



## Robert Lee Mays Sr

August 8, 1943 - March 19, 2020

Robert Lee Mays Sr., 76, of Daytona Beach, FL passed away Thursday, March 19, 2020 in Orlando, FL.

Robert was born on August 8, 1943 in Daytona Beach FL to Agnes Elmore. He graduated from Campbell High School and afterward served in the U.S. Army Airborne division. While stationed four years in Mainz, Germany he met and married the love of his life, the former Renate Lang.

After returning to the U.S., Robert was employed as the first full time African American police officer at the Daytona Beach police department where he served the community for 23 years. He was well known and respected by many. He had a smile that could light up a room and enjoyed having conversations with people wherever he went. He was an avid fisherman and took great pride in spending time with his family. Robert began studying the Bible and eventually decided to dedicate his life to Jehovah God. On December 25, 1973, he symbolized this dedication by getting baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. From then on, he volunteered much of his time to teach Bible truths to others, especially members of his family. He believed that only God's Kingdom, ruled by His son Jesus Christ, will solve mankind's problems. (Matthew 6:10) He also had a very active share in the prison ministry and helped many develop a relationship with God until he became ill. After becoming ill, he was comforted by the Bible's promise of a resurrection (John 5:28, 29) and looked forward to living on a paradise earth with a perfect mind and body, surrounded by loved ones. (Psalms 37:29)

Robert is survived by two sons- Robert Lee Mays Jr., and his wife Sarah Mays (Whitehead), Reinhart Mays of Daytona Beach, FL, and two daughters- Brenda Mays of Palm Coast, FL, Rebecca Mays of Daytona Beach, FL. Also, siblings- Arthur, Pamela, Debbie, Brenda, Janice, Audrey, and William (Billy), 7 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Renate Mays (Lang) in 2014, mother Agnes, siblings Jackie, Sharon, Barbara, and Loretta.

# Previous Events

## Private Family Viewing

MAR 28. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations  
910 W. Michigan Street  
Orlando, FL 32805  
(407) 841-4424  
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Thank you for your service to your country and your communiy. My condolences to the family. May you rest in peace.

Lynn Leonard - March 26, 2020 at 06:54 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Mays Sr.



March 24, 2020 at 05:46 PM



“ Whiteheads purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Robert Lee Mays Sr.



Whiteheads - March 23, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Mays Sr.



March 22, 2020 at 10:10 PM

AJ

“ My Husband and I would like to send our condolences to the Mays family and friends during this difficult time. It was such a great pleasure meeting and speaking with your father during the past year while visiting your Hall. He was such a quiet and approachable person. Robert you and Sarah made his last few years such a joy and enjoyment. The outings, vacations and attendance at the meetings brought him such happiness. He knew he was Loved and Truly Cared for by You and a Host of Physical and Spiritual Family and Friends. We look forward to the day when we will welcome him back. It is 'Just Around The Corner'

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**Arelisus and Glenda James** - March 22, 2020 at 08:57 PM

RJ

Thank you very much for your kind words and reminders. Yes, we are so close!

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**Robert Lee Mays Jr** - March 23, 2020 at 11:26 AM

DC

My condolences to family. I was a police dispatcher when Robert was a police officer. His hearty laugh and kindness will always be remembered by me. Debbie Colancheck (Stilwell).

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**Deborah Colancheck** - March 25, 2020 at 01:08 PM

JS

Condolences to the Mays family. I was in the Daytona Beach Police Explorers in the early 1980's and Bob was our adviser. I had tremendous respect for Bob and in some way I would say I was led into a Law Enforcement career (31 years) because of Bob's guidance. Thanks "Bo" for being there for us, guiding us, teaching us to always "do what you think is right" and being a leader and mentor. You will be sadly missed my friend. Thank you for everything you did for us.

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**Joe Van Seeters** - March 26, 2020 at 07:35 PM

RW

*I always enjoyed listening to the experiences of Bro. Mays in Germany as well as in the United States. I enjoyed hearing him talk about how he came into Bible truth and became a witness. And when he did talk about it, his whole face would light up.*

*Remel Whitehead*

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**Remel Whitehead** - March 28, 2020 at 11:51 AM