



Denza Zenobia Mitchell

January 25, 2015

Denza Zenobia Mitchell, beloved wife and mother, 84, of Cape Girardeau left this earth Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015, to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was born July 12, 1930, in St. Louis, to Elenor Elizabeth Staten and Everett Jones. She was raised by her maternal grandmother, Ethel Bollinger of Cape Girardeau. Denza graduated from Lincoln John S. Cobb School in 1948, afterwards completing a year of business school. She and Calvin Rudolph Mitchell of Jackson were united in holy matrimony in October 1953 in St. Louis, at a dear friend's house. Later Denza and Calvin returned to Cape Girardeau, where they raised five children. Denza was a lifelong member of St. James AME Church. She was very active most of her life there. Denza used all her God-given talents for the glory of God. She served the Lord in various capacities. She was the musician there, where she played both the organ and the piano many years. She served as president of the Floral Club, was a member of the Here I Am Club, was on the Mother Stewardess Board. She hosted many church socials and fundraisers in her own back yard. She loved waking up early in the mornings, writing divinely inspired messages and praising God for all his many spiritual blessings. She often spoke at the church, delivering powerful messages at Women's and Mother's Day programs. She served on the church anniversary banquet committee multiple times, transforming the church basement into an elegant venue for the anniversary celebrations. She conducted and served as mistress of ceremonies for the church Easter fashion shows. Denza's beautiful soprano

voice was often heard each Sunday morning in the sanctuary. Denza loved the Lord, loved being in church and continued to make every effort to be in the house of the Lord. Denza was an exquisite homemaker. She was her own interior and exterior decorator and designer, loved gardening and planting, each spring and summer, an array of gorgeous flowers in her front and back yards. She was a great cook, whipping up mouth-watering desserts as well as a seamstress designing and sewing most of her clothes. Dee Dee, as she was often called by her grandchildren, drew people of all ages to her warm and inviting home. She served as a host for Tupperware, Sara Coventry, and Studio Girl events. Young people of all ages flocked to her home to join in on sing-alongs around the piano. She found time to serve meals to her children's friends and college students who were longing for a home cooked meal. Dee Dee and her husband opened up their basement to a young pastor who needed a place to hold services to preach God's word. Dee Dee loved all people, black and white, young and old. Every time anyone would come in contact with her, she would always have a warm greeting for you and some kind words to say. Dee Dee was a godly wife for over 60 years to her husband. She was a loving and protective mother to her children. She epitomized the biblical mandate of how a woman should love her husband, love her children, and keep her household. She will be truly and deeply missed. Survivors include a loving, devoted husband, Calvin Mitchell of Cape Girardeau; a son, Kevin Mitchell of Cape Girardeau; three daughters, Debra Mitchell-Braxton, Karen Smith and Denise Mitchell, all of Cape Girardeau; five grandchildren, Randy (Amanda) Smith II of Houston, Texas, Sean Braxton of Cape Girardeau, Ashley Braxton of Hampton, Virginia, Frankie Braxton of Columbia, Maryland, and Ann (Darryl) Parker of Silver Spring, Maryland, and a great-grandchild, Calvin Mattan Smith of Houston. She leaves behind a cousin, Carlton (Patricia) Staten of Las Vegas, Nevada; a sister-in-law, Virginia Johnson of St. Louis; a brother-in-law, Brian (Phyllis) Siebert of Kokomo, Indiana; a host of cousins and many dear friends. Preceding her in death was a beloved son, Reginald Mitchell and an uncle, Orlando Davis

Staten, both of Cape Girardeau, and a cousin, Ronald Staten of Jackson. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home. The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at St. James AME Church, 516 North Street, with the Rev. Rodney Moody officiating. Burial will be in Fairmount Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

RT

“*Love is relentless and determined. It can be felt across the oceans of time and existence; or through a flower that brings a sweet fragrance of joy.*” *Love lives in the tears of loss and suffering; and in every smile that opens a heart and offer moments of hopeful understanding.* To the Mitchell Family, keep looking up beyond the creation to the great Creator, God. Call on him, who can take the weeping of the night; and bring Joy in the morning!💎 Sis Denza Mitchell was an exceptional person; 💎who knew how to love. Cherish her memories, and watch God filled the void. 💎 With sympathy, Rev. Debbie Thornton

Rev. Debbie Thornton - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BR

“*I am so sorry to hear of loss. She was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever known and it was a honor to say that I had met her many years ago. She always had a smile on her face and never really met a stranger. She will truly missed by many. I send my sympathy and prayers to you all. GOD BLESS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*”

Brenda Pender Sides Rose - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“*I'm so sorry for the loss of your mother. I know she was dearly loved by her family and all who knew her. We can be comforted by the Lord's promise of eternal life.*”

Cheryl McDonald Milde - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Your mother was an amazing woman! I loved to see her flowers and yard as I drove past their home. She has left a rich heritage that will live on long after her death. Her children and grand children were her pride and joy! Think of all they have and are accomplished to spread the Joy of God's Kingdom and the love of Christ to all those around them! Blessings at this time of loss.

Adelaide Parsons - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Mom Denza Mitchell was not only my babysitter when I was young, she was also my family. She (they) welcomed me, loved me, spoiled me, taught me & showed me what love is. I was her KELLIE FRANCES. I send kisses & love up to you in Heaven Mom Denza, but please know you will always be right here with me in my heart! THANK-YOU, your KELLIE FRANCES??

KELLIE FRANCES PRINCE - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ What a wonderful women she was inside and out. Use to come to a store I worked out and was always a friendly with a wonderful smile.. So sorry for your loss... Margaret Austin

Margaret Austin - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My sincere sympathy to my Mitchell 'family'. I dearly loved Denza. She always made me feel special, and I am sure the Lord has prepared a special place for her in heaven to be with Reggie. May your grief be replaced by all the wonderful memories of Denza.

Judi Cates - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ On Behalf of Garrison and Patricia Jones our deepest sympathy goes out to the Mitchell Family on your lost of your Mother and wife to our Dear Daddy Calvin. your family will always be in our prayers. Sorry we could not be there for you in person but you know we were there in spirit. May God to continue to Bless You One and All.

Patricia K. Jones - February 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Sent with Love and Remembrance, to all 'Mitchell Family' Ms. Denza will always have a special place in my heart. She was always such a beautiful lady with a big heart of love and understanding. And let's not forget that big pretty smile, for now I will be closing with prayers for DAD and the rest of the family. Peace & Blessings Ceretha Jackson- Brown

Ceretha Jackson-Brown - February 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Family, I longed to be with you in honoring Ms. Mitchell's passing. Know that my prayers for your comfort to our Father has been a constant calling on my heart for you all. I loved your mom and will forever remember her love and kindness to me as a boy and young man. She was a beautiful and Godly woman. Marcellus

Marcellus Mosley - January 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM