



*In Loving Memory  
of*



*Joseph Mayhan*

*Sunrise*  
*December 11, 1961*

*Sunset*  
*May 28, 2019*

*Service*

*Friday, June 14, 2019 • 5:00 p.m.*

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**  
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

## Obituary

**Joseph Lee Mayhan**, affectionately known as “Joe” was born on December 11, 1961 in Newark, New Jersey to the late Martin Luther and Vinnie Lee Mayhan. Early on Joe attended Quitman Street Elementary School and later attended Central High School.

Joe was extremely clever and quick-witted. As a child, he was exceptionally smart and often landed in the top classes throughout school. His favorite subjects were math and history, and he excelled at both. It was remarkable how his brain worked and the random knowledge he had at any given time. Joe was even well versed in the Holy Bible and would quote things from the Bible if the circumstances called for it.

Joe had a good sense of humor and an all-around charming personality. Whenever he came around he always brought the jokes and laughter with him. Joe was quite a guy. He also loved listening to and signing Blue Magic. But boy did he have a temper and boy he could fight. He loved to fight and in fact, he was a skilled boxer and even held the State Championship Title in Rahway Prison from 1980-1982.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents; Martin and Vinnie Mayhan, a brother; Martin Luther Mayhan, Jr., and two sisters; Paula and Brenda Mayhan.

Joseph, 57, returned to his heavenly home May 28, 2019 in Toms River, New Jersey.

Joseph leaves to cherish his memory; his only daughter; Shakeenah Smith, three grandchildren; Ibn Smith, Murad Anderson, and Kylie Collins all of Newark, New Jersey, one brother; James Taylor Mayhan (Darlene Mayhan) of Newark, New Jersey, two sisters; Kathy Mayhan of Roanoke, Virginia and Monica Mayhan-Rucker (Larry Rucker) of Stone Mountain, Georgia. Joe also leaves a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free?*

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

## **CREMATION**

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## Psalm 23

*The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

### Acknowledgement

The family of **Joseph Mayhan** wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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