



Abdul Kareem Sharif

January 13, 1967 - February 19, 2025

Abdul Kareem Sharif, a resident of Suitland, Maryland, transitioned peacefully from this world at his home on February 19, 2025. Abdul was born at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. At just 6 months old, his family moved to Annapolis, Maryland, and later relocated to Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1968. A dedicated Special Police Officer, Abdul served at the Department of the Treasury in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) division, where his contributions were invaluable. His legacy is one of commitment, kindness, and the indelible impact he made on those fortunate enough to know him. He was highly regarded for his exceptional artistic drawings and artwork.

Kareem was also a veteran of the United States Army and had served as an Airborne Ranger. He served his nation with unwavering bravery and a commitment to his fellow soldiers, embodying the values of honor and service.

As a proud member of Prince Hall Freemasonry, he embraced the values of brotherhood, charity, and community support, extending his impact beyond his immediate circle to enhance the lives of those around him.

Beyond his military achievements, he was a lifetime member of IOTA Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., where he cultivated enduring friendships and significantly contributed to community initiatives. Passionate about health and wellness, he founded The Maarifa Foundation's Great Health Initiative in

Maryland, working tirelessly to promote health education and create positive change within the community.

Kareem was a skilled martial artist, he began his journey at the tender age of two. As an adult, he trained in Tae Kwon Do and achieved his 2nd Dan in Korea. His dedication to martial arts improved his physical abilities and instilled in him a deep sense of focus and resilience that influenced every aspect of his life.

His academic journey reflected his thirst for knowledge, leading him to study at several renowned institutions, including the University of Massachusetts, American International College, Maryland University, and graduating from Westfield State University. He also attended high school at Technical High School, where he honed skills that would serve him well throughout his life.

He is predeceased by his beloved mother, Mable Lene Sharif, and his dear brother, Sabir Sharif, who were cherished sources of love and guidance throughout his life. He is survived by his father, Abdul Mumeet S. Sharif of ?, Maryland; two sisters, Tammy Sharif of Springfield, MA, and LaTasha Vanzie of Owings Mills, MD; and two brothers, Ahmad A. Sharif of Chicopee, MA, and Khalif Sharif of Springfield, MA. His legacy is further enriched by a large extended family, consisting of a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews, all of whom hold treasured memories.

A memorial service celebrating his extraordinary life will be held on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 11:30 AM at Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery at 11501 Garrison Forest Road, Owings Mills, MD. The Marshall-March Funeral Home, Prince George's County, MD has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Maryland Veterans Cemetery Garrison Forest

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 14. 11:30 AM - 11:50 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *REST IN POWER GOOD BROTHER YOUR WORK HERE ON THIS EARTHLY PLANE IS COMPLETE. MY CONDOLENCES TO BROTHER SHARIF IMMEDIATE FAMILY. MAY ALLAH COMFORT YOU!!!!!!*

Dean Wood - April 14, 2025 at 11:10 AM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - April 02, 2025 at 11:01 AM