



Juanita Mitchell

December 16, 1938 - April 6, 2020

Juanita Howard-Mitchell

Affectionately known as Ma, by all who knew her; Ma was born on December 16, 1938 in Warrington, Georgia to the late Clare (Bid) Hawkins and Vivian Williams. Her parents had three daughters; the late Annie Bell (Coker), Juanita and Eloise. The family moved to Macon, Georgia where Juanita met and married her late husband Jimmie Howard. Juanita and Jimmie relocated to New York City where they raised their children.

Juanita graduated from Ballard Hudson High School in Macon, GA as an honor student. As a young adult she was a member of St. Mary's Baptist church where she learned Christian values early and would later instill them into her children. After moving to The Bronx, New York, Juanita began her professional career as a Nursing Assistant at The Bronx VA hospital. After the death of her husband in 1971, Juanita later went back to school AND earned her Registered Nursing degree from Seton Hall College School of Nursing. Juanita met Clarence Mitchell in 1989. They were married in 1991. After 27 years at The Bronx VA Hospital, Juanita retired in 1993. She and Clarence (aka Mitch) then moved to Georgia in 1995.

Juanita was a beautiful woman both on the outside as well as the inside. She had an infectious laugh and a comforting smile. She always saw the good in people and was ready to offer a kind word and give a Godly hug. Her children were the joy of her life. She was the backbone of the family always making sure her family got together regularly. Juanita loved to travel and thoroughly enjoyed our annual family reunions and other family gatherings. She would take lots of pictures and share her memories proudly with all who visited her; showing off the many photo albums collected throughout the years. One of the other favorite things she liked to do is have picnics. She loved going to Stone Mountain Park for exercise and picnics with the family.

Juanita truly loved God. She loved her family. She loved making a difference in the lives of everyone she encountered. Her favorite saying was "God loves you and I love you too". Juanita was one of God's prayer warriors; getting up every morning to read her bible,

doing her devotional, praying with her family and interceding for others. During her years of retirement in Georgia, she became a member of The First Baptist Church of Atlanta where she taught Sunday school and loved serving on the hospitality ministry as a greeter.

Later in life Juanita overcame many obstacles she encountered in her life. Her strength and determination served as a role model for her children, grandchildren and countless others. She fought the good fight.

2 Timothy 4:7-8 King James Version (KJV)

1. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
2. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Juanita leaves behind to celebrate her memory: Her husband Clarence Mitchell, daughters; Belinda Wallace, Corinthia Howard-Dickson and husband Tyrone Dickson, Frances Howard-deMontagnac, Tawana Howard-Eddings and husband Richard Eddings, sons; Anthony Wallace, Jimmie Howard Jr and wife Judith Howard, Keith Solomon Howard and wife Stephanie Howard, David Howard and Jermel Howard and wife Dawn Howard, Sister Eloise Coates and husband Symuell Coates, Sister-in-law Louise Swint, Sister-in-law Bertha Mae Arline, Sister-in-law Nettie Mae Howard, Aunt Mary Reece and husband Anthony Reece, over 27 grandchildren, and over 17 great grandchildren, a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, relatives and friends.

Sleep on Mommy and take your rest. We love you, but God loves you best.

Lovingly submitted,

The Family

Due to the current COVID-19 regulations, a private funeral service will be held for immediate family only.

Condolences may be sent or viewed at www.wagesfuneralhome.com. Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, LLC, A Family Company, 3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA 30039 (770-979-3200) has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Comments



“ My “Nita” was a true angel and beacon of love who loved God and continuously offered praises of his works. She always made me feel loved and not only prayed for me but prayed with me. I knew her health was failing when I did not get my birthday card. She never forgot a birthday or Christmas. And she always labeled the card with the year she sent them. She had an infectious laugh and welcoming smile. Thank you, Nita for your smile, your love, your words of encouragement, and your wisdom beyond compare. Gone in body but never in spirit because you gave each of us the little bit of “you” that we needed to sustain until we meet again. Let us never forget the lessons she taught, the humility she wrought, nor the joy she brought to our lives. Fittingly I close with Proverbs 31: 28-31

28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.
King James Version (KJV)

Rest knowing everyone will be ok, you have given us the foundation.
Love Always the Oldest...Belinda Howard Wallace

Linda - April 17, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ I met Ma through her daughter Tawana, she always had a beautiful smile on her face. She welcomed me like one of her children. She will be missed. Out of sight, but never out of your hearts. Remember all the loving memories you have of a beautiful, loving mother.



Christine Miles - April 17, 2020 at 09:21 AM



“ I am so glad that I had the opportunity to meet Ms. Mitchell. She always smiled and greeted my family and I with open arms. She demonstrated love and kindness in the highest form. The one thing that I will never forget is that she always allowed her light to shine. Her ability to serve and her consistent prayers allowed others to see her great faith In God. My fondest memory was the time we shared at Keith and Stephanie's wedding. The smile she had on her face when she danced with her son is a memory I will never forget. God Bless her in her transition to salvation.

sheila Adams - April 16, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ Grandma

We will miss you but never will we forget you. We will keep you in our hearts each and every day.

