

In Loving Memory of



Ollie Mitchell, Sr.
"Mitch"

Sunrise
March 30, 1927

Sunset
January 30, 2011

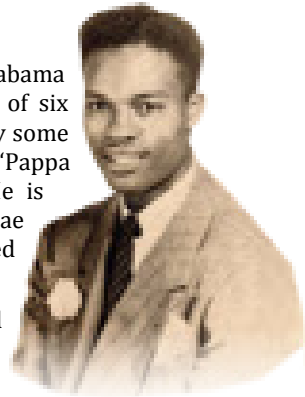
Wednesday, February 9, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
130 Main Street • Orange, NJ

Rev. Dr. Robert Jiggetts, Officiating
Walt Sorey, Organist

Obituary

Ollie Mitchell, Sr. was born on March 30, 1927 in Enterprise Alabama and departed this life on January 30, 2011. He was the eldest of six children born to Bertha Williams and was affectionately known by some as “Nulles”, by others as “Mitch” and by his grandchildren as “Pappa Mitch”. He was raised by his grandfather Rovier Matthews. He is survived by his brother, Jesse of Alabama and his sister, Bertha Mae of Orange, NJ. His brothers, James, George and Albert predeceased him.

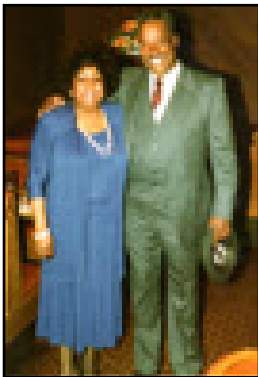


He attended Shady Grove Baptist Church in Bellwood, Alabama and went to the public schools in Coffee County Alabama. He served in the Army in Washington State. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Alabama where he had a son, William known as Billy. He then journeyed up North to New Jersey where he pursued his studies in brick masonry and perfected his skills in reading blue prints.

In 1948 Ollie met and married his beloved wife of fifty-nine years, Louise Mitchell of Orange, NJ. Their union was blessed with seven children: Ollie, Jr., Gregory (deceased) (Mary), Dwight (Kim), Jerome (Suzanne), Kevin (deceased), Deborah, Mark, and William Brown (Shirlyn); ten grandchildren, Donna, Gregory, Jr., Jerome, Jr., Andre, Melanie, Valerie, Velvor, Travis, Dwight, Jr., and Montana and nine great grandchildren, Cadence, Chynna, Gregory, III, Egypt, Jacob, Indya, Dashiell, Zion, and Iyanna. Ollie loved his family above all and made sure they had the best life had to offer. He went out of his way to help people in need. Mitch settled for nothing less than excellence. From perfectly laid bricks to the sweetest fruit in town or the highest quality of meats, Ollie strived for the best.

He became a much sought after and successful brick mason and started his own business known as the “Ollie Mitchell Construction Company”. That company built everything from the foundations to mansions in Alpine, apartments at Great Notch, warehouses in South Jersey, part of Madison Square Garden in New York to countless other homes, offices, banks, businesses, steps, swimming pools, porches and the like in different states. Mitch and Louise not only worked in his construction company together, they both established a successful taxi cab business, a thriving fish market and a delicious soul food restaurant in addition to managing several rental properties.

Holidays were always special, fun-filled and festive at the Mitchell residence in Orange because those events would bring the entire family together. Whether it was a 4th of July or Labor Day barbecue, a baby shower, a birthday celebration, Thanksgiving, Christmas or Easter dinner, Mitch made sure that there was plenty of good food and drink for all to enjoy.



Ollie loved to fish and to hunt. He would then share his, catfish, porgies, bass or other catches with all to enjoy. Mitch woke up every morning at sunrise and went out to build. He would point out with pride to his grandchildren on rides, the different edifices he erected for them to remember and share with their offspring. He loved to watch westerns and other old movies and delighted in the successes of his children and grandchildren, especially their graduations. He was loved, admired, revered and even feared by many, who knew that he did not tolerate nonsense or mean-spirited behavior. He did not hesitate to discipline his boys whenever necessary or to confront anyone who threatened harm to his loved ones. From his humble beginnings he rose high to a successful and full life, through hard work, discipline, a passion for his career and an undying love for his family.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude Organist

Processional Clergy and Family

Opening Hymn Congregation

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 27:1-7 Deaconess Laila Mitchell

New Testament - I Corinthians 15:51-58

Prayer of Comfort Elder Tonya Davis
Faith Tabernacle Church of the Living God

Praise Dancing Chynna and Egypt Mitchell

Remarks or Reflections Evangelist Harris, Family, Friends

Acknowledgement of Cards Melanie & Travis Mitchell

Selection Alphonso Harris

Obituary Deacon Gregory Mitchell

Selection

Eulogy Rev. Dr. Robert Jiggetts

Pall Bearers Gregory, Travis, Dwight, Jr.

Recessional



Interment

Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey

*Friends are invited to join the family for the repast at
Sandwiches Unlimited 23 N. Center St., Orange, NJ*

Miss Me, But Let Me Go



*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*



-author unknown

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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