

*In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.
Praise be to God, The Cherisher and Sustainer of the worlds.*

Salatul Janazah

Kashad Jamont Ashford

Sunrise

August 12, 1991

Sunset

September 16, 2014

Service

Friday, September 19, 2014 - 12:00 Noon

FIRDOUS FUNERAL CHAPEL

579 Grove Street • Irvington, New Jersey

Jamal Mustafa, Officiating

Obituary

Kashad Jamont Ashford was born August 12, 1991 to Regina Ashford and Ramon Cureton, he was the second child to be born and Regina's only son.

Shad, as he was lovingly called was a lifelong resident of Newark, NJ and began his educational journey first at Cleveland Elementary, then Avon Avenue, and he received his high school education at Malcolm X Shabazz.

Shad was a very outgoing young man who loved his family dearly, he enjoyed rapping, joking, and definitely playing around. Kashad was also an extremely sincere friend and if he called you a friend or family and you needed help with anything Shad was coming through. Shad also adored his other half, his right hand, his little big sister, Jente, whom he loved unconditionally, there was no stronger bond than Tay and Shad. Shad never did any wrong in his big sisters' eyes. There was also his baby sister Mone't whom he also cherished and according to her, "still hasn't paid her \$200.00 back". Kashad was loved by many, especially his two aunts, Renee and Yvette Ashford, he was their world.

Kashad leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Regina Ashford; father, Ramon Cureton; four sisters, Jente Ashford, Mone't Cureton, Yanisha Terry and Aniyah Williams; baby brother, Ramon Cureton, Jr.; four aunts, Renee Ashford, Yvette Ashford, Carlette Ashford and Tejuana Hepburn; five uncles, Craig Ashford, Hassan Cureton, Devin Hepburn, Jamil Ahmad and William Battle; grandparents, Cecile Hepburn and Granny Cureton; one nephew, Nyree Bailey; one niece, Heaven Terry; two great aunts, Patricia and Rosalyn Williams; three very close friends. Jamie, Moo Moo and Merv, and a huge host of cousins and friends.

Shad has left us to join his beloved grandmothers, Jannie Bell Ashford and Delores Cureton, grandfather, Samuel Williams and his nephew namesake Al'Hashad Bailey.

Janazah (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 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, 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 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 ‘Aiaikum wa Rahmatullahi”** and the believers repeat.

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

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery • Linden, New Jersey

Repast

Following the interment friends are invited to join the family for repast at 413 Hawthorne Avenue, Newark, NJ

If tears could build a stairway,
And memories were a lane,
We would walk right up to heaven
to bring you down again.
No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.
Our hearts still ache in sadness
And secret tears still flow,
What it meant to lose you,
No one will ever know.
When we are sad and lonely,
And everything goes wrong,
We seem to hear you whisper
“Cheer up and carry on.”
Each time we look at your pictures,
You seem to smile and say,
“Don’t cry, I’m only sleeping,
Do not stand at my grave and weep;
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn’s rain.
When you awaken in the morning’s hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft star that shines at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there: I did not die.
I’m sorry that I couldn’t provide more...and I’m also sorry for your loss.
Good luck ♥ We’ll meet again someday.”

Acknowledgements

*We the family of our dearly departed **Kashad Jamont Ashford** wish to express our deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to our family in our time of sorrow.*

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