

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
*Marlo "Shakeerah" Taylor*

*Sunrise*  
*Janaury 21, 1970*

*Sunset*  
*January 28, 2022*



*Service*  
*Thursday, February 17, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.*

**Whigham Funeral Home**  
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. • Newark, New Jersey



## *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.*

*Salaat-ul- Janaazah lead by:  
Imam Way-ud Deen Shareef  
Masjid Waarith ud Deen  
Irvington, New Jersey*

## *Reflection of Life*

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of **Marlo Taylor**. She was the cherished daughter of Barbara Taylor. Marlo was born on January 21, 1970 in Newark, NJ. After a lengthy illness, Marlo entered into eternal rest on January 28, 2022 at Clara Maass Medical Center in Belleville, NJ.

Marlo, who was affectionately called “Shakeerah,” was a highly motivated and determined woman. She was educated in the Newark Public School system, graduating from University High School in 1988.

To know Marlo was to love her. Referring to her closest cousins as “Cuddy,” Marlo was most happy when spending time with family and friends. Backyard barbeques and house parties were her favorite events and when Marlo arrived you knew fun would be had by all. Marlo had a knack for telling the funniest, most outrageous stories, many times leaving everyone in tears from laughter. A die-hard New York Giants fan, Marlo “Shakeerah” Taylor would often emerge during game times and proceed to trash talk with anyone, especially the Dallas “Cowgirls” fans.

Despite the good times, Marlo was no stranger to illness. Marlo lived for decades with lupus, and more recently was diagnosed with breast cancer. Marlo was determined not to allow her illnesses to define her. She continued working while undergoing radiation and chemotherapy treatment. Marlo was a strong, caring person with a generous heart. She was a born humanitarian, always willing to help those in need. Marlo’s family and friends will always cherish the memories that she leaves behind.

Marlo was preceded in death by her step father, Arthur Coles, grandparents, Joseph and Manda Taylor; an uncle, Clifford Taylor; and two aunts, Wilhelmina Scott and Ayesha Freeman, all of Newark, NJ.

Marlo leaves to cherish her memory her mother, Barbara Taylor; an uncle, Joseph “Uncle TJ” Taylor; special cousins, Lisa, Jeffery, Sherronda, Sherrif, Sarah, Shani and Leslie, godmother, Patricia Bumbry-Moore; godsister, Raushanah Abdullah-Stokes; beloved partner of 8 years Archie “Raheem” Elder; the West family and a host of other devoted family and friends.

*In the Name of Allah  
The Most Compassionate,  
Most Merciful.*

1. Say, 'O Prophet,' "O you disbelievers!
2. I do not worship what you worship,
3. nor do you worship what I worship.
4. I will never worship what you worship,
5. nor will you ever worship what I worship.
6. You have your way, and I have my Way."

*Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation  
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown  
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

*May God Bless and Keep You!*

***Interment***

*Hollywood Rest Memorial Park  
268 Ridgedale Avenue  
East Hanover, New Jersey 07936*

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