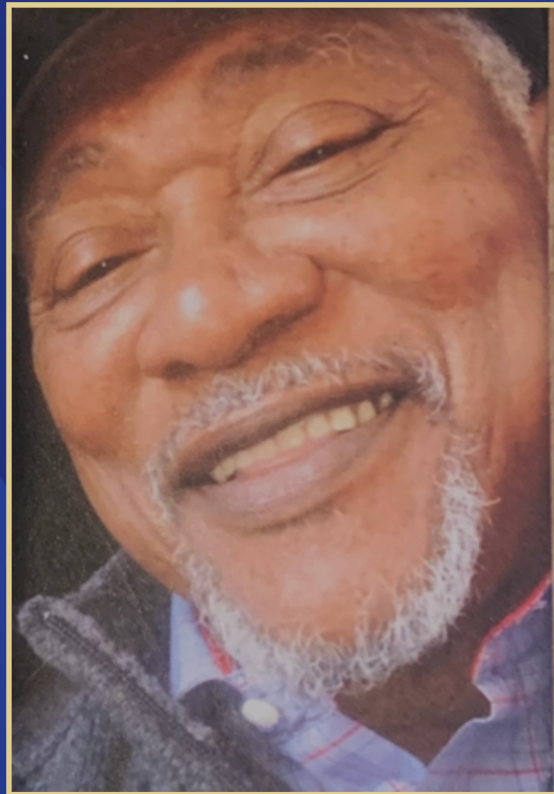


Celebrating the Life of
DWIGHT L. MITCHELL

Sunrise

APRIL 20, 1947



Sunset

JANUARY 19, 2024

Friday, February 9, 2024

10:00 A.M. VIEWING | 11:00 A.M. SERVICE

FROM THE HEART CHURCH MINISTRIES®
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BISHOP JOHN A. CHERRY, II - PASTOR

Obituary

“Every blade in the field, every leaf in the forest lays down its life in its season as beautifully as it was taken up.”

Dwight L. Mitchell, the second son of four sons of the late Florence L. Mitchell and Marshall Mitchell was born in Wilson, North Carolina on April 20, 1947.

Dwight received his early education in the District of Columbia Public School System. In 1963, he was employed with the Fort Myer Army Military Base in Arlington, Virginia. Dwight enlisted in the U. S. Army on August 31, 1965 and was honorably discharged on August 30, 1968. His military service included a year in Vietnam. Dwight received several campaign and service awards; to include an expert badge for the use of the M14 rifle. After his military service, he re-enlisted in the U. S. Army Reserve and was discharged on August 30, 1971. Dwight continued his education at American University.

Dwight was also employed with the Railroad Express Agency, Inc. and the federal government's General Service Administration. However, he patiently waited for the job that he truly desired—a police officer with the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). On March 1, 1970, his desire was realized when he joined the Department. Dwight absolutely loved his job. He made many friends and was a jokester which probably resulted in a few enemies. Dwight worked in the 2nd District as a patrol officer, and as a Detective in the 1st District Narcotics Unit. He also worked at the Criminal Investigation Division (Sex Offense Branch) and the Office of Internal Affairs. His friendship with many of his fellow officers established very close family relationships which are still thriving today. He retired from MPD on June 4, 1993. Dwight missed the camaraderie with his brothers and sisters in the MPD and entered the Senior Officers Program where he worked for many years. Upon officially retiring from the MPD, Dwight joined the National Institute of Health Police Department in 2003 as a detective and retired in 2012. He was later employed with the National Museum of Women in the Arts from 2015 to 2021.

On August 7, 1983, Dwight and Adrienne accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior and were baptized at the Church of Christ-Southeast in Suitland MD. They were married on March 17, 1984, after a 12 year friendship and their children were blended as one family. Dwight experienced all the benefits of being raised in a Christian family. He always spoke of how his grandmother had weekly Bible study sessions where she taught about Jesus. In 1985, the family joined From the Heart Church Ministries where Dwight faithfully served in the Usher, Repast, and the Special Services ministries. Special Services was his favorite ministry, he enjoyed “Standing on the Wall”! Dwight was one of the first members to be selected for the Special Services Ministry. Dwight played an integral role in recruiting younger men to join the ministry. Dwight dutifully performed his assignments until October 2023.

Dwight enjoyed the beauty of life and was ever so grateful for God's gift of life. He especially enjoyed reading, discussing and sharing God's Word, sharing his time, speaking a kind word or doing a deed for his family and friends. He loved his horses, Sundeara and Niya, and training Vida and Sherlock, his Akita dogs.

