

"The Eternal Song"



*The notes you played, now linger in the air,
A melody of love, a tune so rare.
Each chord you struck, each rhythm you shared,
Lives on in those you tenderly cared.*

*Your music was a beacon, bright and strong,
Guiding young hearts, teaching them to belong.
In every beat, in every gentle phrase,
You left a legacy that will forever blaze.*

*Now in the hands of the Almighty you rest,
A soul at peace, in the eternal quest.
But here on earth, your song will never cease,
For in our hearts, you've left your piece.*

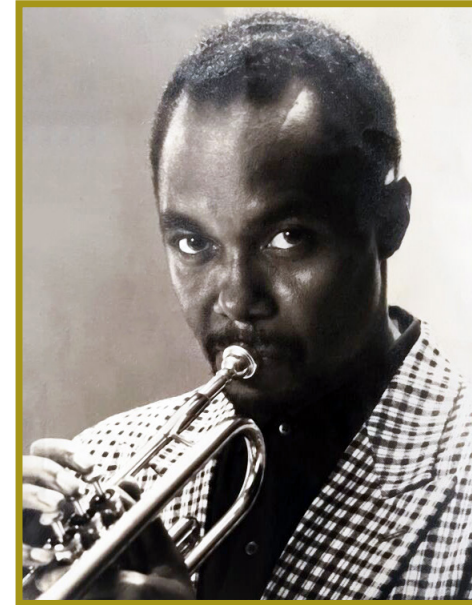
Acknowledgments

Our family wishes to extend our profound and sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers during this difficult time. Through our cherished memories, **NAAZIR** will live on in our hearts forever. May we continue to celebrate his life by living freely and with gratitude every single day that we have the ability to take a breath.

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Celebrating the Life of



Naazir Person

SUNRISE: DECEMBER 31, 1948 - SUNSET: AUGUST 2, 2024

Visitation

Saturday, August 10, 2024 • 2:00P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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Interment

Monday, August 12, 2024 • 10:00 A.M.

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Putnam Valley, New York

Surah Az-Zumar (39:73-75)

“And those who kept their duty to their Lord will be led to Paradise in groups; till, when they reach it, and its gates will be opened, and its keepers will say: ‘Peace be upon you! You have done well, so enter here to abide therein.’ And they will say: ‘All praise is due to Allah, Who has fulfilled His promise to us and has made us inherit the land, so we may dwell in Paradise wherever we will. How excellent is the reward of the workers.’”

This verse celebrates the rewards of those who lived a life of purpose, duty, and service, reflecting both the spiritual devotion of Naazir to Allah and his dedication to teaching and guiding young hearts through music.

Hadith on Knowledge and Teaching

“The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, “The best of people are those that bring most benefit to the rest of mankind.”” (Daraqutni, Hasan)

This Hadith beautifully encapsulates the impact of Naazir’s life, as someone who brought immense benefit through his teaching and love for music. It highlights the importance of service to others, especially in the context of education and nurturing young minds.

Obituary

I, **NORMAN NAAZIR PERSON**, was born on December 31, 1948 at Harlem Hospital located on 137th Street and Lenox Avenue. My childhood home was just 20 blocks from my birthplace at 68 W. 116th Street, where I lived with my parents, Floried and Oliver Person, the matriarch of the family my grandmother Mama Hughes, my brothers Ronald and Everett, Uncle Bud, and our pet German Shepherd. It was in this vibrant Harlem community that my love for music took root. I dedicated my life to the pursuit of music and to nurturing friendships that became my extended family.

My passion for music led me to a successful career as a jazz musician and a dedicated Music Teacher in the New York City public school system. I was blessed to have touched the lives of countless students and colleagues, always sharing my love of music with those around me.

Throughout my life, I formed deep and lasting bonds with friends who became like family to me. I was blessed to have acquired many families that I have cherished such as my Project family, my Junior High School 22 family, my Jazz family and my Roosevelt Long Island family.

There are too many people to acknowledge who made a difference in my life, but I will mention just a few...my older brother Ronald Person and his family, my brother Everett Person and his daughter Leanne, my sister Denise and her son Blake, my brother David and his wife Tabitha and their family, and my healthcare proxy and close friend Susan Chen.

My oldest daughter Tanya and her son Isaiah, and her Mother Sheila, and my youngest daughter Aisha and her son Tony, and her Mother Eunice.

Last but not least, all praises are going to the Almighty Mighty Allah and his messenger.

Peace.

Norman Naazir Person will be remembered for his kindness, his devotion to music, and his ability to bring people together. May he rest in eternal peace, surrounded by the melodies he loved so much.
