

*Celebrating the Life  
Of  
Sadruddin Shabazz*


**Sunrise: January 21, 1949  
Sunset: October 22, 2019**

**Memorial Service  
Saturday, November 2, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Second Baptist Church  
378 East Milton Avenue  
Rahway, New Jersey 07065  
Rev. Dr. James W. Ealey, Pastor**



## Obituary



On October 22, 2019, the Lord called **Sadrudin Shabazz** (birth name, Ronald Albert Shannon) home. He was born on January 21, 1949 to the late Louise Shannon and the late Albert Shannon.

Sadrudin obtained his education in the public schools system in Jersey City, NJ and graduated from Lincoln High School.

Sadrudin was a faithful follower of Islam. He was proud of his faith and acknowledged one God.

Sadrudin was committed to helping others and chose to be a leader that inspired people. He made a deliberate choice to work at Straight and Narrow in Paterson, NJ for over 20 years.

He was passionate about guiding those he encountered, whether at work or in his daily walk. He recognized that life's choices may not always lead you to the best outcome, but life gifts us all to make greater choices with a purpose. His in depth conversations were not only enlightening but also inspirational. Seeing his purpose and passion come through when in his presence was like no other. His personality was an experience. He was charismatic, funny and always ready to have a good time.

He was a leader and used his leadership to serve others. He single-handedly made a major impact on the men he worked with by meeting with his management team to advocate for himself and the rest of the men to receive an increase in salary. His intent was simply to be able to provide better as men and his hard work was blessed.

He was a knowledgeable and well-rounded man. He had a flexible mind that allowed him to be receptive to all topics and experiences, whether it was politics, social injustices that plagued our families or a simple conversation that would lead to laughter. He wanted to and made a difference in all he encountered.

Sadrudin's life principal was not complicated. He simply wanted to live his life surrounded by family and friends. He was courageous to allow for humility to be seen and to be given for those he loved most, the relationships he valued and had a chance to nurture.

“Pop Pop Shannon” was the best heavyweight title that could have been given to him and the pride from this accomplishment was a source of his true happiness.

He truly lived by his saying “NO DRAMA”.

Sadrudin is preceded in death by his parents Louise Shannon and Albert Shannon and his cousin (who was more like a sister) Sandra Nichols.

He leaves to mourn his Fiance' Beverley Ferguson. Three brothers, Horace Haigler (Marion), Mark Albert Shannon (Alpha) and Matthew Shannon (Erica). Four children, Lynn Edwards (Edwin), Sadrudin Shannon, Mecca Latifa Shabazz and Mercedes Louise Shannon. Stepchildren, Akemia Ferguson and Tamara Ferguson. Eight grandchildren, Honesty Symone Bowers, Steniya Dasia Townsend, Edwin Edwards Jr. (EJ), Rhylee Noelle Edwards, Wasiim Shannon, Lyric Ferguson, Brianna Jackson and Joseph Humphrey. His cousin, Kamau Jackson who was more like a brother and a host of family and friends.



# *Order of Service*

Musical Prelude

Processional

Prayer of Comfort ..... Clergy

Invocation..... Reverend Sanford Garrett

Hymn of Comfort  
“Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament & New Testament

Poem

Soloist ..... SuSu Montgomery

Acknowledgements of Cards  
& Reflections (2 mins.)..... Chalynda Maynard

Musical Selection ..... Chase & Rachel Harris

Obituary ..... Tamara Ferguson

Soloist..... SuSu Montgomery

Eulogy ..... Reverend Sanford Garrett

Recessional

**Incremation will follow immediately after service:  
Rosedale Rosehill Cemetery  
792 East Edgar Road, Linden, NJ 07036**







# *Letting Go*

*The angels gathered near your bed, so very close to you for they knew the pain and suffering that you were going through. I thought about so many things as I held tightly to your hand Oh, how I wished that you were strong and happy once again.*

*But your eyes were looking homeward to that place beyond the sky Where Jesus held His outstretched arms, It was time to say "goodbye" I struggled with my selfish thoughts for I wanted you to stay So we could walk and talk again like we did just yesterday.*

*But Jesus knew the answer, and I knew He loved you so. So I gave to you life's greatest gift, the gift of letting go.*

*Now my heart will carry memories of the love you gave to me Until we meet again in Heaven, where the best is yet to be.*

## ***Pallbearers***

*Edwin Edwards, Mark Shannon, Matthew Shannon, Anthony Westbrook,  
Dennis Quick, Kamau Jackson, Robert Fields*

## ***Acknowledgements***

*The family of the late **Saddrudin Shabazz** wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness, comforting words, and prayers shown during our time of bereavement.*

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