



In the name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful

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No soul knoweth that what it will earn tomorrow and no soul knoweth in which land it will die. Allah is knower, aware Quran: sura Luqman

الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمُ مُصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ ﴿١٥٦﴾

"Who, when disaster strikes them, say, "Indeed we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we will return."

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SERVICE IS AVAILABLE ONLY FOR SELDEN MASJID COMMUNITY, RESIDING WITHIN 10 MILES OF THE MASJID AND IALI MEMBERS & THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS

WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF A DEATH

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 of our community, we at the Selden Masjid are here to assist and guide you throughout the whole process. We have worked hard to make this an easy flowing process as well as very cost effective to our community by negotiating with a local funeral home.

Immediately after the death has occurred, whether at a hospital/hospice/ home, the family should close the eyes of the deceased; the mouth and jaws are held gently with broad bands or pieces of cloths so that the mouth should not remain wide open. The body should be covered. and must remain covered preferably with a white sheet of cloth.

The first thing you need to do **FOR FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS is to call Selden Masjid at (631) 732-1235 and select option (1)**, which will connect you to a Funeral Committee member to discuss Funeral arrangements and estimates costs. We suggest, you review the burial process as summarized below, before calling the Masjid.

Although you have the choice to choose any Muslim Funeral Home, however in case you like to have the Ghusl (body washing) of deceased performed at Selden masjid, we work with **Saint James Funeral home** (abbreviated **SJFH** after) located at **829 Middle country road, Saint James**. We have negotiated a discounted rate with them, as well as they understand and has agreed to give us priority to arrange quick burial, accommodating family wishes. **Please note, other Muslim Funeral Homes have their own facilities to perform the Ghusl and other process of the burial.**

INITIATING THE FUNERAL PROCESS BY CALLING THE FUNERAL HOME

Please choose one family member to coordinate burial arrangements with the funeral home. Multiple members involvement could cause confusion and mismanagement of the burial process.



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Please have the following information available, before you call SJFH at (631)584-5200 to speak with **Funeral Director Kerry Maher:**

- Full name of deceased.
- Date of birth of deceased
- Social Security Number of deceased
- Full name of spouse if married
- Father's name of deceased
- Mother's name of deceased
- Previous address of the deceased
- Next of Kin name, address, and relationship to deceased
- Name of the person **responsible** for expenses of the Funeral
- Hospital/hospice/ Home information where the death happened
- Dr. Name and phone #
- You may be asked more questions

Our Muslim cemetery is a separate lot at **Washington Memorial Park** (abbreviated WMP after) located in Coram. (LIE 495 exit 63 to Rt. 83 north for about 6 miles to canal street and going east for about a mile). **Phone: (516)473-0437. All graves are Qibla-oriented.**

If you own a grave in the WMP cemetery, get the deed or burial permit, provide the location and grave number to **funeral director.** The funeral home will coordinate the burial arrangements with the cemetery.

In case you don't own a grave plot, you can purchase one owned by Selden Masjid. Please note that Selden masjid like many other Islamic centers have purchased grave plots in large quantity at WMP to keep the cost of the plot lower to **Selden Masjid Community.** Funeral Committee will discuss the price of the grave plot, prepare deed of the plot to provide it to SJFH who will coordinate further with WMP to open the grave.

Please don't call WMP cemetery in this regard.

FUNERAL PROCESS AT SELDEN MASJID THROUGH SJFH

- Funeral Home will receive the body from the Hospital/hospice/home after obtaining the death certificate from the Doctor. Funeral home would also get the burial certificate from the town.
- Funeral home will transport the body first to funeral home and then to Selden masjid at a scheduled time to perform the Ghusl, and Janaza salat.
- Ghusl of the body is performed by a group of experienced and caring volunteers. **We highly encourage the participation of family members in this process.**



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- Shroud the body with cotton sheets (Kafan) which is provided by the Masjid
- If the family and close friends would like to pay final respect to the deceased, it may be done before the Janaza salat. Delaying this till after the prayer will cause a delay to reach cemetery and will incur extra charges by the cemetery.
- Imam of Selden Masjid will conduct the Janaza prayers unless family has their own imam to conduct the Janaza prayer. **Family is advised to arrange in advance with the imam in case his presence at WMP cemetery is needed to lead the burial and offer prayers.**
- The State of New York requires for the deceased to be buried in a casket. To meet this requirement at a minimum, we utilize a flake board casket provided by Funeral Home.
- Funeral home will transport the body after Janaza salat via hearse to WMP for burial
- Those who are attending the burial may follow the hearse or go directly to WMP cemetery
- Casket is lowered in the grave mechanically by the staff of WMP under the supervision of the family and loved ones.

COSTS

As prices of grave plots and other services change over time, please discuss estimated costs with Br Javaid when you call the Masjid. Following cost categories are listed below to assist you with understanding breakdown of cost:

- **Funeral Home** – Payable to **SJFH**. This payment covers obtaining documents, release the body from any location in Suffolk County, transfer the body to funeral home facility, flake board box, transportation of body to Selden Masjid for Ghusl and Janaza prayer and then via hearse to cemetery for burial. Payment in full must be made before the services commence. You may pay in cash or check. Releasing of the body from a location outside Suffolk County will incur extra charges.
- **Cemetery** -- Payable to the WMP to cover cost of grave opening, installing cement liners and to close the grave. WMP accepts cash or credit card.
- **Grave Plot** – Payable by check to IALI (Selden Masjid), if the grave plot is purchased.

Other Charges

- **Head Bronze memorial plates** (Not incurred at the time of the burial). WMP only allow ground level plates. This plate if used should not indicate in writing the name of Allah. Negotiate the cost with cemetery directly.
- **Hadiya for the Masjid** – this is totally optional.