



Karen Ann (Washington) Mitchell

December 10, 1953 - June 11, 2020

Obituary

Karen Ann Washington was born from the union of Leroy and Annie Washington on December 10th, 1953, at KU Medical Center in Kansas City, KS. Karen was the oldest of 7 children; Leroy II, Enrique, Crystal, Denise, Debra, and Darryl. She was preceded in death by her brother Leroy II in 1955, her father Leroy in 1990, and sister Denise in 2015.

Karen was a native of Kansas City, MO and attended Southeast High School. She was a cheerleader and a candy striper, before graduating in 1971. Karen was accepted to William Jewell College in Liberty, MO, but decided to pursue a career in nursing. She graduated from Research School of Nursing as a Licensed Practical Nurse, in 1973. Karen worked for several hospital networks including, Research Medical Center, Truman Medical Center, Kindred Hospital and other healthcare providers. The pinnacle of Karen's career was when she received the "LPN of the Year" award, from The Greater Kansas City Black Nurses Association in 2013. Karen concluded her nursing career in 2016, after 43 years of service.

Karen met the love of her life, Michael D. Mitchell in 1972. Michael and Karen were wed in marriage on July 21, 1973. From this union, Michael and Karen raised three children; Kristin, Michael II, and Alisha. Michael's military service took their family overseas to Darmstadt, Germany, until 1977. After several

relocations, their family permanently returned home to Kansas City, MO, in 1981.

Michael and Karen accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, while attending Straightway Missionary Baptist Church (Kansas City, MO). They later became members of New Life In Christ International Ministries (Grandview, MO), and rededicated their lives to Christ. Karen was a part of the Usher Ministry and worked in the church nursery (babies and toddlers brought her great joy). She loved to praise God, read His Word daily, and listen to gospel music. Karen also enjoyed spending time with her family, was very adventurous, loved to travel, and an avid reader of mystery novels.

Karen leaves behind to cherish her memories: her mother, Annie Washington; husband of 47 years, Michael D. Mitchell, Sr.; three children, Kristin Banks, Michael D. Mitchell II, Alisha Duarte (Tre'Maine); eight grandchildren, Aaron Holley, Alyssa Robinson, Akilah Banks, Alexis Robinson, Octavia Duarte, Olivia Duarte, Jonathan Duarte, Jeremiah Duarte; three great-grandchildren, Tristan Holley, Taliyah Holley, Avery Tucker; siblings, Enrique Washington, Crystal Mullins, Debra Sapp, Darryl Washington (Carmen); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and extended family.

Karen loves you all very much; she will be sorely missed.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 20th at New Life in Christ International Ministries 12401 Byars Road KCMO. Visitation 9:00 A.M. Interment at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, June 22nd at Leavenworth National Cemetery.

To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of Karen Ann (Washington) Mitchell, please visit our Tree Store.

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PC

“ *Dignity in white was purchased for the family of Karen Ann Mitchell by Pastor E. L. Fisher, Sr. -New Hope Tabernacle of Faith Church. Send FlowersPeace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, nether let it be afraid. John 14:27--May GOD comfort your hearts with peace.Pastor E. L. Fisher, Sr. -New Hope Tabernacle of Faith Church*

Pastor E. L. Fisher, Sr. -New Hope Tabernacle of Faith Church - May 25, 2023 at 02:45 PM

LB

“ *Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen Ann Mitchell by Love, Janetta, Teri and Bob. Send FlowersRemembering you and Karen in our minds and in our hearts.Love, Janetta, Teri and Bob*

Love, Janetta, Teri and Bob - May 25, 2023 at 02:45 PM

RJ

“ *Basket garden was purchased for the family of Karen Ann Mitchell by Ron Jackson. Send FlowersMy thoughts and prayers are with you.Ron Jackson*

Ron Jackson - May 25, 2023 at 02:45 PM

JB

“ *Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karen Ann Mitchell by Joe and Clairee Banks . Send FlowersPrayers for the family. God bless.Joe and Clairee Banks*

Joe and Clairee Banks - May 25, 2023 at 02:45 PM

DH

“ Tropical dish garden with fresh flowers was purchased for the family of Karen Ann Mitchell by Darren Hoard. Send FlowersMike, My warmest condolences to you and your family for your loss. I'm sharing in your sadness as you remember your mother. Love always....Darren Hoard

Darren Hoard - May 25, 2023 at 02:45 PM

CB

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Karen Ann Mitchell by Cheryl Benson . Plant a TreeAunt Karen has left this earthly life only to be present with the Lord! My memories of her are unending. This family has lost an Angel indeed! Uncle Michael I love you and my cousins.Cheryl Benson

Cheryl Benson - May 25, 2023 at 02:45 PM

TJ

“ To the Mitchell Family with Love.....Tee, Jackie, Derrell and Kisha

Tuwydna Jones - June 20, 2020 at 10:36 AM

SL

“ Such as Sweet Soul. Will see her again in Heaven.

Steve LeBlanc - June 18, 2020 at 01:07 PM

AH

“ From Mary Brown and family my condolences to the family with love

Annette Hurst - June 17, 2020 at 10:56 PM

LC

“ 🙏🙏🙏 Prayers and condolences to the family 🙏 May God give you
All strength to hold on and be strong 🕊️🙏🙏 GOD BLESS

LENORE Calvert - June 17, 2020 at 10:16 PM

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“ Aunt Karen, you are going to be missed! Your smile the love for
your family! There are so many memories I have and I will always
hold dear to my heart! I love you Aunt Karen! Rest in God's arms!
Until I see you again! Love you forever!Pebbles

Maetaylor 1963@gmail.com - June 16, 2020 at 04:45 PM