



Desiree Laverne Mitchell

July 29, 1955 - February 3, 2021

Mrs. Desiree Laverne Mitchell, 65 of Ellenwood, GA passed Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

Desiree was born on July 29, 1955 in Brooklyn, NY. Desiree was an only child and was raised by her parents Irene Hines and Harry Hines. Desiree was educated by the New York City public school system. After completion of high school, Desiree studied humanities at Long Island University. Desiree met the love of her life Henry (Juelz) Mitchell one day while out in the neighborhood. They were joined in holy matrimony on August 7, 1982. Desiree's final wishes were to be cremated and have her remains placed into companion urns with her beloved husband who lost his battle to cancer in 2014.

Desiree worked as an administrative assistant for the State of New York Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) for several years before relocating her family to Atlanta, GA in 1989. After the family was settled, Desiree joined the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Program where she completed 10 years of dedicated service as a Program Technician. During the latter part of her tenure with the federal government, Desiree served as President of her NTEU union chapter.

Although Desiree's administrative skills were top notch, she knew she had a different purpose in life and pursued working in ministry and counseling. Desiree joined Columbia Drive United Methodist Church in 1998. Desiree was a faithful and active member of the church and ministered to the congregation

using her gifts as liturgist each Sunday. Desiree had acknowledged her call into ministry and was working towards achieving that goal. Desiree always had a desire to complete college and she obtained her college degree in counseling from Grand Canyon University. Desiree also completed several hours of continuing education courses in social work and substance abuse.

Desiree is survived by two daughters: Sakima White (Chris White) and Toya Gardner (Tristan Gardner); one son, Kareem Mitchell; two sisters-in-law: Carla Mitchell and Rhonda Campbell (Dennis Campbell); two aunts: Alma Garrette and Wyolene Eaton; 14 grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews, several cousins, and a host of loving adoptive family and close friends.

A Celebration of Life Service for Mrs. Mitchell will be held at 1:00PM Monday, February 15, 2021 at Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home. Attendance is by INVITATION only. The Service will be Live Streamed. Visitation is Monday 10:00AM-12:00PM at our SOUTH DEKALB Chapel. Due to the COVID-19, a mask is required to enter the Chapel. Please extend your condolences here on our website. Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy, Decatur, GA 30034 (404) 241-5656

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a [Click Here For Live Stream](#) in memory of Desiree Laverne Mitchell*



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - February 14, 2021 at 09:23 PM



“ *Desiree was my mother but she was also my friend. My mom was always supportive and was always there when I needed her. She helped me after having kids, after I had surgery, and she would watch the kids whenever I needed her to. I am glad that my mom had the opportunity to live with my family and I for some time after my dad passed away. I will miss watching TV with her and her listening to me talk about my day. I will miss going to get massages or going to get out nails done together. I will miss her coming on vacation and trips with us. I feel like an important part of me and my life is gone, but I know she's in a better place and has been reunited with the love of her life and other loved ones. RIP mom, you will be missed dearly!*

Sakima White - February 18, 2021 at 11:13 AM

PT

Sakima -

I worked with your father, Juelz, for several years at Covenant Community, and he became a friend and an important person in my life. I wish I had gotten to know your mother better, but I feel that I knew her well because I know how much she meant to Juelz. I am very sorry that you have now lost both of these beautiful, loving people, but I am also very happy for you that you had them as parents and that they live on inside of you.

Paul Thim

Paul Thim - March 06, 2021 at 08:36 AM

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“ My prayers go out to Desiree's family.

Cheryl Woodard and family (Step-Cousin) - February 15, 2021 at 03:18 PM

KR

“ *Kenneth Richardson & Family, I will always miss speaking to Desiree. Never! will I forget being invited over for dinner with Juelz, Desiree, Sakima+Kids and Mr. Harry T Hines. I felt so welcomed and accepted. "THANK YOU"*



Kenneth E Richardson - February 15, 2021 at 03:16 PM

CB

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the entire family. Des will absolutely be missed in our sight but never our hearts. ❤️*



Cicely Burns - February 15, 2021 at 12:58 PM

LC

“ You were like a 2nd mom to me for many years. Thank you for always being available. Now that both you & pop are gone from this worldly place we call earth, y'all are back together again & we will never forget the impact that you both left behind. Gone but never forgotten. We love you...LaKina, Chantz & Chase Cherry.

LaKina Cherry - February 15, 2021 at 12:57 PM

CR

“ Sweet comforter, lovely protector, beautiful soul - Desiree. Because of who she is, Desiree is in heaven with Jules, her mother and all of her loved ones. In the words of James Weldon Johnson, "Weep not, weep not. She is not dead. She is resting in the bosom of Jesus." She is much loved by me and all of my family and will never be forgotten.

Charlotte Robinson & Family

Charlotte Robinson - February 15, 2021 at 12:43 PM

CF

“ Charlotte Robinson and Family purchased the Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket for the family of Desiree Laverne Mitchell.



Charlotte Robinson and Family - February 15, 2021 at 12:28 PM

CW

“ Sweet kind woman of God. That's how I will remember Desiree. I used to love when she would pray at Columbia drive when she first started in the ministry. Thank you Lord for allowing us to meet. She will be missed but now shares her new life with Julez. To be absent from the body is to present with the Lord. Hold on Ms. Garrett. She is okay.



Cynthia Wright - February 15, 2021 at 12:10 PM

AN

“ Dearest Desiree - Always was a caring, nurturing and a beautiful soul. She loved her family wholeheartedly and always made you feel welcomed.

Rest In Peace

Annette

Annette - February 15, 2021 at 11:54 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Desiree Laverne Mitchell.



February 15, 2021 at 09:14 AM

RC

“As some people journey through life, they leave footprints of kindness and love, courage and compassion, joy and faith. Even when they're gone, the trail they've left behind continues to inspire us.” These words are from a sympathy card I received from a friend; they totally capture the essence of my dear "Sister" Desiree. We never used the words in-law; you were and will always be Sis. Missing you so much already, but I know you've walked up the King's Highway and now sit at the Welcome Table with your beloved Juelz and dear love ones. Rest well Des ❤️

Rhonda Campbell - February 14, 2021 at 09:52 PM