



## Josifani Moyo

October 3, 1941 - December 9, 2020

Josifani Munyika Moyo, affectionately referred to as Daddy, Pop-Pop, Uncle Joe and by most simply as “Joe

Moyo”, was born on October 3, 1941 in Zishavane, Zimbabwe.

Joe is the eldest son of six children born to Jairos Munyika and Shoorayi Shumba Moyo of the Shona speaking

Bantu Tribe. Joe was fiercely devoted to his family, particularly to his mother, to whom he often described as

“the kindest person one could ever meet”.

By 1957, at the young age of 16, Joe was one of only four students in his primary class selected to attend

Fletcher High School, a prominent government sponsored all male boarding school in Gweru, Zimbabwe. Upon

graduation from Fletcher High School in 1963, Joe received a full scholarship to continue his academic pursuits

in the United States at Waynesburg University, Waynesburg, PA, where he he earned a Bachelor of Science

Degree in Mathematics and Chemistry.

After graduation, Joe attended Purdue University in West LaFayette Indiana, where in 1970 he earned a

Master of Science Degree in Chemical Physics.

During this period in 1967 Joe married Janet Lee Patterson of Pittsburgh, PA. Together they spent the next

fifty-four years through life together, during which time they produced two daughters, who became the center

of Joe’s and Janet’s life. Erita Munyika Moyo was born in 1967 and Selina Munyika Moyo followed in 1974.

From 1972 to 2020 Joe was the Academic Program Director and Mathematics Instructor at Bidwell Cultural

Training Center-Manchester Craftman’s Guild, Pittsburgh, PA., where he was noted for his very successful and

unique style of teaching, known as “Moyo’s Math”.

At the sacrifice of his own desires, wants, and needs, Joe’s complete humility, devotion to his family and his personal values based on giving, and giving, and giving has left an unreplicable imprint of giving on his family, both in the United States and in Zimbabwe, and the City of Pittsburgh. Consequently, Joe leaves a legacy, which was truly ordained by GOD himself before the beginning of this world. His deep affection and lifelong passion for golf, which he developed during his youth in Zimbabwe, continued to the end of his life. In fact one year Joe’s endless enjoyment of golf rewarded him with a remarkable hole-in-one.

Joe’s sudden and unexpected departure has left an enormous void filled with pain for his family and all of those who loved him. This is chiefly due to the one common denominator in Joe’s life, which was simple and quite clear, as his math lessons. It was “Love”.

Josifani Munyika Moyo is survived by his beloved wife and life partner for fifty-four years, Janet Lee Moyo;

Daughters Erita Munyika Moyo, Plainfield, Illinois; Selina Munyika Moyo Anderson, Son-in-Law Charles

Anderson, Esquire, and adored granddaughter Leah Erita Anderson, Fort Mill, SC. Joe is also survived by two

direct siblings’ eldest sister Erita Tagwi and younger brother Zivai Mbrenego Moyo of Zimbabwe. Joe is loved

and cherished by scores of students in the Pittsburgh area and an army of extended family both in the United

States and worldwide, and a host of friends.

Joe’s only and last request is to have his remains returned to the soil and land of which he originated.

His family on a date in the future date will fulfill his request.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Tunie Funeral Home, Inc.  
218 E. 11th Avenue  
Homestead, PA 15120  
(412) 462-6466  
lisajohnson@tuniefuneralhome.com  
<http://www.tuniefuneralhome.com/Default.aspx>

## Service

DEC 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Tunie Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Josifani Moyo*



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**Tunie Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 17, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ *Josifani Moyo*

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January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Josifani Moyo*

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January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *best teacher i ever met.....best supervisor i ever had....W.illiam Bernhardy....instructor 16 yrs under this great educator ....has been my priviledge to know Mr. Moyo*

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**William D Bernhardy** - December 24, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ *Dearest Janet and family, I was so sorry to hear of the recent loss of your dear Joe. I remember many years ago seeing the two of you at Evelyn's, soo much in love. As a young girl, for me, it was a beautiful sight to behold. May you find comfort beneath the shadow of the most High God; there is comfort there. May the precious memories of times well spent enfold you and bring you peace and joy.*

*Much love to you, your daughters, your granddaughter, and all family members, and dear friends.*

*Respectfully yours,*

*Patricia Pugh Mitchell*

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**Patricia Pugh Mitchell** - December 19, 2020 at 08:15 PM

BT

“ It was a joy to watch Josifani labored together with his beautiful wife Janet, as they brought style, charm and elegance in decorating for many of the functions held at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Pittsburgh, PA. They made an affectionate striking couple and a blessing to everyone God gave them to love.



*May this scripture strengthen and encourage you, Janet, your wonderful daughters and your family and friends.*

*"All those who stand before others and say they believe in me, I will say before my Father in heaven that they belong to me.".....Matthew 10:32*

*May God Bless and Keep you💔  
Betty Jean Thompson (BJ)  
Bethel A.M.E. Church*

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**BETTY JEAN THOMPSON** - December 17, 2020 at 01:51 PM

BJ

“ We will miss Joe, his kindness and gentle ways. I always looked forward to his and Janet's visits to Chicago



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**Bill and Susan Johnson** - December 16, 2020 at 11:01 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Josifani Moyo.



