



Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell

February 16, 1921 - January 16, 2019

Lillie Mary Kelley Mitchell departed this life to her eternal home on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at Edgewood Assisted Care Center in Saginaw Township, Michigan at the age of 97 years. She was born in Lake Providence, Louisiana on February 16, 1921 to James and Lillie Kelley.

She was joined in Holy matrimony to George Taylor Mitchell on March 3, 1945. They were part of the Great Migration of African Americans to Saginaw, Michigan in 1946. He preceded her in death in November 1991.

Her dedication to her faith journey began at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, Lake Providence, Louisiana. It set the direction for her life. She was a proud and dedicated member of Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Saginaw, MI for over 70 years. She participated in numerous ministries including, Senior Mission, Christian Education, Advisor to the Young Matrons, Vacation Bible School, Culinary committee and her greatest joy, teaching Sunday school.

Beyond the church, Lillie was a dedicated educator. She graduated from Grambling State University in 1945 with a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education and pursued additional graduate studies at Michigan State University. She began her teaching career in the Arkansas Public School System. Mrs. Mitchell taught for over 30 years and retired from Martha Longstreet Elementary School in Saginaw, MI.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, George Taylor Mitchell, Jr. (Margaret Ann) Bridgeport, MI, Kerry Ray Mitchell, Frankenmuth, MI and Cheryl Mitchell Allgood, Newark, NJ; grandchildren, Adriana Allgood, Minister Tanya (Rev. Thomas) Brown, Anita Mitchell, Major Chanel N. Mitchell, USAF, Christopher Mitchell, George Mitchell III (Shereika), Jonathan Mitchell, Julian Mitchell, Kerry Mitchell, Jr. and Latasha Thompson (Aaron); several great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; only surviving sibling, Joseph F. Kelley (Lerline), Stockton, CA; special nieces, Luella M. Evans, Rhonda Jo Fields, Sandra L. Fields, Patricia Jones and Clara Jean Wilbon; many other nieces and nephews; loving godchildren, Pamela Bradley Dewberry and Tony Merckerson; special friends who will greatly miss her, Elizabeth Barnett, Anna Merckerson, Carlean Bradley, Ernestine Martin, Annie Thomas, Cheryl Timberlake, Shirley Nuckolls, Lizzie Robinson, Barbara Taylor, Beverly Westbrook, Carol Mason, Janet Smith, Lela Wade, Lorna Putman and Judith Boli.

Mrs. Mitchell was preceded in death by her parents, James and Lillie (Wilder) Kelley; a daughter in May 2004, Joyce Marie Mitchell; thirteen siblings, Daniel, Eliza, Daisy, Missouri, Mary, James, Jr., Louise, Ollie Mae, Willie, George, Mable, Gertrude and Ozia B.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 721 Johnson Street, Saginaw, MI 48607. Pastor Rodrick A. Smith will officiate with interment Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 South Washington Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48601. Friends may call Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue on Friday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Family will be present from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to greet friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Funeral Service

JAN **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Missionary Baptist Church
721 Johnson Street
Saginaw, MI 48607

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell*



Browne's Mortuary - January 31, 2019 at 10:40 AM

WW

“ *Wendolyn Wettlin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell*



Wendolyn Wettlin - January 26, 2019 at 01:35 PM

MH

“ *Mrs. Mabel M. Holloway lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell*



Mrs. Mabel M. Holloway - January 26, 2019 at 01:18 PM

JC

“ *Julia Childress-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell*



Julia Childress-Johnson - January 25, 2019 at 08:42 PM

KD

“ *Mrs Mitchell, you made going to church so much fun as a kid. You were the best Sunday School Teacher, you will always have a special place in my heart. Karyn Dixon*

Karyn Dixon - January 25, 2019 at 04:38 PM

CD

“ *I will always cherish the fun I had as your hairstylist for many years. It was a pleasure to see you walking into the salon you were always upbeat and had a kind word a funny joke and cut a step for me you will be greatly missed!! Love, Charlotte Dixon*

