

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Jose J. Mapily

PERSON

Mapily, Jose J., 1941-

**Alternative Names:** Jose J. Mapily;

**Life Dates:** August 13, 1941-July 12, 2019

**Place of Birth:** Washington, District of Columbia, USA

**Residence:** Lanham, MD

**Occupations:** Architect;

## Biographical Note

Retired architecture professor and artist Jose Julian Mapily was born on August 13, 1941 in Washington, D.C. to Gladys Mines Mapily, a clerk, and William Mapily, a master sheet metal mechanic. Mapily attended and graduated from Howard University in 1965, earning his B.A. degree in architecture. In 1972, Mapily earned his M.A. degree in city and regional planning, also from Howard University.

Mapily started his career at Morgan State University as an associate professor of architecture and city planning on the graduate level program. He then returned to his alma mater, Howard University, in 1980 again serving as associate professor of architecture and city planning. While serving as an educator, Mapily also worked at a local architectural firm, Bryant and Bryant Architects and Planners. He served as the principal architect in charge of designs for some Washington, D.C. building projects including the Charles Hamilton Houston Neighborhood Center, the Mary McLeod Bethune House and the Metropolitan A.M.E. Church. Mapily also completed designs for a \$20 million project for the University of the District of Columbia, Van Ness campus.

Mapily has also begun a career as an artist. His artwork can be described as gridlike paintings made out of white dots on a dark ground that resemble schematic drawings of buildings or circuit diagrams for electrical components. In 2002, Mapily's artwork appeared at the Gala Auction Exhibition at the WPA/Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. In 2004, he participated in the exhibition, Medusa Muse Artists at North Carolina Wesleyan College Gallery in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

Mapily was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on April 26, 2007.

Mapily passed away on July 12, 2019.

## Related Entries

**Kelly Miller Ms** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Nalle Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Bruce-Monroe Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Richardson Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Howard University** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Spingarn STAY High School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Howard University** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Anthony N. Johns Architects** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1968 to 1969]

**Architect and Planner**

**Turner Associates** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1971 to 1978]

**Architect and Planner**

**Bryant and Bryant Architects and Planners** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1979 to 1982]

**Architect and Planner**

**Mapily Associates Architects and Planners** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1982 to 1985]

**Architect and Planner**

**American Institute of Architects** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1972 to 1981]

**Member**

**Creative Alliance** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 2005 to ?]

**Member**

