



## Curtis Shabazz

June 25, 1942 - November 12, 2023

Curtis Shabazz was born June 25, 1942 in Atlanta, Georgia, the middle child among Robert and Ruby Lee Hill's three children.

In 1948 the family relocated to Brooklyn, New York where Curtis enjoyed making friends as he grew up in the Marcy Houses. Curtis was known to be a silly, fun-loving child. As a youth, his talent for working with his hands led him to take up carpentry in High School. Curtis went on to do contractor work in a variety of settings.

During his upbringing, Curtis watched his mother exhibit flawless skill at sewing. He was proud to wear the impeccable custom-made clothing she produced for his tall slender stature. Years later, it was the memory of his mother's talent that inspired him to try to sew for himself only to discover his own gifted hand producing high quality goods. Curtis became masterful in leather craftwork which included accessories and upholstery. He also enjoyed working with mud cloth and prints. His creations were a fusion of American and Islamic aesthetic unlike anything present in the market at the time. Curtis even developed a passion for hat making which required a different set of tools and skill. His unique design perspective made his work distinguishable and much sought after. After many decades of working with his hands, Curtis retired to a quiet life under his sister's care in Maryland. He passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 12, 2023.

Curtis is survived by his five children, Curtis (Dora) Hill, Kevin (Audra) Hill, Sheila Hill, Rachele Hill, and Amin Rahseed Shabazz. He was also blessed with 12 beautiful grandchildren. His two sisters, Barbara Monts and Sandra Moye mourn his passing along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and very special friends.

A graveside service will be held at Woodlawn Memorial Park 11365 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD 21601 on Friday, November 17th at 1pm. Services will also be livestreamed for those who cannot attend.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park

11365 Ocean Gateway  
Easton, MD 21601

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Curtis Shabazz*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - November 14, 2023 at 09:18 AM

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“ *I remember he would make us hand made hats, unfortunately as kids, we didn't fully appreciate them at the time. Truly a great skill that I wish I learned.*

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**Jordan Hill** - November 17, 2023 at 12:12 PM