

*Celebrating the Life of  
John William Mayo, Sr.*

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Sunrise  
October 17, 1945

Sunset  
November 9, 2022



**Thursday, November 17, 2022 - 12:00 Noon**

**St. Luke Baptist Church**

139 Carroll Street, Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Dr. Kenneth D.R. Clayton, Pastor*

# Obituary

John William Mayo, Sr. was born on October 17, 1945, to the late John A. Mayo and Victoria James Mayo in Paterson, New Jersey.

He was educated in the Paterson Public School system, graduating from Central High School in 1964. While there, he played football and lettered in track.

He was employed as a Chemical Operator for Mobay Chemical Corporation in Haledon, NJ for many years, before retiring.

After his retirement from Mobay, he began working for Pathmark, and the School Transportation Company before retiring again.

John loved all sports and participated in a bowling league during his adult years.

He enjoyed fishing and would often take his family out for “a ride” that would turn into a quiet fishing trip. As a football fan, one of his favorite pastimes was watching and rooting for the NY Jets.

Along with his love of sports, John was very interested in politics. As an avid watcher of MSNBC, CNN and other news, he was very adept at discussing current issues and was well versed in the names of elected officials and their stance on important issues.

John loved to study the Bible, commentaries and listened to many sermons in a desire to grow spiritually and deepen his relationship with God. He often shared what he learned about God’s word with anyone who showed an interest.

John or “Pop Pop” as he was affectionately called, was a devoted grandfather. He was kind, soft spoken and always took an interest in the lives of his grandchildren. He often visited, advised, and encouraged them to get a good education, and follow their dreams for their future. Pop Pop was actively interested in the large and small details of his grandchildren’s lives.

He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

John was preceded in death by his wife; Leila Jackson Mayo, brothers; Melvin L. Mayo and Samuel A. Mayo.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories: daughter; Vanessa Moore (Lenny) of Paterson, NJ, son; John W. Mayo, Jr. of Newton, NJ, three granddaughters; Kenya M. Moore, Lauren A. Mayo and Romy W. Mayo, two grandsons; Corey S. Moore and John W. Mayo III, bonus grandson; Aidan D. Edwards, two sisters; Bertha Sanders (John) Dover, DE and Evelyn Drumright (Felix) of Clifton, NJ, one brother; Robert E. Mayo (Brenda) of Midlothian, VA and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

*I pray that my love for everyone will overflow more and more. That I will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. I want to understand what really matters so that I may live a pure and blameless life until Christ returns. May I always be filled with the fruit of my salvation. Those good things that are produced in my life by Jesus Christ. For this will bring much glory and praise to you.*

*In Jesus Name We Pray. Amen*

# Order of Service

## **Hymn of Comfort**

#248 “Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”

## **Scripture Readings**

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: John 14:1-6

## **The Prayer of Comfort**

## **The Prayer Response**

#333 “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

## **The Hymn of Hope and Assurance**

#325 “We’ll Understand It Better By and By”

## **Expressions of Sympathy and Comfort**

## **Acknowledgements and Reflections of Life**

## **Selection**

## **The Message of Comfort**

Pastor Clayton

## **Recessional**

#432 “I’ll Fly Away”

## **Interment**

Fair Lawn Cemetery  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

# *I Made It Home*

I just wanted to let you know I made it home.

Everything is so pretty here, so fresh, so new. I wish that you could close your eyes so you could see it too.

Please try not to be sad for me. Try to understand.

God is taking care of me...I'm in the shelter of His hands.

Here there is no sadness, and no sorrow, and no pain.

Here there is no crying, and I'll never hurt again.

Here it is so peaceful, when all the angels sing.

I really have to go now...I've just got to try my wings.

P.S....I'll be the first face you see when you get here!!

## *Acknowledgment*

The family of **John William Mayo, Sr.** 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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