

JEFFERSON MUSLIM ASSOCIATION INC  
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Experiencing the death of a family member or loved one is indeed a very tragic and sad moment for any family whether here or elsewhere. However, if there is a loss in the family in our city or surrounding areas, we at the Jefferson Muslim Association are here to assist and guide you throughout the whole process. We have worked very hard to make this an easy flowing process at a very cost effective rate by negotiating with many funeral service providers.

In the case of the sudden death of a loved one, whether at a hospital/hospice/home, the first thing you need to do FOR FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS is contact the brothers on the cemetery committee and discuss arrangements.

### **INITIATING THE FUNERAL SERVICE**

Please have the following information available and provide it immediately to the Funeral and Janazah committee member.

- Full name of deceased.
- Date of birth
- Social security

This information will be forwarded to the funeral home director and the process will commence.

You are also required to fill in the other necessary information requested on the form below.

### **FUNERAL HOME.**

Although you have the choice to choose any funeral home you wish, we strongly recommend **Professional Funeral Services**, located at **1449 North Claiborne Ave in New Orleans**. We have negotiated a great rate with them and they have agreed to give us priority and quick access to their facility when the need arises. If you do not provide us with a preference, we will contact PFS and proceed with their services.

**JMA Funeral Service includes:**

- Bathing of the body by our experienced and caring volunteers. We highly encourage the participation of a few family members in this process.
- The shroud cloth (Kafan) for the covering of the body which is provided by us.
- The State of Louisiana requires for the deceased to be buried in a casket. To meet this requirement at a minimum, we utilize a simple plywood casket and this is also provided by us.
- Transportation of the body via hearse to Janaza prayer location (I.e. Dar as Salam hall, Masjid Towba etc.)
- Transportation after Janaza via hearse to the Islamic Cemetery of Greater New Orleans located in Slidell LA about 30 mins from central city.
- Body will be lowered into the grave by male family members and other participants and then filled before a final supplication is made.

**Timings:** Janaza prayers are usually offered following Dhuhr prayers at any given day. Janaza services later than that and on the weekend/federal holidays may incur extra charges by funeral home and grave digging service provider.

If the family and close friends would like to pay final respects to the deceased, it may be done before the Janaza prayer. Please inform family and relatives to meet at the prayer facility ahead of time. Delaying this till after the prayer will cause a delay in the process and will incur extra charges.

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## Costs

Funeral arrangements are the responsibility of the family of the deceased. We have worked very hard to decrease the cost over the years. **PAYMENT IN FULL MUST BE MADE BEFORE THE SERVICES COMMENCE.** You may pay in cash or check. All payments will be collected by the funeral home.

The total costs are itemized as follows;

- Professional Funeral Services Adult \$2000.00 Infant or Fetus \$150.00  
(Includes receiving body from any location in the Greater New Orleans Area. Use of facility and transferring body to prayer location and then to the cemetery. Any special attention that the body may need i.e. suturing post autopsy etc will be additional. Transportation of body from outside the greater New Orleans will also be additional)

- Plot in cemetery  
\$1000.00 Adult                      Child \$550.00                      Infant/fetus \$200.00  
These amounts are due to the JEFFERSON MUSLIM ASSOCIATION

- Grave plot digging and filling services for Adult.  
Weekdays before 3PM \$950.00  
Saturdays \$1250.00  
Sundays and Federal Holidays \$1500.00  
Infant or Fetus \$250.00  
These amounts are also payable to Jefferson Muslim Association on behalf of the burial service provider.

Please print and fill out the Janazah application form and submit it to JMA.