Moreover, Dwight was a man who lived and shared his treasured faith in his thoughtfulness for the hope field promises of God, especially with his grandchildren. He chose to magnify God rather than discussing his problems or illness - he intentionally made the most of each day. He experienced an abundant life. God took Dwight places and blessed him more than he could ever imagined. One of his greatest joys in life was the fact that God granted him the gift of amazing children and grandchildren who all know the Lord as their Savior. They are kind, well-educated and each of them lives with great integrity. Dwight will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. He leaves many precious memories and a fruitful inheritance and his generous and loving demeanor, his willingness to serve others, and the example of his love and obedience to the Lord.

Dwight is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Adrienne; cherished children: Dwayne Mitchell Sr. (Annette), Yvette Mitchell, Monique McDaniel (Derek), Tremia Haythe (Anthony Sr.) and Dionis Williams; brother, Donald Mitchell; 11 precious adult grandchildren, Damien Mitchell, Marnique Wilson, Joshua Curtis, Omar Floyd, Jaden Williams, Kyra Williams, Kayla Mitchell, Dwayne Mitchell Jr., Anthony Haythe, Jr., Domonique McDaniel and Sanai' Haythe.; great-grandchildren: Milani Garcia, Saint Davis and JaZiah Curtis; goddaughters, Minister Juakena Winston and Kenya Colvin as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

We thank God for His gift of the beautiful witness and example of Dwight's life. A lover of people and an amazing human being, who loved his family and others unconditionally. Surely, the impact he had on the lives he touched was positive, profound and far reaching. Blessed are we to have been the recipients of his love, his kindness, his mentorship, his wisdom and friendship. The precious soul of this husband, father, brother, grandfather, great-grand father, family member and friend was gently lead into the presence of the Lord on Friday, the 19th day of January, 2024. We are especially honored and grateful that God allowed us to occupy a small space within his dash 1947 – 2024.

Order of Service

Invocation

Congregational Hymn "It Is Well"

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort

Selection.....FTH Psalmist

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Bishop Henry C. Lancaster, The Way of the Cross Church of Christ, Inc.

Lt. Marco F. Kittrell, Retired-NIH Police Department

Mr. Raymond Wright, Brother-in-Christ, From the Heart Church Ministries

Co-Pastor Juakena Winston, Greater Works Ministry, Atlanta, GA, Goddaughter

Mr. O'mar J. Floyd, Grandson

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of PreparationFTH Psalmist

Message of HopeBishop John A. Cherry, II

Call to Christ

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Family Sentiments

Honey, We always knew that Jesus Christ is the love of our life! We prayed for this day. We thank and praise God for answering our prayer! No more suffering, no more pain! I am celebrating your departure—no more tears! We talked and cried a lot before your departure! God's mercy and grace covered us and gave us the peace that passes all understanding, knowing that you would enter into the presence of God! I praise God for having the blessed opportunity to be chosen to love and care for you for 52 precious years!

— Loving You, Adrienne

Hi Dad, It's me, Nique, I want to thank you for loving me and being that example to me of what a husband should be. I want to thank you for loving me and mommy and my children. You protected me at all costs. When I didn't know any better, there were times I used your MPD badge number to get me out of stuff LOL :-). That was you and mommy praying for me, I know. You were not ashamed of being a Man of God where you prayed for your family and others. I'm missing your laughter and you saying hey Babe when I would come over or call. You provided me with great words of wisdom. I know you're great and still praying, protecting, and watching over me from heaven.

— Loving Monique

Dionis "Lil Tanya" Mitchell, that is who I am. That is what my father always called me until the day he wasn't able to call me again. My father has made many sacrifices for me, for us. He quietly shaped us into the people that we are today. He was quiet and knowledgeable. He gave us his opinion when we asked, and when we didn't, he gave us advice on what he thought we should do. Everybody knows something about my father that I don't know, but that's what makes him special to all of us. Everybody got a little piece that they will carry with them in their hearts forever. As a little girl, I thought my father was a giant, as I grew into the woman that I am today, he was still a giant, loving and caring man that never raised his voice, but we always knew what he was thinking or how he felt. But what I remember most about our father is that he loved God, his mother and he certainly loved his wife, Adrienne. And I know that as he sits in heaven, he will continue to love and protect us. I love you Daddy and I will miss you for the rest of my days.

— Rest Easy, Dionis

Granddaddy, Thank you for loving, teaching and being an example for me. You always talked to me about discipline and doing the right thing and to be a good Father to my son. You would always ask me what could I do to better myself? You always told me to pray and trust God and because of you this is what I do.

