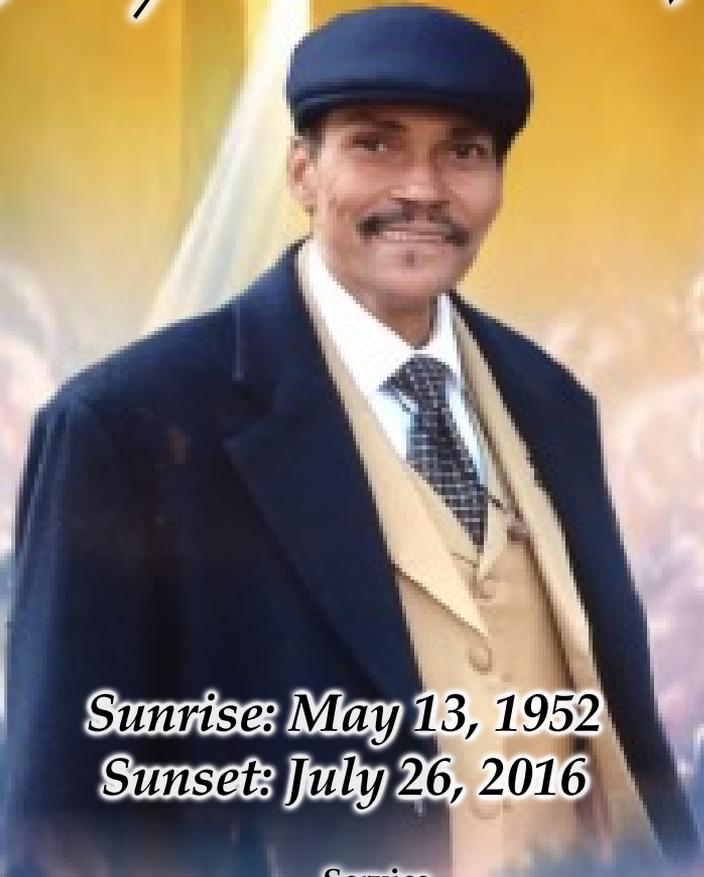


*In Loving  
Memory  
of*



# *Gary Steven Ashby*



*Sunrise: May 13, 1952*

*Sunset: July 26, 2016*

Service

*Saturday, July 30, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.*

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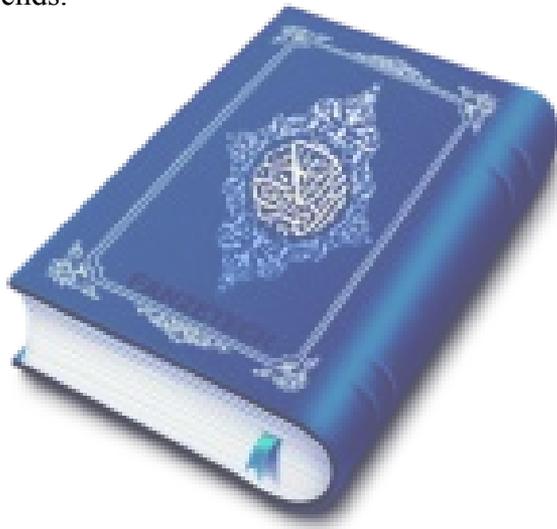
# Obituary

**Gary Ashby**, aka **Zaid Hassan** was born on May 13, 1952 in New York, New York to Carol Ashby and Claude Donald Ashby. He departed this life on July 26, 2016. Gary attended Charles Evans Hughes High School and earned his academic degree.

Gary held numerous jobs including various positions at Shea Stadium, with his most recent being an Executive Team Leader at ACN. He had a love for martial arts and attained a black belt, which led to him devoting some of his time teaching children the art.

Gary was a devout Muslim and attended the Masjid Malcom Shabazz on West 116th Street. He had a very calm and loving disposition, and was a passionate humanitarian dedicated to serving his community. Gary was very much into health and was even referred to by some as "The Doctor" because of his vast knowledge of non-traditional medicine and herbs. Even when his health started to decline, he was very steadfast in his endeavors and spent countless hours working in the pantry at First Corinthian and helping to feed the homeless.

Gary leaves to mourn: one brother, Claude Donald Ashby; three sisters, Sheila Ashby Solomon, Dell Ashby and Robin Ashby; one brother-in-law, Al Solomon; five nephews; and a host of cousins, relatives and friends.



# Order of Service

Opening Prayer

Obituary

Remarks  
*Family*

Janazah Prayer



## Interment

*Fairlawn Memorial Park  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey*

# I'm Free

Don't grieve for me now, I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took His hand when I heard His call, I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've found that peace at the end of  
the day. If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, ah, yes, these things too I will miss

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow

My life's been full, I savored much, good friends,  
good times, a loved one's touch Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
don't lengthen it now with undue grief Lift up your heart and share with  
me, God wanted me now, He set me free.

## Acknowledgement

The family of **Gary Ashby** wishes to express  
their deep appreciation and sincere thanks  
for the kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy  
during this time of bereavement.

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