



Celebrating

THE LIFE OF

Alice Mitchell

April 7, 1929 - December 19, 2021

Obituary

Alice Kathleen Mitchell beloved daughter of the late Linwood Randall, a native of Portugal and Beatrice Mapp, a native of the island of Barbados, was born on April 7th, 1929, during the end of the Harlem Renaissance period and the beginning of the Great Depression.

Alice was born and raised in Manhattan alongside her brothers Linwood (Tex), Thomas (Tommy), Joseph (Joey) and her only sister Patricia (Patsy), in the midst of the Great Depression which was the worst economic downturn in the history of the industrialized world that lasted from 1929-1939. One could only imagine the struggles and hardships that this young family of seven faced during those difficult times. Alice would often recount stories of her youth reminding her own children to be appreciative and grateful for everything that God had blessed them with, due to her own humble beginnings.

As a child Alice attended the New York City Public School system where she graduated, and later went on to pursue her dreams as a dancer and entertainer. Alice was a socialite and entertainer who reveled in the music and fashion of the times, performing alongside musical legends like Louis Armstrong, Nat King Cole, Sam Cooke, and Jackie Wilson, to name a few. Alice loved life and lived life to the fullest.

While making a way for herself in the entertainment business Alice met her U.S. Army sweetheart Arthur Mitchell, who received a hero's welcome upon his return to the United States after defeating Nazi Germany in World War II, later resulting in their nuptials on June 1, 1947, during this time Alice was forced to put her aspirations of being a famous dancer and entertainer on hold and focus on becoming a full-time wife and mother. In total Alice had eight children Sandra, Gary (Mitch), Norman, Ronald, Tommy, Joann, Rayzelle (Prince) and Guy.

Never one to shy away from work, Alice later pursued her career as a supervisor and later manager at the Ideal Toy Factory where she made dolls and toys for children, while adding both her style and design for over 20 yrs. Alice was a strong woman who always made sure that her family was taken care of until the day she retired.

Alice loved to cook with her younger sister Patsy and looked forward to big Sunday dinners to connect with her family and friends. Alice also cherished her friendship and sisterhood with her best-friend Margaret Brown also known as (Peggie) who was always there for her. Alice's house was always an open door to anyone who needed a helping hand, an ear to listen, a shoulder to lean on, or place to stay. Her home on 169th Street and Liberty Avenue was a gathering place for many in the neighborhood, as people would come from far and near to just to hang out at "Aunt I's" house as she was affectionately called by many.

Alice was a kind and loving person who touched the lives and hearts of everyone who knew her. Always giving of herself, unselfishly to anyone or any situation who required her help. Most of all, Alice loved her family and would take the shirt off of her back for them. Alice was a born-again Christian who loved her God very much. Alice had many favorite songs: "He Is Able", "I Love The Lord", "How Great Is Our God," and the list goes on. Alice was a warrior but was a very gentle soul. She was a Queen in her own right. One of God's most precious angels and the matriarch of the family.

Alice affectionately known to her grandchildren as (Nanny) left a legacy that lives on throughout four generations. Alice departed this life on December 19th, 2021, and was preceded in death by her Husband Arthur H. Mitchell, her sister Patricia Crocker (Patsy), Brother Linwood Randall (Tex), Brother Thomas Randall (Tommy) Brother Joseph Randall (Joey) and Brother-in-law James Crocker. Her children: Gary (Mitch), Norman, Guy, and Rayzelle (Prince). Her nephews and nieces: Jeffrey (Big Jeff), Beatrice (Be-Be), Pamela (Salima), and Lyn.

Alice leaves to mourn: Her daughters Sandra and Joann, sons Ronald and Thomas niece Jamie Crocker-Williams, daughters-in-law Bonita Mitchell and Monique Curtis and God-daughter Aliyah Nelson (21) Grandchildren Robyn, Tranay, Lashaun, Camela, Rasheem, Tiffany, Kimwana, Shawnell, Jamel, Jermaine, Tanya, Kawon, Andre, Aleah, Charisse, Shatic, Kashif, Guy, Raven, Tyrell, Imani (51), Great Grand Children, and (26) Great Great, Grand Children and a host of family, friends and relatives.

Wednesday, December 29, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

The Greater Allen A.M.E. Cathedral of NY

110-31 Floyd H. Flake Blvd.