— Love, Joshua

Granddaddy, You taught me to always have a plan and most importantly think long term and your future. What you do today can affect your future. Also save your money, budget and don't live beyond your means. You also always told me do something you're passionate about or something that's going to pay you what you're worth. Everything you said my whole life it finally makes sense and you just wanted the best for me and to be better than you.

— I love you always, Bratt (Marnique)

Granddaddy, It's me "Pretty Girl" is what you called me. I will never forget the conversations we had that made me smile. You always talked to me about being safe and protecting myself. A Protector is what you are Granddaddy, you made feel safe. I didn't say much but I listened to your every word and apply it to my everyday life. Thank you Granddaddy for protecting and being there for me.

— I love you, Domonique

Family Sentiments

THANK YOU

*As we look back over time
We find ourselves wondering ...
Did I remember to thank you enough
For all you have done for me?
For all the times you were by my side
To help and support me ...
To watch me give birth
To help raise your grandkids
To celebrate our successes
To walk me down the aisle
To understand my problems
And accept my defeats?
Or for teaching us by your example,
The value of hard work, good judgment,
Courage and integrity?
I wonder if I ever thanked you
For the sacrifices you made.
To let us have the very best?
And for the simple things
Like laughter, smiles and times we shared?
If I have forgotten to show my
Gratitude enough for all the things you did,
I am thanking you now.
And I am hoping you knew all along,
How much you meant to me.*

— Love you 4 Life!
Tremia

Grandad, We know you can no longer stay with us, you fought long and hard to be with us. We know you now watch over and protect us. Although we cannot hear your voice or see your smiling face, We know deep down in our hearts that you have not left us.

— I love you forever, Sanai'

Thank you Granddaddy for your presence and love. I will miss you here on earth but I know your in a better place now.

— Love you, AJ

He was my Main Man.

— Love, Yvette

*Flowers and Love note
from Milani.*



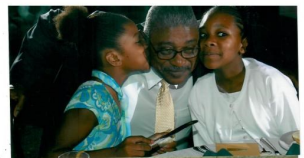
*To my incredible godfather,
I am so grateful for your love and presence in my life. Thank you for being so like our Heavenly Father, emanating love and gentle kindness everywhere you went. You have been one of the greatest examples to me of who a godly man should be. You taught us all so much just by how you lived. Even in the midst of pain and illness you had great internal strength, showing us how to have peace with God in the midst of great adversity. I will miss you greatly, but take comfort in knowing you are free from suffering in the presence of the Lord.*

— I love you so much, Kenya

*Granddaddy,
You inspired us to be respectable young people and we will never forget all the talks we shared with you.
Peaceful rest Granddaddy. We love you.*

— Damien, Kayla, DJ, and Saint





Congregational Hymn

It Is Well

*When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Chorus

*It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

Chorus

*And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.*

Chorus

Acknowledgments

We want to give praise, honor and thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for our church family at From the Heart Church Ministries, where we consistently receive the uncompromising Word of God, which we believe and know has allowed us to rejoice in the Lord as we go through this experience in our lives. We want to especially express our love and appreciation to the various ministries and members who have come to serve, support, and comfort our family. Minister Vance Paige, thank you for gently and spiritually walking with us.

It is with sincere gratitude and appreciation that our family gives glory, praise, honor and thanks to God for all who have expressed their support (your prayers, hospital visits, words of encouragement, flowers, food, phone calls, cards, visits, and donations to the FTH Christian School Scholarship Fund) and condolences at this time in celebration of the life of Dwight L. Mitchell.

We want to especially give thanks to God for the excellent healthcare services and love Dwight received from Dr. Rodney Ellis, Dr. Caryl Mussenden, Mrs. Pauline Mitchell, Infusion Nurse (Nations Home Infusion LLC), Drs. Ajay Kadakkal, Nana Afari-Armah, Lamb, and Sung O. Lee; Nurse Navigators, Catlin Lynch and Cherelle Chambers, all of the Washington Hospital Center – Heart and Vascular Institute, Advance Heart Failure Team, 4NE Nurses, Carter and Whitney; Denny Karess, PA-C of Anderson Orthopedic Clinic; Dr. Kendall and staff of the National Spine and Pain Center; Sister Donna Marshall, Sister Sharon Mitchell (Sherlock's other Mom). A special thank you to my sister-in-love, Evelyn Bradshaw, Brother and Sister Raymond Wright, Brother and Sister Lewis Williams, Sister Rochelle Zachary, and all the members of our Couples Fellowship Group.

Pallbearers

*Joshua Curtis, Omar Floyd
Anthony Haythe, Jr.
Dwayne Mitchell, Jr., Jaden Williams*

Honorary Pallbearers

*Anthony Haythe, Sr.
Derek McDaniel*

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

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