Charlotte Dixon - January 25, 2019 at 04:22 PM

FJ

“ *Felicia Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell*



Felicia Jones - January 25, 2019 at 01:19 PM

CW

“ Clara Wilbon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell



clara wilbon - January 25, 2019 at 10:42 AM

CW

“ Dear cousins I want you to know that I love you. There are no words I can say to ease your pain. You know how much I love Auntie Toota. I still remember her scolding Joyce Marie and me about several things and we were grown. My Auntie Toota always believed in family. Her memory used to wow me. The Kelley's family Reunion theme in 2018 was "A Family that Prays and Plays Together... Grows STRONGER TOGETHER" let's not forget this. Much Love, Clara Jean

clara wilbon - January 25, 2019 at 10:41 AM

OK

“ Olivia Kincaid sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell



Olivia Kincaid - January 25, 2019 at 08:18 AM

JM

“ *Judy Holloway Mayes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell*



Judy Holloway Mayes - January 25, 2019 at 06:45 AM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell*



Brenda Jones - January 24, 2019 at 03:20 PM

TA

“ *John Jones an Tracey Anderson lit a candle in memory of sis. Lillie mitchell*



Tracey Anderson - January 24, 2019 at 03:05 PM

TA

“ *Tracey Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell*



Tracey Anderson - January 24, 2019 at 02:56 PM

DD

“ Debra Dillard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell



Debra Dillard - January 24, 2019 at 08:20 AM

DD

Praying Gods comfort for your family.
Hold to our heavenly father hand,it is there that you will feel moms present.
God bless your family.

Debra Dillard - January 24, 2019 at 08:22 AM

SW

“ God bless Mrs. Mitchell's family during this difficult time we love you Sheila Woods and Crystal Williams and family.



Sheila Woods - January 23, 2019 at 08:21 PM

DM

“ Derrel Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell



Derrel Martin - January 23, 2019 at 07:19 PM

DM

“ Dale Mitchner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell



Dale Mitchner - January 23, 2019 at 09:42 AM

DP

“ Dorothy Price-Omar lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell



Dorothy Price-Omar - January 22, 2019 at 11:41 PM

RW

“ To the Family of Mrs. Mitchell, my heart and prayers are with you. A mother, grandmother, aunt, mentor and friend to so many. I pray that you smile every time you think of her as I do. As one of her students I always smiled because while she never publicly admitting to having favorite students, she did. But she loved us all through everything. She raised many generations to be powerful forces. Just know that your legacy is greater than you know. Keep smiling through your tears. A blessed woman she was and a greater legacy she is..

Rosalyn Williams - January 22, 2019 at 11:33 PM

SH

“ *Sherry Draine Hannah lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell*



Sherry Draine Hannah - January 22, 2019 at 09:19 PM

SH

“ *Stephanie Hall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell*



Stephanie Hall - January 22, 2019 at 07:22 PM

BB

“ *Betty Bibb sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell*



Betty Bibb - January 22, 2019 at 06:45 PM

JA

“ *JJ Akins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell*



JJ Akins - January 22, 2019 at 03:03 PM

CH

“ Carolyn Spencer Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell



Carolyn Spencer Harris - January 22, 2019 at 01:45 PM

CH

I have know Ms. Lillie most of my life. She was my Teacher, my advisor and the mother of one of my Best Friends. She was a Wonderful Person.

Carolyn Spencer Harris - January 22, 2019 at 01:48 PM

DT

“ Delphine Tillman-Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell



Delphine Tillman-Martin - January 21, 2019 at 11:40 PM



“ Our deepest condolences reach out to you Mitchell family. Mrs. Mitchell was a very kind hearted person who always reached out to others. She was also one of the best Sunday School teachers I knew as well as a mentor for all youth. She truly loved the Lord, and I was blessed to have known her.



Cheryl Fentress-Nash - January 21, 2019 at 09:23 PM

TL

“ To Cheryl, Adriana and the rest of the Mitchell Family
Please accept my deepest condolences. Mrs
Lillie was a very special person and enjoyed life to the fullest. Have
peace in knowing that she is at rest and aunt Nutz are in heay with
those flowered dresses on.
Tony Lamb formally of Elizabeth City, NC

Tony Lamb - January 21, 2019 at 07:25 PM

DF

“ Dixon Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Lillie Mary Mitchell



Dixon Family - January 21, 2019 at 05:56 PM

DF

We send condolences to you George, Margaret, Korey and your entire
family at the Passing of my friend and namesake Lillie. I will miss our
conversations and our working together in Zions kitchen with so many
others that have also gone on home. She was truly one of a kind. What
a great job you and Margaret did taking care of her. With Love, Lily
Dixon

Dixon Family - January 21, 2019 at 06:07 PM

ES

“ Ethel Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Lillie Mary Mitchell



Ethel Shaw - January 21, 2019 at 05:34 PM

DO

“ *Im grateful to have the pleasure of knowing Mrs Lilly. She brought much joy to others and her was words were as pearls of wisdom. My beloved you will be missed.*



