



Beaudell M. Mayo

May 1, 1940 - October 3, 2021

Quietly she murmured, “it will be over in a minute.” God knew the road would be rough and the hills harder to climb, and on Sunday, October 3, 2021 he whispered, “peace be thine” and in the blink of an eye, Beaudell Mae Mayo peacefully transitioned into eternal rest.

Sunrise - Beaudell Mae Mayo was born May 1, 1940, in Hallsboro, North Carolina to the late Daniel J. and Ruth Freeman Blanks. She was the middle child, welcomed by her older sister, Geraldine, to be followed by her younger sister, Sandra. In 1942, the family moved to Washington, DC where she was raised.

A Time to Learn - Beaudell attended the District of Columbia Public School system. She started at Bernie Elementary, on to Douglas Junior High, ending with graduation from Martha Washington Vocational High School as a seamstress. She carried her seamstress talent through life and often sewed outfits for her children and nieces & nephews on special occasions.

A Time to Wed – A visit to People’s Drug Store in Silver Spring, MD later led to Beaudell marrying Jimmie C. Mayo on May 26, 1962. They were blessed with four children- Gary (deceased), Kelvin, Cotreana and Robin. They enjoyed 22 years of love & laughter until his passing in 1984.

A Time to Work & Serve - Beaudell started her career with the DC Department of Recreation Cooperative Play Program at Woodson Junior High Recreation Center. Her gentle manner and caring spirit for children were a perfect fit. Over the years, she worked at several other jobs before she settled at the Gift Shop in the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. Affectionately known as "Ms. Mae" by her co-workers, she devoted over 15 years of service to the museum and later retired in 2010. Growing up, Beaudell's mother, Ruth "Tis" Blanks, instilled a strong religious foundation throughout the family. Along her journey, Beaudell never forgot the importance of simply thanking God for daily blessings and the strength to weather the storms of life.

A Time to Live & Laugh - Above anything else, Beaudell loved her Family. From the Freeman Family Reunions and return trips to Hallsboro, to the holidays spent at "Tis's," to summertime CookOuts, to birthday parties for the kids, she thoroughly enjoyed being surrounded by Family. And don't forget the many pics she would take on her always present, disposable cameras to capture the moments! She had her "southern streak" when it came to food – whether cooking or eating, she loved pig feet, all soul food and salmon and grits on Sunday mornings! After family, came Friends; she would often venture out to Game Nights to enjoy, more fun. She loved playing board games and just about any card game one could think of. Her giving and caring spirit led so many to shout out to her as "Momma Mayo." From time to time, she enjoyed hanging out with her sister Geraldine's Senior Group, the Brentwood Young at Heart Seniors, traveling throughout the Washington DC metro area to events and activities. When she wanted some quiet time, she would be glued to the Game Show Network (GSN), along with winding down doing crossword puzzles. And last, but in no way the least, were her "Grands" & "Great Grands." She never missed birthdays or special occasions. She could often be heard calling Jimese & Jasmine on the phone to check on if Jailyn, Jamall and Josiah made it home from school; along with a report on how Marlei and Jaxon were doing for the day. Often, she would simply call,

Janeen, Labria, and Leroy – just to say Hi.

A Time to Mourn -"But they that wait upon the lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, and shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31 - To cherish her memory- children; Gary A. Mayo (deceased), Kelvin A. Mayo, Cotreana Mayo-Porter, Robin King (Leroy, Jr), grandchildren; Jimese (Jamall), Jasmine Mayo, Janeen King, Labria King, Leroy King, great-grandchildren; Jailyn Price, Jamall Price Jr., Josiah Mayo, Marlei Pride, Jaxon Price; sister, Geraldine Washington (deceased, Ralph Sr.), sister Sandra Carroll and brother-in-law Deforce preceded her in death; sisters-in-law, Francis Mitchell (John), Pearl McGriff, Alva West, Patricia Farmer; brother-in-law, Arthur Lee Mayo (deceased) (Pearline), John Mayo (Patricia), a devoted friend for over 50 years, Betty Lewis and a host of extended relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

National Harmony Memorial Park

7101 Sheriff Rd
Landover, MD 20785

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Pilgrim Baptist Church
700 I Street N.E.
Washington, DC 20002

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beaudell M. Mayo*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *To the Mayo Family's sorry for you loss , may God strengthen you'll at this difficult time. God will not put no more on you then you can bear. Beaudell was very kind heart lady with a beautiful smile and love to cook when you enter into her home you felt welcome. Beaudell will truly be miss continue to rest well ,I love you and will miss you. Wanda Bracey*

Wanda Bracey - October 14, 2021 at 08:01 PM



“ *Gloria, Sharon, Wanda and Familly purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Beaudell M. Mayo.*



Gloria, Sharon, Wanda and Familly - October 14, 2021 at 08:39 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Beaudell M. Mayo.*



October 13, 2021 at 01:24 PM

BF

“ *My prayers and condolences to the Mayo Family at this difficult time. Ms Mayo was nicest person you could ever meet. RIH Ms Mayo I will truly miss our weekly phone calls, game Night Which you loved playing cards and Pokéo.*

boo ferrell - October 12, 2021 at 05:43 PM



*My thoughts and prayers are with your Family at this time of bereavement. Ms. Mayo was very sweet, kind, nice and loving. She always had a smile on her face and whenever she would see me she would ask about my niece and nephew. Ms. Mayo not only loved the kids, but she loved people. I will always remember our time traveling on trips and playing cards. Continue to RIP Ms. Mayo it's time to receive your crown.
Love Karen Drummond*

Karen Drummond - October 13, 2021 at 05:06 AM

BF

“ *Boo Ferrell lit a candle in memory of Beaudell M. Mayo*



boo ferrell - October 12, 2021 at 05:38 PM

BF

“ *My prayers and condolences To the Mayo family, words can express how deeply sadden I am of your Mom's passing. Ms. Mayo was nicest person you could ever meet. RIH Mayo you will be truly missed.*



boo ferrell - October 12, 2021 at 05:20 PM

TN

“ *The Washington Family (nieces & nephews) purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Beaudell M. Mayo.*



The Washington Family (nieces & nephews) - October 12, 2021 at 03:06 PM

YG

“ *Your loving sister, Geraldine purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Beaudell M. Mayo.*



Your loving sister, Geraldine - October 12, 2021 at 02:49 PM

JJ

“ *To the Mayo Family our Condolences and prayers are with you!!*

The Alston Family JOHN

john alston jr - October 12, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - October 07, 2021 at 11:18 AM

WB

My deepest sympathy goes out to the family doing this difficult time of your loss of your Mother, Grandmom, Sister and Aunt praying God will strengthen each and everyone of you doing this time, Beaudell was a sweet lady when I saw her she alway had a smile on her face she will be truly miss but God know best love you Beaudell and I will miss you, rest in paradise until we meet again. LOVE Wanda 🌷🌷🌸🌸🌻🌻🌻
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Wanda Bracey - October 12, 2021 at 05:05 PM