



Mr. Raymond C. Mayo Jr.

January 13, 1935 - February 19, 2023

Raymond Charles Mayo, Jr., departed this life on Sunday, February 19, 2023 peacefully at home in Washington, DC. Raymond was born in Trenton, New Jersey on January 13, 1935 to the late Raymond Charles Mayo, Sr., and Gladys Rose Mayo, the third of six children.

Raymond had fond memories of his childhood in a large family. With one working parent and five siblings, there were occasions where Raymond would wear his older sister Julia's hand me downs. He adored his older brother Robert ("Bob") so much that he followed him just about everywhere. People thought that Bob had a permanent shadow. As he would say about his brother, he was good at everything. He loved his next younger brother William ("Bill"), and it was him breaking his collar bone that gave him the motivation to join the U.S. Air Force. During the summer two sets of the boys went to Trenton at a time to stay with relatives and he enjoyed his visit with his brother Richard ("Dick"). Despite the age gap with his youngest sister Patricia, he was very proud of her accomplishments, as the first in the family to graduate with a college degree. Throughout his life he lovingly took care of his mother, siblings and extended family, he was always available to answer their calls for assistance.

After graduating from Newtown High School in 1953, he worked at a staple factory for a short time before he enlisted in the military, following in the

footsteps of his brother. Raymond chose to serve in the U.S. Air Force while Bob served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He joined the U.S. Air Force to become a pilot but was denied the opportunity to do so due to the escalating racial climate of the 50's. Unfortunately, he experienced racism during his tour but was fortunate to align with allies that prevented him from physical harm. He traveled to many states in the U.S. including Geneva, NY, Biloxi, MS, Spokane, WA, and Alaska, and even served abroad in Japan and Thailand.

He then furthered his training in Denver, CO and was subsequently reassigned shortly thereafter to Andrews Air Force Base where he met Marian Lee Williams. They were united in marriage on January 9, 1959. As a military spouse, she supported her husband as he took on new stateside assignments.

He retired from the military on July 1, 1973. After leaving the military, he transitioned to a civilian career as a Department of Energy contractor supervisor and commuted to work with Marian until her retirement in 1991.

To this union one child was born, Monica, during the latter part of his service. He was deeply proud of the woman she had become, both personally and professionally. During his retirement he was a dedicated grandfather to Jeffrey Jr., and Raymond, who affectionately referred to him as "Big Daddy". He chauffeured them from school and activities while their parents worked. He helped with homework, played on the 6123 Sargent Rd personal swing set and spoiled them rotten. He was a consistent fan at Raymond's Banneker City Little League baseball games.

He was a very quiet, humble, integrity filled man, who loved to fix things based on what his father taught him growing up. He was a do-it-yourselfer who meticulously approached any project. He was very kind, loving and generous, especially to his family.

Raymond was pre-deceased by his devoted wife, Marian who departed this life on December 6, 2015. As well as three of his siblings, Julia Etta Mayo Grant, Robert Arthur Mayo, Sr., and William Sanderson Mayo I. Also pre-deceased by his nephew, Bruce Edward Grant and niece Kelly Ann Mayo-Walker.

He leaves to cherish his memory a dedicated daughter, Monica Mayo Shelton; grandsons, Jeffrey Jr., and

Raymond; sister, Patricia Mayo Ogundele, and brother Richard Mayo; nieces, Diane Warren, Shelia Grant, Rhonda Mayo, Robert Mayo, William Mayo II, and Andrea Gosfield; a beloved great-nephew and family historian, Derrick Mayo and a host of great and great-great nieces and nephews; sister-in-law Ethel Williams; brother-in-law, Alvin Stevenson; a devoted nephew Darryl (Gail) Davis; niece Kim Mathis; a caring niece, Jennifer Perez; and other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - The District of Columbia
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Service

MAR 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marshall-March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Raymond C. Mayo Jr.*



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - March 27, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *Mr. Raymond C. Mayo Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Remembering your family in heartfelt prayer.
May the God of all comfort help to ease the pain of your grief. With
caring thoughts.*

Evans family - March 23, 2023 at 06:21 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Mr. Raymond C. Mayo Jr..*



March 23, 2023 at 10:56 AM

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“ March 22, 2023

*To the family and friends of Raymond Charles Mayo, Jr.
Please accept my written condolences as you mourn Ray's passing.*

My name is Frank Qualls and I came to know Mr. Raymond Charles Mayo, Jr. as Ray. He is the person who interviewed and hired me early in my career back in 1979 as a 26-year old electronics technician at Weinschel Engineering in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

At the interview Ray asked technical and relevant questions of my knowledge and background conducive for a microwave technician position in the shop he managed. At that time I thought Weinschel was manufacturing microwave components for ovens. My answers were acceptable and he said "then I can teach you the microwave theory used in building our Weinschel Engineering test instruments." I was offered the job and hired on the spot!

Ray ensured that I was trained in a technical environment while I learned microwave theory and applied this knowledge to Weinschel microwave instrumentation production. These high-level measurement instruments were used for testing military electronics and satellite communications systems. Unbeknownst to me, under Ray's tutelage, I obtained the necessary knowledge that opened many doors to my successful 39-year career in military airborne, seaborne electronic warfare systems and satellite communications.

It is by happenstance that I learned of Ray's passing in the March 19, 2023 in the Washington Post obituary section as I was seeking another person's obituary. 40-plus years has passed since I first met Ray. Over subsequent years we both exchanged family Christmas greetings yearly. Due to our moving we lost contact the next twenty-years. There are seasons in our lives where certain people make a profound and purposeful impact on you personally; Ray was that person for me. As an African-American male it's important to share my story and upon seeing his obituary I knew I had to write this

tribute.

Many times in my Communications career when I would arrive and participate in technical meetings or travel to a remote location I was the only Africa-American male present with a knowledge of microwave and radio frequency theory! And I owe it all to Mr. Raymond Charles Mayo, Jr., who prepared me well for my career starting at Weinschel Engineering. I am blessed and grateful to this day to reflect on the impact he had on my career and life.

To Ray's family and friends please accept my deepest condolences knowing that I too remember and mourn Ray's passing.

Respectfully,

Frank Qualls

Retired, NPR Technical Director/Satellite System Maintenance

Frank Qualls - March 22, 2023 at 11:26 AM

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“*Monica, Condolences on the passing of your father. When I saw his obituary I thought that you might be his daughter. Wishing you solace that you will see him again. Mary Ellen Hughes, St. John Baptist de la Salle teacher*

Mary Ellen Hughes - March 22, 2023 at 09:23 AM



“ 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 - March 09, 2023 at 09:27 AM