Celebrating the Life of

Robert Lee Mayes

Sunrise September 19, 1943 Sunset December 11, 2021

Tuesday, December 21, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.

Seminary Baptist Church

193 Haledon Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey Rev. Alfred Steele, Officiating Terrence Kitchings, Organist

<u>Obituary</u>

Robert Lee Mayes was born on September 19, 1943 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Rebecca Kearny (George) Griffin and Woodrow Mayes.

Robert Lee attended the Stoney Lone School System in Warrenton, North Carolina, before relocating to New Jersey in his late teens, where he lived a full and wonderful life.

Robert Lee was employed at Joseph Ferguson Construction Company for 35 years until he retired.

Robert Lee was a skilled gardener, mechanic and hunter. Each year he would plant a full garden of fruits and vegetables in his backyard. He enjoyed hunting with his friends and preparing wild game dishes. His children often wondered what they were eating for dinner. His wife would joke "he's truly a country boy, they ate what they caught."

Robert Lee was also a skilled mechanic and an avid race care driver. He took pride in his cars and won several racing trophies.

Robert Lee often joked and had fun teasing his children's friends by giving them names of endearment and they would return the jester. Especially by greeting him "Hey Bill" because of the workmen shirt he wore with the name Bill on it. Of all his pleasured past times, lottery scratch off tickets were his favorite. He also discovered later in life that he was an artist after his new found love for coloring. He was always displaying his work to his children.

Robert was preceded in death by his wonderful wife; Albertha Mayes, grandson; Darron Mayes and his brother; Garland Mayes.

Robert Lee Mayes departed this life peacefully on Saturday, December 11, 2021 with his family by his side.

He leaves to cherish and honor his memory his children; Carolyn Harrison, Robert Jr. (Annette) Mayes, Margaret (Ervin) Green, Teresa (Frank) Reynolds, Rebecca Mayes, Alicia Pierce, Brian Pierce, brother; Ronald (Mildred) Mayes, fifteen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, god children and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, devoted friends and neighbors.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings Old Testament - Psalm 23 New Testament - Romans 8:38-39

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgments

Remarks

Reflections of Life

Solo

Words of Comfort Rev. Alfred Steele

Recessional

Entombment Fair Lawn Memorial Park

Fair Lawn Memorial Park Fair Lawn, New Jersey

I Never Left You

I watch you every day I am always very near I know deep in your heart You realize I am here I watch you while you sleep In your bed at home I hear you when you speak to me When you are on your own You cannot understand The reason why I have gone But I will never leave you I am there to keep you strong Talk to me I hear you Though you may not see We share an unbroken bond That will always be Death won't keep us apart For our Love is Forever Just remember me in your heart And one day we will be together Live your life and live it full Don't waste a single day Remember I am always with you Every step of the way.

Hcknowledgment

The family of the late **Robert Lee Mayes** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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