

A guide to preparing for an Islamic burial following a death in the family

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Please keep in mind, MCC provides as much help and information as possible in this process and the steps described below are to be followed with utmost care. Remember, the major responsibility and work is done by the family.

- 1) **Designate a lead person in the family to sign papers and get authorized information from involved institutions.** That person should be in touch with (in order) the hospital/hospice, funeral home, and cemetery.
- 2) **Designate a person to get the death certificate or transport certificate** from the hospital/hospice.
- 3) Be prepared to **designate 2-3 family members/friends to participate in the actual ghusl** (washing) **and preparation** of the body. If this is not possible, contact the masjid (mosque)/MCC for help in performing the ghusl.
- 4) **Make sure body transport certificate** is ready from the same place if the death certificate is not immediately available.
- 5) **Call the Cemetery/MCC to purchase a burial lot:** in either case, MCC can directly assist with purchase of the lot and service package that includes opening/closing of the grave including concrete liner with installation.

The family representative should sign papers, then after purchasing the lot visit the cemetery to ensure coordination between funeral home, masjid and cemetery. Be aware of day/date as some cemeteries do not have burial services on Sundays.

- 6) **Call the funeral home.** The service you will need is:
 - a) casket: the funeral home will use a temporary or permanent casket, depending on family preference and COVID-19 requirements.
 - b) transportation of the body from the place of demise to the funeral home for proper washing and preparation of the body,
 - c) transportation of the body from the funeral home after the ghusl to the masjid, or, if the family prefers, wherever the Janaza prayer to be held.
 - d) transportation of the body from the masjid to the cemetery for burial or wherever the family wants to take the body.
- 7) **Call the Imam** of the masjid/MCC where the Janaza prayer is to be held and request announcement to the community for the time/place of Janaza prayer.

COST

- The masjids do not charge any money for the Janaza prayer or counsel for you/family.
- The cost for the cemetery lot varies per cemetery site (see below cemetery list). Please contact the cemetery sites to confirm the actual cost and compare prices before deciding.

- The cost for the washing and preparing the body for Janaza varies per funeral home (see funeral home list). Please contact the funeral homes to confirm the actual cost and compare prices before deciding.
- At present, the total estimated average cost for the burial including burial lot, opening and closing of grave and funeral home services is between \$5000 - \$7000.
- MCC does not currently have any cemetery lot (s) for sale. We recommend you contact the cemeteries directly to purchase a lot (s).
- Financial assistance may also be available from Masjids for needy families to assist with the funeral expenses.

NOTES

- Family members should keep in mind that depending on the time of the service needed, they should allow time to be at the cemetery no later than 3:00 p.m.
- Transparency and honesty about the situation is important so that informed guidance and counseling can be provided properly and the process is not unduly delayed.

LIST OF CEMETERIES

Al- Firdaus Memorial Gardens 3845 New Design Rd. Frederick MD 21703 Contact Person: Mohammed Aslam Phone #: 202 486-3257 Contact Masjids: ICM, Frederick & Hagerstown - 301-840-9440	King Memorial Park -Islamic Section 8710 Dogwood Rd. Randallstown, MD 21244 Phone #: 410-944-8300 Contact Masjid: ISB Contact Person: Br. Farooq, 410-747-4869
Columbia Memorial Park Islamic Garden 12005 Clarksville Pike Clarksville MD 21029 Phone #: 410-997-7800 Contact Masjid: Dar al Taqwa (DAT)	Maryland National Memorial Park (MNMP) 13300 Baltimore Ave. Laurel MD 20707 Phone #: 301-210-6464 Contact Masjid: MCC
Fort Lincoln Cemetery 3401 Bladensburg Rd. Brentwood, MD 20722 Phone #: 301-864-5090 Contact Masjid: MCC	George Washington Islamic Gardens 9500 Riggs Road Adelphi, MD 20783 Phone #: 240-506-1036 /301-434-4640 /202-866-4640

