



Ms. Irene Elaine Mitchell

April 4, 1937 - August 8, 2018

Irene's Story:

Irene Elaine Mitchell was born on April 4, 1937, in Florence, South Carolina to the late Robert and Queen Esther Franks. One of eleven children, she received her early education from the Florence Public School System graduating from Wilson High School.

Early in life she accepted Christ and was raised according to the Baptist tradition.

After graduating high school, she met and married Eugene Crafter. To this union three children were born: Anthony Eugene, Michael Deon, and Tammie Loray. The two then relocated to Detroit, Michigan where she began working at a spring factory and a dress factory before being employed by the State of Michigan at the former Pontiac State Hospital in the housekeeping department. She later met and married William Anderson Mitchell, the father of Vinshelle and William Terrill. To this union two children were born; Sheila Alesia and Kenyatta. She was then employed by the Plymouth Center as a supervisor. She also worked as a social worker for several years before attending Wayne County Community College where she received her Associate of Science Degree in 1976 and an Associate of Arts in Nursing in 1977.

Upon receiving her degree in nursing, she began her career as a Registered Nurse with Detroit Receiving Hospital (then known as Detroit General) followed by the Detroit Psychiatric Institute where she retired after over twenty years of service.

Irene enjoyed sewing, cooking, gardening, receiving flowers, and hosting family holiday gatherings. She was known for her love of huge fresh Christmas trees every year. She also wrote poetry, enjoyed reading and creative writing, she was always a classy lady.

Previous Events

Visitation

Wednesday, Aug. **15.** 4:00 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, Aug. **16.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Perfecting Church
7616 E. Nevada
Detroit, MI 48234

Funeral Service

Thursday, Aug. **16.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Irene Elaine Mitchell*

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“ *As a young single mother of two in the late 70's I was on the receiving end of much judgement. Yet, when I met and married her son, Michael, she never spoke an unkind word or treated me disrespectfully. Nor did she treat my oldest two children any differently than her own three biological grandchildren to whom I gave birth. Even after my marriage to her son ended, she continued to treat me with love. Thank God I got the opportunity to tell her, "Thank you for being so kind, loving and generous to me and my children. Your excellent example of how blended family interaction can be meant the world to me. I love you and I'm so glad you were in my life." God's love and mine, Chris*

Christina Dixon - August 13, 2018 at 11:05 AM