



## Mrs. Barbara Jean Mitchum

December 19, 1953 - July 17, 2013

Barbara Jean Mitchum, born the fifth child to the late Rev. Theodore and Orean Baker on December 19, 1953 in Detroit, Michigan. She graduated from Henry Ford High School in 1971 and then furthered her education by obtaining her associates degree in phlebotomy. She was baptized by the late Pastor Willie Wilson at Oakland Avenue Missionary Baptist Church at a young age. "Barbara Jean" as she was affectionately called, was known as the soprano angel. She joined the Pure in Hearts Choir where her vocal talent was discovered. The song "Redeemed" was one that she was known for singing and ushering the Holy Spirit into the service. Her voice was that of an angel that soothed a wounded soul.

Barbara Jean loved singing immensely and began coaching her children and nieces, April and Geneva, while they were young. Geneva unfortunately couldn't carry a note in a bucket, but Barbara Jean still loved her. She was a perfectionist and would correct anyone if they were off key. Her musical gift was inevitable! Her mother Orean, also a psalmist, taught Barbara Jean how to hit a note and hold it, and that very same gift was passed down from one generation to the next. Outside of her love for music, Barbara Jean loved her children. In 1973 Barbara Jean married Bernard Mitchum Sr. and to this union, three children were born, Elizabeth Carol, DeShanna Dawn and Bernard Kepter Jr. They were her pride and joy. She was adamant that their prayer life and spirituality was just as important as their family values. A close knit family

that truly believed in the motto "family first."

Her work ethics were impeccable and the zeal she encompassed in the medical field of phlebotomy caused her to elevate to supervisor at Hutzel Hospital. She worked in that field for twenty years. Barbara Jean, who was fond of her father, was also known to be found on her dad's construction site where he would be demolishing buildings. She was the only female on the job site.

On July 17, 2013, Barbara Jean was summoned to sing in the heavenly choir.

# Cemetery Details

## Detroit Memorial Park West

25200 Plymouth Road  
Redford Twp., MI 48239

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Wednesday, Jul. **24.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Thursday, Jul. **25.** 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church  
4800 Van Dyke  
Detroit, MI 48214

## Funeral Service

Thursday, Jul. **25.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Barbara Jean Mitchum*

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January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of the death of your loved one. When tragedies like this occur, the best thing to do is to turn to God's word the bible for encouragement. At Isaiah 25:8, it says that Jehovah God will swallow up death forever. Just imagine living in a world where our enemy death does not exist! I hope me sharing this promise given to us will bring you some encouragement during this difficult time.*

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**Miss Shaver** - July 22, 2013 at 06:54 AM