

### **Funeral**

1. When not carrying it, one should walk in front or beside the bier.
2. No idle talk is permitted. One should either be silent or better still praying or doing Zikr; recite Surah Fatiha and Surah Ikhlas.
3. No music or outburst of emotion is allowed.
4. When you enter the cemetery, you should recite:
5. Assalam alaikum yaa ahlil kuboor (Peace be upon you O people of the graves)

### **Burial**

1. A grave should consist of two parts. Lower part is smaller than the upper part. Both parts of the grave, should however, be spacious and uniformly excavated and dug to a depth of at least five feet.
2. The body of the deceased should be slowly and gently put on the ground of the lower part of the grave. The face of the deceased should be toward the Qibla.
3. The deceased's head should be raised a little from the ground by using a hard object like stone or a brick or hard soil, but under no conditions any foreign object including a pillow should be put in the grave.
4. Now make a roof on the lower part of the grave by using a large stone or laying bricks side by side or a very hard wood slab.
5. Everyone accompanying the Janazah should pour three handful of soil on the roof of the grave. The remaining part of the grave should then be filled up with soil.
6. Again all present should contribute at least three handful of soil to finally complete the grave.
7. The grave can be raised above the ground so that it is not more than a foot above it.
8. The procedures described above are right however, burial and funeral regulations vary in all 50 US States along with 10 Canadian provinces. Due to these constraints Muslim communities are not able to observe some of them.
9. Please note that a grave of 5 feet depth is dug with no two distinct parts. Body is kept in a casket (where the law is required to have a casket). A concrete slab is placed on top of the grave. Where the body is to be buried in casket, nothing is done to raise the head of the deceased.
10. Although burial is permitted at all-times, burial at sun-rise, high noon and sunset should be avoided.
11. When the body is lowered into the grave, one should recite - Bismillah-i wa'ala millat-i rasulilah. In the Name of Allah, (we bury) according to the way of the Prophet of Allah.
12. When throwing the FIRST handful in the grave recite - Minhaa khalaqnaahum - From the (earth) did We create you.
13. During the SECOND handful recite - Wa minhaa nu'eedukum - and into it shall We return you.
14. And the time of the THIRD handful - Wa minhaa nukhrijukum taaratan ukhrra - and from it shall We bring you out once again.