



Aaliyah Salaam

March 17, 2026

Obituary

A LIFE OF STRENGTH AND RESILIENCE

Aaliyah Salaam's Life Journey

Life began for Aaliyah (Brenda) on March 29, 1940. Aaliyah was born to the union of Dan and Louise Trice, in which both preceded her in death. She was part of the Detroit Public School System and graduated from Northeastern High School in 1956. While in high school, Aaliyah was active in the Democracy Club and Mask & Wig Drama Club. She continued her education by receiving her Associates Degree. Upon graduation, she began her career as a Junior Accountant for the City of Detroit.

Aaliyah has always been focused, passionate and determined to do things her way. She never let anything hold her back from her goals and dreams. After high school graduation, Aaliyah's career continued to evolve when she

entered the world of entrepreneurship and opened her first business under the umbrella of Underground. It started as a local bar, then Records & Boutique, and within 3 years it became Underground Menswear, where they served the community for over 40 years.

In 1994 became a licensed Realtor and launched her career at Century 21 Today as a Real Estate Executive serving Metropolitan Detroit. In 2014, she joined National Realty Center Northville. She received multiple designations such as GRI-CRS-ABR. Where she continued to excel and make her mark on the industry, having received the Red Star Award in 2018, 2019, and 2023, and the Silver Star in 2021. These awards are bestowed to real estate agents based on number of sales and professional excellence. Throughout her career, she received several awards celebrating her as a Top Performer/Top Producer. Aaliyah was a member of North Oakland County Board of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. Aaliyah served as a mentor. She was also instrumental in launching the careers of several people, including aspiring Realtors. With over 35 years in the business, she LOVED selling homes, making friends and helping people find their dream homes. Once a client and friend, always a friend. Her clients frequently commended her for being a consummate professional who is knowledgeable, straight forward and a shrewd negotiator earning trust and admiration of her many colleagues and clients.

Aaliyah went on to be with the Lord on March 17, 2026, after a short illness. From her marriage to Phil Giles, she leaves behind to cherish her memory, Brigitte Jackson and Ronna Randolph (fiancée Wali). From her marriage to Hakim Salaam (Clark), she leaves behind Hakim Salaam II (fiancée Michelle). Aaliyah's youngest son, Malik Clark (Salaam), preceded her in death. She also has a daughter-in-law, Latonia Clark plus an honorary daughter, Kim

Jaggers.

Aaliyah leaves 10 grandchildren, Nicholas Randolph (fiancée Emma), Khalil Salaam, Jonathan Jackson, Stephanie Randolph, Sean Randolph (Jordan Randolph), Phillip Jackson, Malik Clark II, Caleb Clark, Hakim Salaam III and Justus Clark. She also has a great-grand daughter, Aubrey Sampson to cherish her memory. She will be definitely missed by her sisters and brothers, Phillis Hart, Harold Ranson, Denise Ranson, Michael Ranson and Irene (Shirley) Weeks. Preceding her in death are sisters, Rose Doughton, Delores Jordan plus sisters-in-law Jean Dabney (Jordan) and Dorothy Jordan. Brothers, Charles Jordan, Robert Jordan, Lonnie Jordan, Eddie Jordan and Floyd Jordan also preceded her in death.

Aaliyah also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, longtime friends and so many more.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48203

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (est)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
24585 Evergreen Rd
Southfield, MI 48075
(248) 702-5367
info@kempfh.com
<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

Family/Friends Time

MAR 28. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (est)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
24585 Evergreen Rd
Southfield, MI 48075
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Funeral Service

MAR **28**. 10:00 AM (est)

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Burial

MAR **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Aaliyah Salaam*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - March 28 at 09:59 AM

DG

“ *Darnell G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Aaliyah Salaam.*

Darnell G. - March 28 at 11:33 AM

LV

“ *Aaliyah, such a beautiful and stately woman. She is the grandmother to Khalil always sharing her truth and encouraging him along his life journey. Soft spoken and kind but no non-sense, always wanting to assist you with getting to your best self. She will always be loved and missed.*



Lynda Vaughn - March 26 at 06:10 PM

TT

“ The Martin’s - Calvin, Tracey & Tasha purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Aaliyah Salaam.



The Martin’s - Calvin, Tracey & Tasha - March 26 at 05:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Aaliyah Salaam.

March 26 at 03:15 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Aaliyah Salaam.



March 26 at 03:15 PM

VB

“ Vivian, B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Aaliyah Salaam.

Vivian, B. - March 26 at 08:50 AM

AB

“ Alicia Hasan Banks lit a candle in memory of Aaliyah Salaam



Alicia Hasan Banks - March 26 at 08:16 AM

AB

I am so thankful I had an opportunity to be in this special person's life. I only remember strength and confidence. She trusted me to work for her when they owned a record store. And most of all she trusted me to babysit for her two precious sons. She was always thinking about business and growth. Sometimes I pull out a picture of her holding my first child (now 50) with a look of adoration and kindness. I am so thankful I got the opportunity to sit and talk with her about a year and a half ago. I was so happy to sit in her energy. She looked absolutely flawless. A truly amazing person that will be greatly missed. I will continue to keep all of her children in my prayers.

Alicia Hasan Banks - March 26 at 08:27 AM

CB

“ Cleveland West-Five Below purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Aaliyah Salaam.



Cleveland West-Five Below - March 25 at 01:38 PM

AS

“ Anita Rechell & Khalil Salaam purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Aaliyah Salaam.



Anita Rechell & Khalil Salaam - March 25 at 05:15 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Aaliyah Salaam.*



March 24 at 10:41 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Aaliyah's passing. Kenneth Gregory Vernon*

Kenneth G Vernon - March 24 at 05:14 PM



“ *.. purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Aaliyah Salaam.*



.. - March 24 at 04:46 PM



“ *.. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Aaliyah Salaam.*

.. - March 24 at 04:46 PM



“ *Barbara and Rod Coffey (Schultz) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Aaliyah Salaam.*



Barbara and Rod Coffey (Schultz) - March 24 at 12:40 PM

SC

“ Sincerely, National Realty Centers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Aaliyah Salaam.



Sincerely, National Realty Centers - March 24 at 10:26 AM

ST

“ I'm going to miss you horribly, Sweetheart. You're in heaven now, no more pain or worries. ❤️🙏

Sharon Todd - March 22 at 12:23 PM

FG

“ Frieda Gilyard
Lit a candle in memory of Aaliyah Salaam my
you rest in peace.



Freida Gilyard - March 21 at 07:47 PM

KJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Karla Jones - March 21 at 03:16 PM

KJ

Ms.Aaliyah was my mom's real estate agent. She was very serious and professional about her craft. She will missed tremendously.

Karla Jones - March 21 at 03:18 PM

KJ

“ *Karla Jones lit a candle in memory of Aaliyah Salaam*



Karla Jones - March 21 at 03:14 PM

SJ

“ *Shana Jackson lit a candle in memory of Aaliyah Salaam*



Shana Jackson - March 21 at 09:26 AM

CR

Rest in peace. Aaliyah, God bless and keep you.

Carolyn Rand - March 22 at 12:32 PM