LIST OF FUNERAL HOMES

Hussain's Islamic Funeral Services 9150 Lanham Severn Road Lanham MD 20706 Phone #: 240-06-0639 Contact Person: Dr. Hussain Contact Masjid: PGMA, 301 459-4942	Islamic Society of Baltimore Funeral Home 6631 Johnny Cake Rd. Baltimore MD 21244 Phone #: 410-747-4869
Universal Mortuary Inc. 411 Kennedy St. NW. Wash DC 20011 Phone #: 202-723-1075 Contact Person: Mateen	March Funeral Home, Inc. (West) 4300 Wabash Ave. Baltimore., MD 21215 Phone #: 410-542-2400
Howell Funeral Home 10220 Guilford Rd. Jessup MD 20794 Phone #: 301-604-0101 Contact Masjids: DAT & ICCL	Borgwardt Funeral Home 4400 Powder Mill Rd. Beltsville, MD 20705 Phone #: 301-937-1707

LIST OF MASJIDS/MOSQUES IN MARYLAND

Muslim Community Center (MCC) www.mccmd.org 15200 New Hampshire Ave. Silver Spring MD 20905 Phone #: 301-384-3454 Imam Mohammad Abdullahi	Islamic Society of the Washington Area (ISWA) www.iswamd.org 2701 Briggs Chaney Rd. Silver Spring MD 20904 Phone #: 301-879-0930 Imam Faizul Khan: 301-588-3650
Islamic Center of Maryland (ICM) www.icomd.org 19401 Woodfield Rd. Gaithersburg, MD 20879 Phone #: 301-840-9440 Mohammed Aslam: 202-486-3257	Dar ul Taqwa (DAT) www.taqwa.net 19740 Rt. 108 Ellicott City MD 21042 Phone #: 410-997-5711 Contact Person: Talaat Shehata: 301-633-2520
Islamic Society of Baltimore (ISB) www.isb.org 6631 Johnny Cake Rd. Baltimore MD 21244 Phone #: 410-747-4869 Farooq Marfani: 410-302-4786	Prince Georges Muslim Association (PGMA) www.pgmamd.org 9150 Lanham Severn Rd. Lanham MD 20706 Phone #: 301-459-4942 Ghulam Jeelani: 301-805-7812
Islamic Community Center of Potomac www.iccpmd.org 10601 River Rd, Potomac, MD 20854 Phone #: 301-983-0383	Islamic Society of Germantown (ISG) www.isgtown.org 19825 Blunt Rd, Germantown, MD 20876 Phone #: 301-540-4748
Islamic Society of Frederick (ISF) www.isfmd.org 1250 Key Pkwy, Frederick, MD 21702 Phone #: 301-682-5090	Islamic Center of Hagerstown (ICH) www.myich.org 122 East Washington Street, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740 Phone #: 301-835-0442

<p>Islamic Society of Annapolis & Gambrills www.isamd.org 15 Old Solomons Island Rd, Annapolis MD 21401 Phone #: 410-858-0161 814 Brandy Farms Ln. Gambrills 21054 Phone #: 410-721-5880</p>	<p>Dar-us-Salaam Al Huda School www.alhuda.org 5301 Edgewood Rd. College Park MD 20740 Phone #: 301-982-9848</p>
<p>Idara Jaferia www.idara-e-jaferia.org 3140 Spencerville Rd. (Rt 198) Burtonsville MD 20866 Phone #: 301-384-2903 Ali Abbas Abidi: 301-346-2670/301-490-3418</p>	<p>Islamic Education Center (IEC) www.iec-md.org 7917 Montrose Road Potomac MD 20854 Phone #: 301-340-2070 Ali Mohammadi: 301-340-2070 x 311</p>
<p>Masjid Muhammad www.masjidmuhammad.com 1519 4th St. NW Washington, DC 2001 Phone #: 202-483-8832 Contact Person: Imam Yusuf Saleem & Paul Abdul Mateen</p>	<p>Islamic Education Society of Maryland (IESM) www.iesmd.org 11504 Viers Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902 Phone #: 301-933-3838 Taiyab Mohiuddin</p>
<p>Al-Madina Masjid www.almadinahmasjid.com 1502 Woodlawn Dr suite # 102, Woodlawn, MD 21207 Phone#: 410-944-4400</p>	<p>La Plata Masjid - Masjid Al Mughni 111 Howard Street, Laplata MD 20646 Phone #: 301-609-8769</p>
<p>Islamic Center of Washington DC www.theislamiccenter.us 2551 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008 Phone #: 202-332-8343</p>	