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Muhammad Ali Islamic Funeral Prayer Program Jenazah Scheduled at Freedom Hall
Religious Service Following Muslim Tradition to be Held Thursday, June 9

Louisville, KY (June 6, 2016) –An Islamic Funeral Prayer Program will be held on Thursday, June 9th at Freedom Hall in Louisville, Kentucky. The event will begin at 12:00 pm (EST) and is expected to last approximately 30 minutes. The Jenazah will be open to the public with doors opening at 9 am.

“To be properly prepared for burial, prayed over and then buried is a right owed to every single Muslim. If no one fulfills those rights, then the entire community has fallen into sin. In the case of someone of Muhammad Ali’s stature, to leave any of those rights unfulfilled would be a crime,” said Imam Zaid Shakir, a Muslim American scholar and co-founder of Zaytuna College in Berkley California, who will be leading the service.

The decision to have the Jenazah at Freedom Hall commemorates Muhammad’s last fight in Louisville. Ali defeated Willi Besmanoff on November 29, 1961.

Free parking will be available at the Kentucky Exposition Center (937 Phillips Lane Louisville, KY 40209) for all attendees.

Muhammad Ali’s funeral will take place in his hometown of Louisville, KY on Friday, June 10th at the KFC YUM! Center. Attached is a full list of the Order of Service that includes details on all speakers, eulogists, and readings. The service will be open to the public and will begin at 2:00 pm. For those unable to attend, it will be streamed live from www.alicenter.org. The event will be open to the public with limited seating. Information and details on tickets will be released at a 5:30pm media briefing at the Muhammad Ali Center (144 N. 6th St Louisville, KY 40202).

For hotel accommodations information, please call 888-568-4784 (Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm EST) or book online at reservations.gotolouisville.com.

Credentialed media will be allowed inside the funeral at Freedom Hall and the KFC YUM! Center. All members of the media will be required to present valid credentials at the event. Media can request credentials at MuhammadAliCredential.com. Media will be contacted when credentials are ready for pick up at the Louisville Marriott Downtown (280 W. Jefferson St.).

For any media questions or interview requests, please contact media@boxcarpr.com.

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