

In Loving Memory of
Darlene D. Burgess

May 23, 1968 - November 25, 2021



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Iman Jamal Mustafa, Officiating

Obituary

Darlene D. Burgess was born May 23, 1968 to the parents of Aniel Gowans-Leake and George Gowans in Newark NJ. Darlene was the only Child.

Darlene was raised in Baxter Terrace. She later moved to Irvington, NJ, where she attended and graduated from Irvington high School.

Darlene devoted her time at different places of employment like Shake Shack, Maplewood Diner, Don's Diner, Kings Restaurant, and Shop Rite.

She later in life converted to become a Muslim where she change her name to Amirah B. Muhammad and decided to devote her life to being the best Muslim she could be.

Darlene was funny, charming, and had the ability to make you smile from ear to ear. She adored sing. The one thing she absolutely loved the most was her children. Amirah would introduce them to everyone she knew.

Amirah passed away November 25, 2021. She will now be reunited with her mother Aniel Gowans-Leake and her Stepfather William H. Leake. Amirah leaves behind four children. Ashley Gowans, Antwan Gowans, Aaron Gowans, Amber Gowans. Her loving husband of 9 years Dwayne Smith. Her only granddaughter Ariana Hernaiz (Alnisa Hernaiz). A host of Aunts and Uncles family and friends.

Amirah will be loved and missed Dearly

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment
Glendale Cemetery
Bloomfield, New Jersey

To Say Goodbye

To say goodbye is not the end
To all my family and friends
For life goes on, you must endure
For my eternity is sure.
Remember all the good times
The memories we've shared
The precious jewels of laughter
The tender love and care.
I found my resting place
God's peace surrounds my soul
Let love abound in all your hearts
Let heaven be your goal.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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