Dorthia and Omarie - January 21, 2019 at 07:10 AM

JW

“ *To the Mitchell Family-your mother was a wonderful lady and easy to love. I feel fortunate to have known her for many years. I remember so well the many times that she gave me that " look " in church service--to take gum out of my mouth. Please accept my sincere sympathy.*

Jon Evelyn Wettlin

Jon Evelyn Wettlin - January 20, 2019 at 10:58 PM

GV

“ *Condolences from the King Family for the loss of your mother. Mrs. Mitchell was like family to us because she and our mother, Nona King Payton, were truly friends and sisters in Christ. Mrs. Mitchell attended every family affair from christenings, graduations and weddings to family reunions and funerals. Mrs. Mitchell was always there. "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friend." John 15: 12-13. I'm sure they are joining hands, praising and traveling together again. May God continue to give everlasting consolation, grace and comfort to your hearts during this time of bereavement. Glenda Richardson Vaughn and All the King Siblings.*

Glenda Richardson Vaughn - January 20, 2019 at 04:09 PM

TA

“ *Sending prayers and condolences* ”



Trina Akins - January 20, 2019 at 10:34 AM

SS

“ *Sue Surlles-McDole lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell* ”



Sue Surlles-McDole - January 20, 2019 at 01:05 AM

VS

“ *Vermell Sangster lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell* ”



Vermell Sangster - January 19, 2019 at 07:05 PM

HS

“ *Helen Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell* ”



Helen Scott - January 19, 2019 at 05:18 PM

DM

“ Deon Mayes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell



Deon Mayes - January 19, 2019 at 04:27 PM

HW

“ Mrs. Mitchell was one Great Lady. Her life was a shining light pointing others to Jesus Christ. I am so happy to have had a chance to know her. I don't know how she made it to 97years old since she always told me she was 39yrs and holding.

Hazel Wilson - January 19, 2019 at 02:46 PM

JW

“ Our beloved angel Mama Mitchell will always be remembered as a Titus 2 woman who loved teaching youth and mentoring young women. Sincere condolences to George, Margaret and entire family.



Jimmie and Beverly Westbrook - January 19, 2019 at 02:04 PM

GL

“ Glendorah Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell



Glendorah Lawrence - January 19, 2019 at 12:41 PM

MB

“ Yes Mrs. Mitchell was one of the best teacher's, I will never forget when my kids went to Longstreet School and they went to one of those amusement parks and how she rode on those rides and was not afraid and we were, lol, RIP you will never be forgotten for one of the best teacher's



Michelle Blair - January 19, 2019 at 11:43 AM



“ Mary Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell



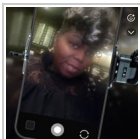
Mary Lawrence - January 19, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ Darlean Donald sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell



Darlean Donald - January 19, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ One of the best teachers ever she will be missed sending my condolences to her family



April Long - January 19, 2019 at 03:16 AM

KN

“ Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path. Dear God, thank You for the ministry of our beloved Sister Mitchell. I will never forget her positive influence as a Sunday School teacher. Sister Mitchell had an uncanny way of making you feel like the only person in the room even when the room was filled with people. She challenged us to realize that our true identity is found in Jesus Christ. She lived out all the fruit of the Spirit. Rest in Peace thy good and faithful servant. We are all blessed for having known Sister Mitchell!

Korey Nuckolls - January 18, 2019 at 07:42 PM

SN

Amen💕

Shirley Nuckolls - January 23, 2019 at 02:02 PM

DM

“ Deborah Morris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell



Deborah Morris-Williams - January 18, 2019 at 07:08 PM

TA

“ Tommy & Rhonda Henderson Atkins



Tommy&Rhonda Henderson Atkins - January 18, 2019 at 05:59 PM

CP

“ *Cynthia polk*



Cynthia Polk - January 18, 2019 at 05:43 PM

YH

“ *Yvette Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell*



Yvette Hopkins - January 18, 2019 at 03:46 PM

TM

“ *We send our sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Mitchell!!! She was one of the best!!! Dedicated, compassionate and stern(as kids we called her mean lol, adults we now know it was love). Thank you Mrs. Mitchell!!!! Rest In Peace!! # Martha Longstreet Elementary*

Tara, Garlan and Cedric Moten - January 18, 2019 at 03:23 PM

LB

“ *To the family, I send my pray's and condolences. Mrs Mitchell was a sweet, kind, and loving person. She truly will be missed. Family it will not be easy, but keep the faith and trust God and every thing will be alright. Love you sister in the Lord {Linda Buckley Bolton}.*

Linda Buckley Bolton - January 18, 2019 at 01:06 PM

BS

“ Our prayers are extended the family of
Mother Lillie Mitchell.



