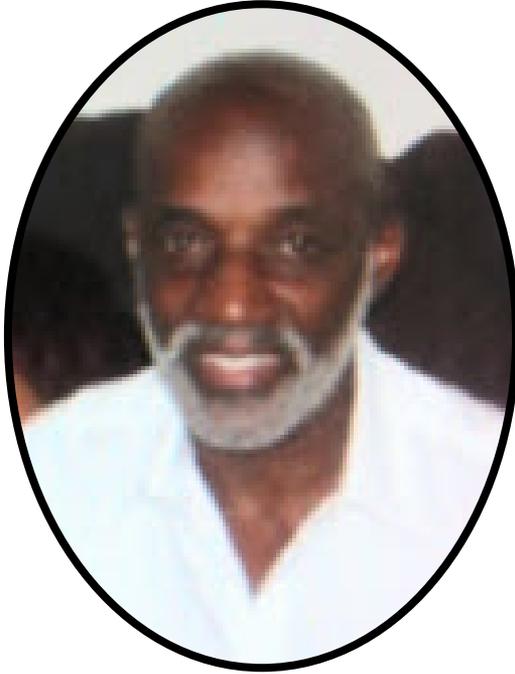


In Loving Memory of



Donald O. Goodman

Sunrise
May 4, 1940

Sunset
May 16, 2014

Al-Fatiha -- The Opening

1. In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful 2. All praise is for Allah, Lord of the Worlds, 3. The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful 4. Master of the Day of Judgment 5. You (Alone) we worship, and You (Alone) we ask for help 6. Guide us to the Straight Way, 7. The way of those upon whom You have bestowed Grace, not of those who earned Your Anger, nor of those who went astray.

Obituary

Donald Oneal Goodman was born May 4, 1940, in Harlem, New York. He was the 3rd of 5 children of Thomas and Julia Goodman.

He began his formal education in New York City Catholic schools, and eventually graduated with honors from DeWitt Clinton Senior High School and earned a Bachelors' Degree from Wilberforce University.

He loved all sports and excelled in Track and Field proudly participating in the Penn Relays. He had a beautiful singing voice, taking voice lessons and singing in his church choir in his younger years. He also was amateur photographer, spending many hours taking pictures and developing them in his dark room.

Donald, his family, and friends were very active in the United States Civil Rights movement. He helped organize sit-ins and voter registration efforts, and often traveled the country helping students organize equality efforts. He was active in several community organizations including the Squires Social Club.

Donald spent four years in the United States Army stationed in Anchorage, Alaska. He was honorable discharged for his distinguished service.

In 1965, he met and married Barbara Wofford. To that union, three children were born – Donald, Jr., Fatima, and Kelli. Donald's children were the most significant aspect of his life. From the very beginning, Donald was very involved in the lives of his children always instilling his knowledge, strength and determination. He always encouraged them and stressed the importance of education. These principles guided his children through their adulthood. To each of them, he often instilled: "Think before you act." and "Make sure you can take care of yourself and your family." He was the neighborhood dad, always involved in the activities of his children and their friends. He was a mentor, a coach and a father to all. Many happy and prosperous times were spent in the family home in Teaneck, New Jersey.

In the 60's, Donald converted to Islam and guided his family by its principles. Along with his brother-in-law Robert, he was a member of Mosque #7.

During his working years, Donald worked at Helen Hayes Hospital and owned and operated a prosthetic business with offices in Oakland, New

Jersey, Teaneck, New Jersey and the Bronx, New York. He was the second African American in New York and the first in New Jersey to be certified in the practice of prosthetics and orthotics.

In his later years and retirement from his business, he enjoyed spending time with family and friends in the Harlem and Bronx communities. He returned to his focus on physical and mental fitness, walking blocks on end. His mantra was the “a journey of 1000 miles begins with a single step.” He enjoyed spending hours playing Spades and chess with family and friends.

On the morning of May 16, 2014, Donald quietly released his earthly bonds and joined his parents, brothers Charles and Frederick, and other family and friends.

Left to celebrate his life and cherish his memory are his daughters, Fatima and Kelli, son Donald Jr, mother of his children and wife of 28 years Barbara Goodman-Wofford, granddaughters, Mandisa, Zariah, and Alivia; grandsons Donnell and Shannon; great-granddaughter, Selest; sisters, Loretta Donaldson and Thomasine Goodman, daughter-in-law Milagros; nieces, Karen and Lisa; nephews, Kenny, Kevin, Tommy, Eric, Xavier, Charles, Jr., and Aceem; great nieces, Teidra, Bershunie, Zakia, Tiyania, Kenya, Raven, Lishay, Knaya, Kenika, Ashley, Tashawan, Chantika, Kenzella, Jaliyah, Lauryn, Quintashia, and Jullian; great nephews, Troy, Kenny Jr, Tyreek, Jayquan, Tiquan, Charles III, Cequan, Shaki, Eric, Jr., Harrison, Kevin, Jr. Zahir, Xavier, Malcolm, Mekhi; cousin Shirley Adams; special friends, Geneva Lynes, Valeria Morrison, Daisy Jones, Quintin Smith, Reggie Roach and a host of other sorrowing, relatives, and friends.

Surat Yā-Sīn (Ya Sin) - سي قروس

Chapter 36 verse 12

*Indeed, it is We who bring the dead to life
and record what they have put forth and what they left behind,
Indeed, it is We who bring the dead to life and record what they
have put forth and what they left behind, and all things
We have enumerated in a clear register.*

Service

Monday, May 19, 2014 - 12:00 Noon

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Janaza Service

Opening Prayer

Reflections of Family and Friends

Explanation of Janaza

Imam Umar Abdul-Jalil Sermon

Janaza Prayer

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

Acknowledgement

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

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