

*In Loving Memory of*

*Hanifah Muhammad*  
*Joyce Arnold*

*Sunrise*

January 27, 1951

*Sunset*

June 4, 2015

*Janazah Service*

Saturday, June 6, 2015 - 12:30 p.m.

**MASJID ALI MUSLIM**

257 South Orange Avenue • Newark, New Jersey

*Imam Akbar Muhammad, Presiding*

# Obituary

**Joyce Arnold (Hanifah Muhammad)** affectionately known as Umi, was born on January 27, 1951 to the late Willie and Constance Waldron. She was educated in the Newark School system; attending Hawkins Street elementary school, East Side High School and later attending New Jersey City University in Jersey City, NJ where she majored in Sociology, receiving her Bachelors Degree.

Hanifah met Sadiq Muhammad, they married on September 19, 1969. To this union three children were born, Sadiq Arnold Jr., and Karriem Arnold, Amina Ford.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, assisting people in need, working on the election polls to help get her candidate elected. She especially enjoyed spending time with her aunt Carrie with regular weekly activities, with her aunt Julie attending various functions and her aunt Bootsy whom she also visited regularly.

Hanifah was preceded in death by her siblings; Butch, Lamont, Sammuel, Tina, Shonda and sister-in-law, Angie. She leaves to mourn: her siblings, Clarence, Herbert (Marcy); husband, Sadiq Abdul Muhammad; children, Sadiq Arnold Jr., Karriem Arnold (Tiffany), Aminah Ford (Deldrick), Demaris Mecardo and Andrea Harrell; fourteen grandchildren, Cassandra, Naisha, Nijha, Deon, Sadiq Jr., Deldrick Jr., Aamadri, Amadhi, Zj'nyah, Samiyah, Derrick, Khadija, Ronique and Jabriel; nieces; Karriema, Aminah (Sadiyq), Tynisha (Hakeem) and Tamara, Rolanda (Jermaine); nephews, Allen, Jabar and Shawn; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# 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 the Al-Fatihah, The Opening, *In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Most Merciful, Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds; The all Merciful, the ever Merciful, The Possessor of the Day of Judgement. You only we Worship and only Your help we Seek. Guide us to the straight Path; the path of those whom you Bestowed your grace and mercy And not of those who encourage Your wrath.*

**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.**

## Interment

Rosehill Cemetery  
Rt 1 and 9 South  
Linden, New Jersey 07036

**A**llah - there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of [all] existence. Neither drowsiness overtakes Him nor sleep. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Who is it that can intercede with Him except by His permission? He knows what is [presently] before them and what will be after them, and they encompass not a thing of His knowledge except for what He wills. His Kursi extends over the heavens and the earth, and their preservation tires Him not. And He is the Most High, the Most Great.

**Repat at 3:30 p.m.  
Kenilworth VFW  
33 South 21st Street • Kenilworth, NJ**

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