Bishop Ronald & Lady Joyce Stanley - January 18, 2019 at 11:56 AM

PM

“ Pamela Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Lillie Mary Mitchell



Pamela Monroe - January 18, 2019 at 11:01 AM

RV

“ Robert And Linda Veasley lit a candle in
memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell



Robert and Linda Veasley - January 18, 2019 at 11:00 AM

DA

“ My deepest sympathy to George and the entire Mitchell family. Mrs.
Mitchell; such a kind compassionate woman. Rest In Peace.
Pastor Dempsey Allen

Dempsey Allen - January 18, 2019 at 09:10 AM

LF

“ *Lizzie Robinson And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell*



Lizzie Robinson and Family - January 18, 2019 at 08:50 AM

TH

“ *To the family of Mrs. Mitchell, I am praying for your strength and comfort during your time of grief. I come with sincere and fond memories. Mrs. Mitchell was my fourth grade teacher at Martha Long Street School. I often shared stories with my children about my favorite teacher. I learned so much from her teachings and she was one of the best that ever taught in our Saginaw Community!!*

Tee-Ar Hines - January 18, 2019 at 08:27 AM

DB

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Mitchell family, never forgotten Ms Mitchell wisdom... May RIH*



Deacon Larry & Marilyn Bowman - January 18, 2019 at 12:59 AM

S-

“ *Shelva Scott -Veal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell*



Shelva Scott -Veal - January 17, 2019 at 11:23 PM

PC

“ Peter Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell



Peter Cooper - January 17, 2019 at 10:54 PM

PC

Mama Mitchell touch so many hearts she was one of the best Sunday School teachers. She always had encouraging words to say. Fly with The Angels! Peter Cooper, Tampa, Florida

Peter Cooper - January 17, 2019 at 10:58 PM

DA

“ Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell



Dona Austin-Bigby - January 17, 2019 at 10:44 PM

SN

“ Mom Mitchell was like a second mother I was fortunate to love. She taught my children in Sunday school ,and we all cared for her in a special way. Mom Mitchell always had a kind word to share. I will truly miss the great time we spent sharing stories and discussing life, family, and scripture. Condolences to the family .. A dedicated, spiritual life has ended, but her lessons live on in the heart of those fortunate to have met her.

Shirley Nuckolls - January 17, 2019 at 08:52 PM

GP

“ Geraldine Parris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell



Geraldine Parris - January 17, 2019 at 08:37 PM

FR

“ Freda lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell



Freda - January 17, 2019 at 06:57 PM

AM

“ My condolences to the family if Mrs. Mitchell. She was a classy lady and a dedicated educator. She was indeed a great inspiration to many students. We served on several,committees together where she was very knowledgeable. My prayers are with you as you mourn this great loss.

Audrey McKandes - January 17, 2019 at 06:57 PM

BM

“ Bernice McGlothin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell



Bernice McGlothin - January 17, 2019 at 06:53 PM

NH

“ *Noland And Karen Heath lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell*



Noland and Karen Heath - January 17, 2019 at 06:05 PM

AL

“ *Annie Lowery lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell*



Annie Lowery - January 17, 2019 at 01:44 PM

MS

“ *Michelle And Shelona lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell*



Michelle and Shelona - January 17, 2019 at 01:14 PM

TH

“ *Tara Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell*



Tara Henderson - January 17, 2019 at 11:54 AM

A(

“ To Cheryl and the entire Mitchell family,
Please accept my sincere condolences upon the transition of your wonderful mother. She made an impact upon my life: her intelligence, passion for learning, her fierce spirit, and her wit, so was so witty. I join others when I say she was a great woman, my life was enriched by her presence.
A. Williene Bridges-Hunt (Evans)

A. Williene Bridges-Hunt (Evans) - January 17, 2019 at 10:51 AM

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“ A. Williene Bridges-Hunt (Evans) lit a candle
in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell



A. Williene Bridges-Hunt (Evans) - January 17, 2019 at 10:44 AM

EM

“ Ernestine Martin lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Lillie Mary Mitchell



Ernestine Martin - January 17, 2019 at 10:31 AM