

Walter "Bubba" Mitchell

Sunnise February 14, 1914

Sunset March 30, 2015

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church 88 Lyons Avenue • Newark, NJ Rev. Dr. Allen Potts, Officiating

Obituary

Walter Mitchell was born February 14, 1914 to the late Benjamin Mitchell and Daisy Smalls Mitchell in Summerville, South Carolina. He departed this life on Monday, March 30, 2015 at the Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark, New Jersey. He was a resident of Irvington, New Jersey for over thirty-five years.

Walter was united in marriage with the late Celia Glover Mitchell of Charleston, SC. Out of this union they had one child, Charles Mitchell.

In 1943, he was called to serve in the US Army. He received his Army training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He was assigned to the 667th Ordinance Ammunition Company in Pacific Theatre. He returned to the United States in 1945 and was Honorably Discharged in 1946.

In 1947, friends, Samuel and Hercules Gray, living in Newark, originally from South Carolina suggested that Walter brought his family to New Jersey for better financial prosperity. Mr. Gray promised that he could get employment for him. After arriving in Newark, he attended Auto Mechanic School under the GI Bill and received a diploma. He gained employment at the Federal Pacific Electrical Company of Newark where he retired in 1974 after thirty-seven years with the company.

Walter was a loyal member of Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church and served many years on the Usher Board. He spent most of his retirement time transporting elderly citizens home with their groceries from the local Supermarket in the community.

He leaves to cherish his memories: son, Charles Edward Mitchell and wife, Elsie Ann; two cherished grandchildren, Donna and Colleen; four brothers, the late Benjamin (Ann) Mitchell, Ernest Mitchell, Bronx, NY, Melvin Mitchell, Chicago, Ill, the late Clarence (the late Daisy) Mitchell; three sisters, the late Estelle M. Elmore, Beatrice (Charles) Trotter, Cealie Mae Griffin, both of Chicago, Ill, Mamie Lee White (the late Jefferson), Charleston, SC, Viola (Benjamin) White, Bronx, NY, the late Elizabeth Truesdell and the late Rachel Fludd and many, many devoted nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends, Ms. Essie Braswell and William Clemons.

Order of Service

MilitaryTribute	US Army Detail
Musical Prelude	
Processional	
Hymm	#393
Invocation	Rev. Anthony Mitchell
Choral Response	
Selection	."Just Closer Walk With Thee"
Scripture Readings Old Testament New Testament	Rev. Anthony Mitchell
Selection	
Remarks and Tributes	Family and Friends
Reflections.	Mr. Edward W. Gordon II
Reading of Obituary / Poem	Ms. Nichelle J. Gordon-Scott
Resolution	
Selection	
Eulogy	Rev. Dr. Allen Potts
The Lord's Prayer (chanted)	
Benediction	Rev. Dr. Allen Potts
Recessional	Family and Friends
Organ Postlude	

Interment

Glendale Cemetery 28 Hoover Avenue Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003

Pall Bearers

Barry White Edward W. Gordon II Shyrone Scrivens Donnel Mitchell Benny Mitchell Devon Weaver

Repast

Return immediately following the interment to the church.



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

In Appreciation

The family acknowledges with great appreciation each kind word, each prayer and all other expressions of love and sympathy.

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