

A Celebration of the Life of

Anna Miriam Mitchell

January 26, 1947 - July 8, 2026

**Mass Service:
Friday, July 17, 2026 at 10:30AM**

**Saints Philip and James Catholic Church
1160 E 213th Street, Bronx, NY 10469**



Obituary

There are people whose lives are measured not by the years they are given, but by the love they freely share. **Anna Miriam Mitchell** was one of those extraordinary people. Through quiet acts of kindness, unwavering devotion to her family, and a heart that always placed others before herself, Anna left an imprint on every life she touched.

With profound sadness, yet with hearts full of gratitude for a life beautifully lived, we announce the passing of Anna Miriam Mitchell, who entered into eternal rest on July 8, 2026, at the age of 79.

Born on January 26, 1947, in New York, New York, Anna was born Anna Miriam Culta and was formerly known as Anna Miriam Cora. She was the beloved and only child of Santiago 'Chago' Culta and Cecilia 'Cecy' Culta. Anna was preceded in death by her beloved parents, whose unwavering love and example helped shape the compassionate, resilient, and devoted woman she became.

Raised in Manhattan and the Bronx, Anna remained deeply proud of her Puerto Rican heritage. Raised in the Roman Catholic faith, her belief in God quietly guided her life and was reflected in the compassion, forgiveness, and grace she extended to others.

To know Anna was to know a woman whose heart seemed to have no limits. She celebrated the successes of others as though they were her own, encouraged those who struggled, and had a remarkable ability to make people feel seen, valued, and loved.

Nothing brought Anna greater happiness than having her family together. Her home was a place where everyone was welcome, and no one ever left hungry or thirsty. Unexpected visitors were never an inconvenience; they were simply another opportunity to pull up a chair, share a meal, and make someone feel at home. Sunday 'big breakfasts,' traditional Puerto Rican dishes, and her famous lasagna became lasting family memories.

Anna possessed a wonderful sense of humor. She was quick-witted, delightfully sarcastic, and never afraid to speak her truth. When asked how she was feeling, she often smiled and said she felt like a 'wet noodle,' choosing to ease everyone else's worries rather than dwell on her own.

For more than three decades Anna faithfully served as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), dedicating much of her career to Rofay Nursing Home, later known as Regeis Nursing Home. She became the supervisor of her floor and shift and earned the respect of coworkers through steady leadership, professionalism, and compassion. She had a remarkable gift for caring for residents whom others often found difficult to reach. She frequently worked overtime and accepted additional nursing positions to provide for her family, making sacrifices without complaint.

After more than three decades of devoted service, Anna was eventually forced to retire because of the physical challenges she endured, a transition she accepted with the same quiet strength, dignity, and grace that defined her life. Though her nursing career came to an end, her instinct to care for others never did.

As the only child of Santiago and Cecilia Culta, Anna lovingly cared for her mother until her passing and, years later, devoted herself to caring for her father as well. She considered it not a burden, but a privilege.

Music filled Anna's home and heart. She loved salsa, Lionel Richie and The Commodores, Luther Vandross, and Earth, Wind & Fire. She delighted in decorating for Christmas and creating traditions that brought family together. Her seven beloved grandchildren knew her simply and lovingly as 'Abuela.' She often reminded them of one powerful word: 'Confidence.' She also cherished her father's blessing: 'Wishing you a lot of health, a lot of wealth, and time to enjoy both.'

Anna is lovingly remembered by her devoted husband, Egbert Mitchell; her two sons, Cesar Alexander Cora and Anthony Cora; her beloved daughters-in-law and grandchildren: Doudouine, mother of Clodine, Claudia and Anthony; Patricia, mother of Naya and Alexander; and Kendra, mother of Jaden and Javian; the father of her children, Cesar Cora; along with cherished cousins, extended family members, dear friends, neighbors, and all whose lives were touched by her kindness, generosity, and unwavering love.

If you were fortunate enough to know Anna, you knew how big her heart was. Whether she was caring for a patient, preparing a meal, encouraging someone who needed hope, or welcoming an unexpected guest into her home, she had a remarkable way of making people feel seen, valued, and loved. She never sought recognition or praise. Her greatest reward was simply knowing someone else felt cared for.

A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating Anna's life will be held on Friday, July 17, 2026, at Saints Philip and James Catholic Church, 1160 East 213th Street, Bronx, NY 10469. Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by the Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Interment will immediately follow at St. Raymond's New Cemetery, 2600 Lafayette Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465.

Though our hearts are heavy with sorrow, we find comfort in the countless memories Anna leaves behind. We will remember her every time family gathers around the table, every time music fills a room, every Christmas season that brings loved ones together, and every quiet act of kindness performed without expecting anything in return.

If you were fortunate enough to know Anna, you knew how big her heart was.

She loved with all she had.

Order of Service

Introductory Rites

- Greeting
- Sprinkling with Holy Water
- Placing of the Pall
- Placing of Christian Symbols
- Opening Song (**Blessed Assurance**)
- Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

- First Reading: Book of Wisdom 3:1-6, 9
- Psalm 23 (**The Lord is My Light and My Salvation**)
- Second Reading: **St Paul's 2nd letter to Timothy 4:6-8, 18**
- Gospel: **John 14:1-6**
- Homily
- Intercessions/Prayer of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist

- Offertory song (**How Great Thou Art**)
- Continuation of the Mass as usual
- Communion Song (**Amazing Grace**)
- Meditation (**Jesus is Love by Lionel Richie and The Commodores**)
- Prayer after Communion
- Family member's final remarks
- Eulogy

Final Commendation

- Invitation to Prayer
- Incensing: (**# 860 Make Me A Channel of Your Peace**)
- Song of Farewell (**Soon and Very Soon**)
- Prayer of Commendation

Interment

St. Raymond's New Cemetery
2600 Lafayette Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has chosen 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've now found peace at the end of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seems all to brief;
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,
God wanted me now-He set me free.*

Acknowledgements

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all acts of kindness extended to them during this
bereavement hour. God bless you for all your
thoughtfulness and concern.*

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