Memories and Reflections
(family and (friends

Explanations of Janaza Prayer

Imam's Sermon

Janaza Prayer



In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, most Merciful.

By the Glorious Morning Light, and by Night when it is still, Your Guardian-Lord has not forsaken you, nor is He displeased. And truly the hereafter will be better for you than the present. And soon will your Guardian-Lord give you (that with which) you shall be well-pleased. Did he not find you an orphan and give you shelter (and care)? And He found you wandering, and He gave you guidance. And He found you in need, and made you independent. Therefore, treat not the orphan with harshness, nor repulse the petitioner (unheard); but the Bounty of your Lord - rehearse and proclaim.

~Surat al Duha 93

## **Interment**

Maple Grove Cemetery Hackensack, New Jersey Of one we loved,

and will never forget.

## Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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