

RULES FOR JANAZAH SERVICES AT MCC ROCKFORD

We hope to clarify to you our rules for Janazah (Islamic funeral and burial) here at the Muslim Association of Greater Rockford. Our goal is to help you and those requesting our services understand what is Islamically acceptable, practice by MAGR.

The Janazah from beginning to end – from the washing of the deceased till the burial in the grave – must be based on the authentic teachings of Islam. Therefore, only those practices and teachings will be applied and acceptable.

THE GUIDELINES/RULES:

1. We do not perform, nor allow hospitals to perform autopsies as normal procedures. Only in a must situation is this done.
2. The closest relatives **SHOULD** be the direct people involved with the washing (ghusl) while the Imam guides and assists with the process.
3. Only same gender will wash same gender, except as regards the husband and wife; each one is permitted to wash the other, and children under 7 years of age.
4. After the body has been dried and perfumed, we wrap/shroud the body only with kafn – white sheets. Dressing in suits and other sorts of clothing is unacceptable.
5. No flowers, video, pictures, ornaments, flags, etc are acceptable.
6. No open caskets showing the face, except at funeral home.
7. No eulogies with family gathered at the funeral home praising the deceased are acceptable.
8. No decorating of cars allowed.
9. It is preferable for women not to attend the burial service due to the sensitivity of that moment. If in fact women want to attend they must assure us that they will be strong so as not to have a catastrophe occur at the grave yard during the burial
10. No large stand up type tombstones allowed. Only flat ground stones allowed. No pictures allowed on tombstones. The tombstone should have the basic information needed to identify the grave and person in the grave; the simpler the better.
11. FEES: Must be paid in full by cash or bank check.

The fees are \$3600 dollars. This does not include charges for weekends, snow removal etc.

We hope you carefully read and agree to the rules and conditions listed in this document if you wish to have the Muslim Association of Greater Rockford assist you during this tragic event.

Please understand that by agreeing to sign this form you agree to follow the rules stated here and must abide by them as Allah expects us to live by our word and fulfill our agreements.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Allah help you and bless you with sabr and may He have mercy and forgive your loved ones. Amin!

MAGR BOARD & IMAM

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