

A close-up photograph of several pink cherry blossoms with prominent yellow stamens, serving as the background for the memorial card.

In Loving Memory of

Marlene (Malikah) Barnard

Sunrise

October 6, 1950

Sunset

May 26, 2014

Service

Saturday, May 31, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.

MASJID WAARITH-UD DEEN

62 Howard Street • Irvington, New Jersey

Obituary

Marlene (Malikah) Barnard was born on October 6, 1950 at University Hospital (Martland Hospital) to Eula Mae and C L Reed, she was one of fifteen children.

Marlene attended an all girl vocational school in Newark, New Jersey and then she took up a nursing course at Jersey City Medical Center. During the time she took up the nursing course at the medical center her mother Eula Mae passed away, this is where her journey begun as Sister Malikah as she accepted Islam as her way of life and took on a mother role towards her younger siblings which she absolutely adored and loved each and every one of them!

Malikah loved to cook for and be around her family. She taught her family about Islam and all the beautiful things that her way of life impacted her life. She was an excellent seamstress with a special creative flair as she made many gowns for family and friends. Also, Sister Malikah had a love and concern for children, in the early 2000's she was employed at Babyland and 3 Stages Learning center where she worked in the infant and toddler unit.

She was a mother and mentor, with everything on her plate she would still make sure everyone around her was alright and she never complained. Sister Malikah never let her vision impairment stop her as she would still travel independently to the mall, shoprite and especially when she had to take care of her business she would simply do so and say "Allah is my protector, please don't worry about me, I'll be fine!" Marlene (Malikah) had a heart of gold, she was courageous, strong willed, wise, intelligent, down to earth, straight forward and a Muslimah who had a strong faith and belief system in her creator. When you left her presence or after having a conversation with her you definitely gained something from it! She saw the beauty and potential in everything and everyone as she looked out into the world with faith and an optimistic eye.

Marlene Barnard (Sis. Malikah) leaves behind her only child (daughter) Khadijah Amatullah Karriem, two siblings Vanessa Reed and Morris (Mumin) Reed, a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Sis. Malikah would say "Don't mourn for me but continuously pray for me" "There is no more pain or suffering, be happy for me as I am with my Creator!"

Janazah Prayer

(Funeral Prayer)

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 Duaabul 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, 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.*

Malikah's favorite surah was Surah Al-Baqarah (Quranic Chapter 2 , The Cow)

Interment

Forest Green Park Cemetery
Morganville, New Jersey

Repast

220 Prospect Street • East Orange, NJ.

*Bismillah Ar-Rahman Ar-Raheem
Al-hamdu lillahi Rabb il-'alamin
Ar-Rahman Ar-Raheem
Maliki yawmi-d-Din
Iyya-ka na'budu wa iyya-ka nasta'in
Ihdina-sirat al-mustaqim
Sirat al-ladhina an'amta 'alai-him
Ghair il-Maghdubi 'alai-him wa la-d-dallin*

In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds:
The Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful:
Owner of the Day of Judgement.
Thee (alone) we worship;
Thee (alone) was ask for help.
Show us the straight path:

The path of those whom Thou hast favoured; Not (the path) of those who
earn Thine anger nor of those who go astray.

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