

*In Loving Memory of*



*Gregory "Amir" Good*

**Sunrise: December 6, 1950**

**Sunset: November 23, 2021**

***Friday, November 26, 2021 - 9:00 am***

**Firdous Funeral Home**

***579 Grove Street, Irvington, New Jersey***

# *Obituary*

**Gregory Edward Good**, 71, of East Orange, New Jersey, passed away on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at St. Barnabas Medical Center with his wife, son, spiritual guide and family by his side.

Gregory Good, known by his family and friends as Greg, was born in Newark, New Jersey on December 6, 1950, to Grover and Naomi Good. Greg was the fourth child of nine – 4 brothers and 4 sisters. He graduated from Central High School in Newark, class of 1968.

Greg had his only son and namesake, Gregory “Chop” Good, in 1984. From that moment, the world knew them together as “Big Greg” and “Little Greg” – a name he carried with great pride. Greg converted to Islam in 1995 and became known by his spiritual community as Amir Bushur.

In 1998, Greg married his beloved wife Valerie and deeply enjoyed traveling the world with her by his side, both near and far. Greg worked over a decade with the City of East Orange as a housing inspector, retiring in 2014. Greg was known for his quick wit and love of his family and his community. Greg loved children, coaching and mentoring hundreds of young people through Basketball at St. Anthony’s, the Newark YMCA, and the Newark Boys Club. Greg loved listening to James Brown, dancing, spending time with family and friends, telling the world about his grandchildren, laughing, telling jokes and sharing wonderfully memorable stories.

Greg was preceded in death by his father, Grover Good, mother, Naomi Good, and sister, Sandra “Fatty” Bembry. Greg is survived by his wife Valerie Good, his son, Gregory (Monique) and Mother Helen, his stepdaughter Nadiyah Sa’id West (Shuy’ab), stepson Musheer Muhammad (Kareemah), his grandchildren – Ayana, Amir, Anwar, Aliyah, Musheer, Suhaylah, Catherine, Langston, Ellison and Cullen – his sisters – Brenda Cornick, Gail Good, Cheryl Chapman—his brothers, Barry Good, Robin Good, Mark Good, and Kyle Good, and many nieces, nephews, beloved family and friends.

Gregory’s funeral services will be held on Friday, November 26, 2021, at Firdous Funeral Chapel, which will accept condolences on behalf of the family, at the following address: 579 Grove Street, Irvington, New Jersey, 07111.

# *Janaazah Prayer*

(Funeral Program)

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.**

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# Precious Memories



## Acknowledgements

*The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.*

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