



## Kareema Zakia Ratliff

December 5, 1954 - April 2, 2009

Kareema Zakia Ratliff was born on December 5th, 1954 in Philadelphia, PA to James (Rashid Ali) and Vera Young. She was educated in Philadelphia public school system and graduated from South Philly High in 1973. She attended community college taking college taking courses towards becoming a medical lab technician. Kareema married Otis Amos Ratliff on April 29, 1998. Kareema produced four beautiful son with Anthony Wayne Hawkes Sr. Kareema was talented and gifted. She was very creative, full of life and humor. She laughed easily never taking anything or anyone to seriously for too long. She often demonstrated her creative, full of life and humor. She laughed easily never taking anything or anyone to seriously for too long. She often demonstrated her creativity through home decorating, cooking, and light sewing. She had a beautiful singing voice and so enjoyed and cajoling with her sisters and brothers. She moved to Baltimore, Maryland in 1994 and accepted her own with the nation of Islam, under the guidance of the Caliph-Bro. Emanuel Abdullah Muhammad. She worked diligently in all areas particularly with the children at Muhammad's University of Islam. She loved and was well loved by all the Believers and demonstrated sincere dedication to her post as a M.G.T. (Muslim Girl in Training). Kareema was a person who spoke her mind. He was very loving yet straightforward. She was also proud of and enjoy being a grandmother. Kareema leaves to mourn; her husband, Otis Ratliff; her mother, Vera Walker; her sons, Anthony, Warren, Keith, and Kevin Hawkes; her sisters, Jameela Bynum, Atiya Ali, and Rasheeda Ali; her brothers, Lester

Young, Omar Young, and Verdon Young; her grandchildren, Katana Hawkes, Maleena Hawkes, Warren Hawkes Jr. and Damir Hawkes; mother-in-law, Constance Ratliff; father-in-law, Charles Ratliff Sr.; sisters-in-law, Francine O'Neil, Joyce Wiggleton, and Veronica Henderson; brothers-in-law, Charles Ratliff Jr., James Ratliff, and a host of family, friends and loved ones. She was preceded in death by her sister Wadia; brother, Idress Young, and nephews, Omar Smith, and Khalil Young.

# Tribute Wall



“ Kareema Zakia Ratliff

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“ I just wanted to truly celebrate the life of Ms. Kareema. She was very strong, loving and always wanted to the best for her family especially her boys. I appreciated her as a mother in law for the short time we had, however I am glad that she did not have to suffer very long. I want to always remember the smile she had despite the situation. She will always be in my heart. YMK##imported-begin##Yolanda Kennard##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my condolences. We can always receive comfort from the scriptures. Isa 26:19, "Your dead ones will live...they will rise up." Acts 24:15, "there is going to be a resurrection..." 1 Cor 15:26- tells us that God is going to remove our enemy death. May these verses bring you comfort.##imported-begin##Mrs. Howard##imported-end##

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss. May God give you the comfort and the strength that you need to carry you through. Know that he has wonderful blessings in store, because he promises an end to sickness and death, and he promises that the dead will be ressurected back to life. Please read about this in the bible at 1st Cor 15:26, Isiah 25:8, Isiah 33:24, Acts 24:15, and John 5:25-29. As you reflect on your precious memories of kareema, may these scriptures bring you much comfort and a sure hope for the future.##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##

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