

Celebration of Life



Winifred J. Mitchell
 12.21.1928 - 05.07.2018

HOMEGOING SERVICE
FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2018
10 O'CLOCK AM
 VIEWING 9AM TO 10AM

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN
 25 W. JOHNSON STREET, PHILA., PA 19144
 REV. DR. JAMES H. BUCK, JR., SENIOR PASTOR/OFFICIANT

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude Mr. John R. Custis, III, Organist
 Processional Clergy and Family
 Closing of the Bier
 Opening Sentences
 Invocation Rev. Tamika Holder, Associate Minister
 Choral Response "He is Lord"
 Congregational Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #45
 Scripture Lessons Rev. Tamika Holder, Associate Minister
 Old Testament Lesson Psalm 90 (NIV)
 New Testament Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (NIV)
 Prayer of Comfort Deacon Albert Caliman, Deacons Ministry
 Choral Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"
 Words of Tribute (2 minutes please)
 Acknowledgment of Condolences Mrs. Leola B. C. Highsmith, Church Clerk
 Congregational Hymn "It Is Well with My Soul" #255
 Silent Reading of Obituary
 Organ Interlude
 Musical Selection "His Eye Is On the Sparrow"
 Eulogy Rev. Dr. James H. Buck, Jr., Senior Pastor
 Musical Selection "Blessed Assurance" #249
 Benediction
 Choral Response "Three Fold Amen"
 Recessional "Soon and Very Soon" #476
 Congregation, please stand.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Winifred J. Mitchell would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks for the many kind expressions of sympathy, words of comfort during our time of bereavement.

INTERMENT

Eden Cemetery
 1434 Springfield Road
 Collingsdale, PA 19023

Repat Immediately Following the Service
 James B. Murray Social Hall (Lower Level)

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THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF WINIFRED J. MITCHELL

Winifred Josephine Mitchell was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on December 21, 1928, the third child and second daughter of Howard A. Fisher and Ida Josephine James. With her parents and three siblings, Howard Earl, Jane E., and William James, "Winnie" as she was affectionately called, grew up in Darby Township, Pennsylvania. She was educated in the Darby Township educational system and graduated from Darby High School in 1946.

After high school, Winnie attended what is now called West Chester State University, (formerly known as State Teachers College in West Chester, Pennsylvania). While there she became a member of several organizations including the Negro Educational Club, the Psychology Club and the English Professional Club, where she served as its Secretary for four (4) years. Despite the prejudice and other challenges she faced by being one of only a few Black students attending the college at the time, she completed her college education in 1950, graduating with her Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education.

After graduation, Winnie accepted a teaching position at the Kennard Secondary School located in Centreville, Maryland. Kennard Secondary was the first and only African American secondary school in Queen Anne County Maryland. In 1953, Winnie accepted a teaching position with her old school district in Darby Township, Pennsylvania where she taught Geometry until her retirement in 1985. Although Winnie was known as a "tough" "no-nonsense" teacher who continuously challenged her students, each came to love and respect her for the professionalism, fairness, and caring manner she extended to them.

During her time teaching, Winnie met and eventually married Samuel David Mitchell of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 8th, 1962, Of this union, their only child, Sandra Jane Mitchell was born on September 27, 1963.



Through the values she learned from her parents and from her upbringing as a Christian, Winnie accepted Christ as her Personal Savior at an early age. She was baptized by the late Rev. Dr. William A. Harrod at the First African Baptist Church, located at 16th and Christian Streets in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There she served on many committees and as a choir member.

Winnie joined the Grace Baptist Church of Germantown, Philadelphia in 1989. There she demonstrated the same faith and devotion to service as she did at First African Baptist Church of Philadelphia. At Grace she became a member of the Senior Chorus and shared her many talents and skills in other ways. Throughout her life Winnie demonstrated her unwavering faith by example. She was the ideal model of a Christian woman.

Winnie was an accomplished seamstress, and an excellent host and cook. Her annual Christmas dinners will never be forgotten and she will always be remembered for her famous "Winnie rolls".

Most of all Winifred Mitchell was a loving, dedicated Wife and Mother. Her family was her all. Be it her husband Sam, daughter Sandra, sibling, in-laws, nieces, nephews, Grand-nieces, Grand-nephews, and friends, she was a steadfast supporter. In kind she was adored by all.

After a long battle with her illness, with the love and comfort of her family, Winnie departed this life on May 7th 2018.

Her husband Samuel preceded her in death in 1998. Winifred is survived by her daughter Sandra Jane Mitchell, sisters-in-law; Geraldine Fisher and Louise Thomas; nieces, Catherine F. Williams, Karen Daily, Cordelia Fisher, Laura Williams; nephews Butch and Tyrone Fisher, Larry and Roy Williams, and Paul Mitchell, and Grand-nieces and nephews, Keeya Copeland, Steven and Evan Williams, James Davis III, Elisha, Gracy-Anne, and Isaiah Fisher, and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

We will miss her dearly.