

A portrait of an elderly woman with short, light-colored hair, wearing glasses and a dark jacket over a light-colored top. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background of the entire page is a soft, light purple and pink floral pattern, featuring large, delicate flowers.

*In Loving  
Memory  
of*

*Dianne Mayo*

Sunrise: June 14, 1947  
Sunset: August 18, 2022

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2022 -11:00 AM

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

## *Obituary*

Dianne (Grady) Mayo, of Belleville, was born June 14, 1947, in Bennettsville, S.C. She moved to New Jersey in 1951. She met and married William M. Ford that union produced their daughter Crystal Ford.

Dianne had a sunny disposition always with a cheerful attitude. She was always generous with a hug, in fact, she was the family's hugger, always explaining why a hug was good for you. Dianne was the youngest of five siblings with two brothers and two sisters. She was 13 years their junior. Dianne was always known for her beautiful flawless skin and intoxicating green eyes.

Dianne attended Weequahic High School in Newark, NJ and was a Modern Jazz Dancer. She was a very hard worker throughout her life and helped with the family's business (Sydney's) her brother's restaurant deli and bar, where they had the best corn beef and pastrami sandwiches. When she arrived at work the place was illuminated by with her shimmering personality and infectious smile. Dianne worked at General Motors for the balance of her career as the front desk receptionist, greeting all who came through the front doors. When you arrived at work, you can be sure you can be greeted with a smile. She was so adored in that position party, and her voice being lyrical and welcoming that the company used her voice as a greeting for all incoming calls. She had the perfect voiceover. When the division closed, Dianne went to work for Union Hospital as their receptionist, where again she was loved by all who cross paths with her. She loved to cook and care for her family and welcomed everyone, she was just that type of person. Dianne's open heart and loving nature knew no bounds, and was apparent in her smiling eyes, upbeat personality, and in the feel-good aftermath she always left in her wake. All those who knew her treasured her kindness and eagerly rewarded her trustworthiness. Dianne met Willie Mayo and was re-married in Jan. 1990 where they spent their time together in Belleville, NJ. Both had children from previous marriages and became one blended family, having great cookouts, dance recitals, school sports, all holidays, which Dianne loved to decorate the home for each occasion.

Dianne is survived by her husband, Willie Mayo, Daughters, Crystal Allen, Janne Mayo, Alzera Mayo and son Willie Mayo Jr., Grandchildren, Kelly Ford, Derek Oden Jr., Angeline Ford, Christian Giovanni Ford-Holt, Kenneth Goodwin (Natasha), Autries Goodwin and Jason Valentine, Great Grandchildren, Bryson Goodwin and many other loving family members and friends.



*Order of Service*

Processional

Selection - Prophet Zuriel Campbell

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection - Prophet Zuriel Campbell

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Selection - Second Baptist Church

Obituary

Selection - Prophet Zuriel Campbell

Eulogy - Pastor Dr. Bessie Davis

Recessional

*Interment*

Glendale Cemetery

Bloomfield, New Jersey



## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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