Love always

Ambraya, Shawn and Faith

Richard - April 16, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ I met Ma Howard back in 1984 or 1985. There was never any formal introduction or anything like that, it happened organically. And it all started for me with her youngest Son Jermel. When Mel and I were in elementary school (P.S. 26). There was always some kid saying I think I just saw your brother in the gym or in the yard or some random area. They would always say you do have a brother that goes here right? I would say yes but always wondered if they really saw my brother. I later learned that Mel would also hear chatter about people seeing his brother in the school. I think Mel got a kick out of that because all of his brothers were too big to be going to our school. One afternoon I was trying to eat my lunch in the cafeteria after having a really bad morning following a bullying incident. I noticed a Puerto Rican girl and a black girl pulling a kid by his arm. They were pointing in my direction saying “that’s him... he’s right over there... There he is...” that’s your brother right there.” I really thought he was going to say some hurtful negative things about me not being good enough to be his brother or not cool enough to be anybody he knows. Mel stopped and said “Ooooooh him? that’s not my brother that’s my cousin”. Then I heard myself say out loud “yea that’s my cousin”. They kept it moving and I kept eating my lunch. Before long Mel and I got really tight and everyone knew us as cousins. The first time I went to Mel’s house I wasn’t supposed to be there. Mel said that I couldn’t touch anything that wasn’t in his room. In fact all I could do is walk straight back to his room. And it was amazing!! Mel had sooo many toys and video games that I always wanted to be at his house. I was never able to beat Mel at any video game but it was fun trying. Not every kid was allowed to come to Mel’s house. Ma accepted me with open arms and would fix snacks for us. I loved how she would say my name with a sincere caring tone to her voice. I owe a large part of me not getting in trouble in life to Mama Howard for providing a safe place for me to play. I’m forever grateful to her for that. I feel so lucky and blessed to be a part of this wonderful family that Ma started.

Still loved & will be missed.

Michael Allen

Michael Allen - April 16, 2020 at 07:12 AM



“ I lost my mom in 2008 and one of the memories that stand out to me is the conversation I had with Ma. Ma said I'm so sorry for your loss, she held me tightly And she said I'll never replace your mom but you'll always have me as your mom. And anytime you need me I'm here for you. I'll always miss you Ma.
Your son in-law Ty

Ty - April 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ I met my wonderful Ma Howard many years ago as a teenager. Her daughter Tawana an I were good friends, as later in life we would get married. Ma Howard welcomed me into the family with open arms and her arms are still open right now. I couldn't walk into a room where Ma was without some comforting words,hug or a great big kiss.

I will forever miss you Ma, as I know you are still with us from above.

Your son in-law Richard

Richard - April 16, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ My Mom loved surprises and she loved presents. One Christmas I bought two sweaters one was blue and the other red. I called myself hiding the gifts. I wrapped them but decided at the last minute to give her the red sweater and keep the blue one for myself. On Christmas day Ma opened her gift and asked me what happened to her blue sweater. I was so shocked i went to the closet and gave her the blue sweater.

I loved surprising Ma on Mothers day or any occasion. I would not tell her when I was coming to visit. I would show up at church and either surprise her at the door when she was greeting others or I would surprise in the section where she always would sit.

I loved my mother with all my heart. She has always been there for me regardless of anything. I could call her anytime she was never to busy.

If I could be half the Mother she was I would have done good.

God never makes mistakes. I only want the best for my mother.

One thing I am certain of is that she KNEW how much I loved and cared for her.

Thank you Lord for the best mother I could ask for.

Love you Ma

Tawana

Tawana - April 15, 2020 at 09:32 PM



“ 13 files added to the album Celebration of Life Program



Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - April 15, 2020 at 09:30 PM



“ Wanda S. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Juanita Mitchell.



Wanda S. - April 15, 2020 at 06:47 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Juanita Mitchell.



April 15, 2020 at 02:35 PM



“ The Allens: Michael, Sharon, Kylah, Gavin, Harper purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Juanita Mitchell.



The Allens: Michael, Sharon, Kylah, Gavin, Harper - April 15, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Juanita Mitchell.



April 15, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Juanita Mitchell.



April 15, 2020 at 01:17 PM



“ I honor and celebrate this awesome Woman of God who will always be my Mother in Love. She has welcomed me with open arms into the Howard Family from the very beginning. I will never forget her sharing with me that I was not just her Daughter in Law but I was her Daughter. I will miss her morning prayers, her love and her sweet spirit. I thank her for without her I would not be blessed with my wonderful husband and extended family. Rest in peace Ma I love you and God loves you too. "Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Proverbs 31:30
May GOD continue to keep and bless my Howard Family and the Mitchell Family during this difficult time love you.



Stephanie Howard - April 15, 2020 at 03:57 AM



“ Love Always. Keith, Stephanie, Maya, Tyler purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Juanita Mitchell.



Love Always. Keith, Stephanie, Maya, Tyler - April 15, 2020 at 01:12 AM



“ We love you Auntie always. I know you're smiling to to see your love ones. Give my Mom Dad & Big Ma a big kids for me.



The Bivins Family - April 15, 2020 at 12:02 AM



“ 10 files added to the album Memories Album



Tawana Eddings - April 14, 2020 at 08:34 PM



“ My favorite Aunt We had special bond. My heart is so heavy. She will be miss dearly. Give my Mom Dad & Big Ma that warm hug you love giving out. Love you Aunt Nita

The Bivins Family - April 14, 2020 at 08:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Juanita Mitchell.



April 14, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ The Bivins Family lit a candle in memory of Juanita Mitchell



The Bivins Family - April 14, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ Your Loving Children purchased the Divine Light for the family of Juanita Mitchell.



Your Loving Children - April 14, 2020 at 04:24 PM