

Celebrating The Life Of
Herbert Benny Mayer, Sr.

Sunrise
January 12, 1942

Sunset
April 9, 2019



Tuesday, April 16, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

12 Midland Avenue
Montclair, New Jersey 07042

Rev. Dr. Campbell B. Singleton, III, Pastor
Rev. A. Craig Dunn, Officiating
Melvin Calhoun, Organist

Obituary

Herbert Benny Mayer, Sr. was born to Arthur Benny Mayer and Lillie-Mae Caldwell Mayer on January 12, 1942 in Prosperity, South Carolina. He was the youngest of 12 siblings. Though born in South Carolina, Herbert moved to Montclair, New Jersey as a teenager and enrolled in Montclair High School and later attended Rutgers University - Newark. Herbert had a series of jobs before being hired with the Town of Montclair, where he worked, and retired, after 25 years with the Township's Parks & Recreations Department.

Herbert met his wife of 56 years, Madeline Louise Robinson, at a mutual friend's house in 1960. The two married in 1963 and had their first child that year, Andrea Louise Mayer. Shortly thereafter, Madeline gave birth to her first son, his namesake, Herbert Benny Mayer, Jr. They then had another son, Stephen Lamont Mayer, who rounded out the family of five.

Herbert, affectionately known as 'Big Herb' and 'Pop-Pop,' took great pride as a member of Eureka Lodge #52, going above and beyond to exhibit the values of brotherhood, charity, compassion, and equality; always lifting the spirits of others. Big Herb has always been a man of integrity, a loving father and husband, a devoted family man, and good friend to many. He also served as a long-time member of the Union Baptist Church Ushering Ministry.

He is predeceased by his son, Stephen L. Mayer, Sr., brothers, Jasper Mayer, Adam Mayer, James Mayer, John Mayer, and sisters, Doris Neeley, Edna McMorris, and Virginia Jones.

Big Herb leaves to cherish his memory to his wife, Madeline L. Mayer; daughter, Andrea L. Mayer; son, Herbert B. Mayer, Jr.; daughter-in-law, Cyndi Mayer; his 7 grandchildren, Natasha M. Richardson, Christina M. Richardson, Stephen L. Mayer, Jr., Rachel M. Mayer, David L. Mayer, Jesse R. Mayer and Adra N. Mayer; three great grandchildren, Malachi Z. Johnson, Mason Ferguson, and Adriana Mayer; and sisters, Willie-Mae Brown, Ida Maryland Mayer and Betty-Jean Corley; brother, Bobby Mayer; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

"When I am gone, release me, let me go. I have so many things to see and do, you mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears, but be thankful we had so many good years."

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....“Melvin Calhoun”

Hymn of Comfort.....“Amazing Grace”

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Hensley Massop (Nephew)

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-4.....Deacon Rose Mayer (Sister-in-law)

New Testament - Thessalonians 4:13-18.....Deacon Alfreda Massop (Niece)

Musical Selection.....Deacon Laverne Williams
“He Touched Me”

Remarks by Family & Friends.....Two Minutes Please

Acknowledgements & Resolutions

Reading of the Obituary.....Noel Mayer (Nephew)

Musical Selection.....Deacon Laverne Williams
“In the Garden”

Eulogy.....Rev. A. Craig Dunn

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Interment
Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey

Repast

***Immediately following the Interment family and friends
are invited for a repast at Eureka Lodge #52 Prince Hall
173 Glenridge Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042***

Broken Chain

We little knew that morning
God was to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
in death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.
Ron Tranmer©

Pallbearers

Brothers of Eureka Lodge #52
Montclair, NJ

Acknowledgement

The Mayer family wishes to extend a heartfelt thanks for the overwhelming love and support shown by those who have expressed their condolences and offered their prayers, words of comfort and deepest sympathy. We are grateful for the kindness shown during this time, and we hope that he has made a memorable and lasting impact on your life as he has done ours.

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