

## <u>Obituary</u>

**Edward "Sonny" Mayo** was born to Rufus and Eleanor Mayo on April 8, 1932 in Newark, NJ.

Edward attended and graduated from Newark Public Schools. He resided in Newark his entire life. Edward was a Veteran of the US Military and was stationed in Korea during the Korean Conflict in 1950. Edward was employed for multiple years as a maintenance worker in hospitals and later worked at a book publishing company before retiring.

Edward was a superb bowler and was the recipient of many bowling trophies and awards. In fact, before he took ill, he spent most of his time bowling. He belonged to several bowling leagues and was sought by many to join their leagues. Edward also liked to play baseball and over the years became the coach of a number of women's softball teams. Edward also loved photography and spent most holidays and family gatherings taking pictures of his loved ones. He was often asked to photograph others' special occasions. He was an excellent photographer.

Edward "Sonny" Mayo leaves to mourn his passing: his beloved niece, Deborrah Fuller and her husband, James Fuller of Piscataway, NJ; six great nieces, Kanika Fuller, Tanisha Fuller, Janel Fuller, Ashley Fuller (Reves), Tyla Fuller and Tiphany Fuller; four great nephews, Jaymes Fuller, Tamir Fuller, Dane Reves, Jr., and Dorian Reves; as well as a host of additional family and friends.

He will be greatly missed.

## I Did Not Die

Do not stand at my grave and weep: I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow: I am the diamond glints on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain: I am the gentle autumn's rain. When you awaken in the Morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush Of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft star that shines at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there: I did not die. -Melinda Sue Pacho



## May I Go Now

May I go now Do you think the time is right? May I say goodbye to pain - filled days and endless lonely nights? I've lived my life and done my best, an example tried to be, So can I take that step beyond and set my spirit free? I fought with all my might, but something seems to draw me now, To a warm and lovely light. Thank you so for loving me, you know I love you too. That's why it's hard to say goodbye and end this life with you. So hold me now just one more time and let me hear you say, Because you care so much for me, you'll let me go today.

-Author unknown

## <u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family of **Edward Mayo** will remember and cherish the kindness of your many expressions of love, sympathy, prayers, messages and courtesies so graciously extended. Thank you and may God richly bless you.

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