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December 16, 2020 at 05:22 PM

JW

“ Josephine White lit a candle in memory of Josifani Moyo



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**Josephine White** - December 16, 2020 at 04:14 PM

JW

“ To Janet, Erita and Selina, I am so sorry for the loss of Joe. I will miss him. He was my favorite brother in law. Joe was always sweet and pleasant. I know he is in Heaven smiling down on you.

Your sister and aunt Josie

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Josephine White - December 16, 2020 at 03:42 PM

SM

“ Erita, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. My deepest sympathies to you and your family. Fondly, Sandy Martinez

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Sandra Martinez - December 16, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Josifani Moyo.



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December 15, 2020 at 02:53 PM

BA

“ Mr. Moyo was my math teacher at Bidwell. What a joy to be around and easy to learn from. We had great times in his classroom and I'm grateful to have known him. God bless his family.

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Brotha Ash - December 15, 2020 at 02:13 PM

EM

“ Mr. Moyo was one of those individuals that had a passion for what he did and he made everyone feel special and believe me, you understood whatever he was explaining in the end. He was highly respected and loved by those who had the privilege of knowing him, whether it was through learning, or working, or golfing. He never missed his weekly visits to his favorite place "Bread Works" for his bagels. God Speed Mr. Moyo. . You will be missed, but your memories will live on Forever. My deepest sympathy and prayers is with the family.

Ellen M

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Ellen L Mixon - December 15, 2020 at 12:25 PM

TS

*My deepest sympathy and prayers to the family.*

**Theresa Straub** - December 15, 2020 at 01:06 PM

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“ *Ellen Mixon (BTC) purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Josifani Moyo.*



**Ellen Mixon (BTC)** - December 15, 2020 at 11:51 AM

JD

“ *I went to college with Joe. We were both math majors. I remember Joe as a very intelligent fellow and nice man who also was a very good golfer. My sympathies go out to all his friends and family.*

**Joe Denti** - December 15, 2020 at 10:55 AM

Profile icon

“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Josifani Moyo.*



December 14, 2020 at 08:06 PM

RG

“ *My deepest sympathies to the Moyo family. May God bless you and give you strength during these extremely difficult times.*

*I worked with Mr. Moyo for over 32 years. He was such a wonderful man and I have so many fond memories. He was truly an inspiration to not only his students but also his co-workers. He touched so many lives including mine. May you Rest In Peace, Mr. Moyo.*

*Until we meet again.*

*Rose Mary*

**Rose Mary Gubser** - December 14, 2020 at 02:17 PM

GW

“ 11 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Germaine Watkins** - December 14, 2020 at 01:43 PM

GW

*Mr. Moyo was a kind and passionate man. In his deep voice he always asked, "How we doing?!" Thought I'd share these images. He wasn't in front of the camera that often, but when he was he always had a smile.*

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**Germaine Watkins** - December 14, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Josifani Moyo.



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December 14, 2020 at 10:33 AM

JF

“ Jesse, Meloney and Taylor Fife purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Josifani Moyo.



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**Jesse, Meloney and Taylor Fife** - December 14, 2020 at 10:13 AM

KA

“ Very sad news of Mr. Moyo. He will be missed! I remember his deep booming voice, his kind hellos and his compassionate dedication to the Bidwell Training Center students. He gave of himself. We was AWESOME! May his family find comfort in loving memories and may Bidwell carry on his great works with heart and soul like he did.

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**Karen** - December 14, 2020 at 08:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Josifani Moyo.*



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December 14, 2020 at 01:21 AM

MI

“ *Let's give thanks for Josifani who touched the lives of so many. May his memory give us comfort at this time of grief.  
Always your Chesapeake VA family*

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**Minnetta** - December 13, 2020 at 05:27 PM

BJ

“ *Our prayers continue and our love is certain. We know that Our Lord will uplift and carry you.*



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**Bill & Sharon James** - December 13, 2020 at 04:00 PM

MR

*God bless the family!  
The Rankins family!*

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**Mardece. Rankins** - December 13, 2020 at 05:20 PM

VW

*May you find comfort in your memories and strength in the living arms of our Father Christ Jesus.  
Valerie and Michael Wyatt.*

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**Valerie Wyatt** - December 14, 2020 at 07:02 AM

DG

“ Dear Moyo Family,

*I was so saddened to learn of your tragic loss.*

*I met Joe during my year as an AmeriCorps literacy tutor at Bidwell Training Center.*

*He was an inspiration to me.*

*He often took his lunch, sitting at the end of a hallway, so students knew where they could find him when they had questions. He was a TRUE educator, sensitive to his students' needs.*

*Please accept my sincere sympathy and my prayers.*

*Donna M. Grab*

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**Donna M. Grab** - December 12, 2020 at 03:38 PM

PB

*To Rita and Family*

*I extend my very sincere and deepest Sympathy. May the GOD of Peace surround you.*

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**Patricia Brooks** - December 16, 2020 at 01:06 PM