Jamaica, NY 11433

Order of Service

The Reverend Nichole L. Edness, Officiating

The Prelude

The Opening Song “How Great Is Our God”
Min. Michael Pugh

The Prayer of Comfort

The Scripture Reading

Old Testament – Psalm 23

New Testament John 14:1-7

The Selection ... “ Stand”.....Min. Michael Pugh

The Acknowledgment of Condolences

The Family Tribute.....Brazil Dove
(Great Granddaughter)
Tiheem Morrison

The Obituary.....Shatic Mitchell
(Grandson)

The Selection“ To God Be The Glory”.....Min. Michael Pugh

The Eulogy.....The Reverend Nichole L. Edness

The Moments of Meditation

The Closing Prayer

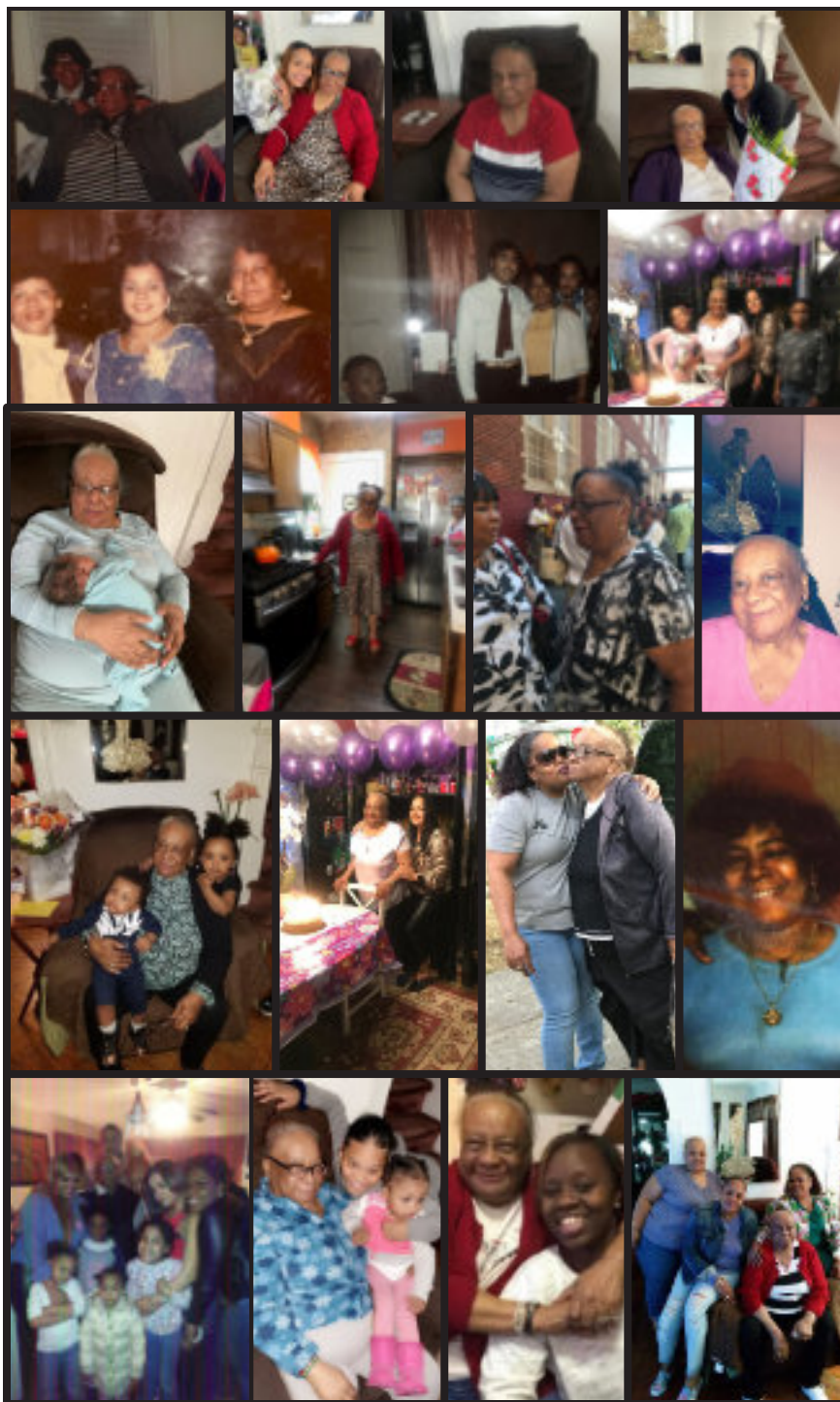
The Benediction

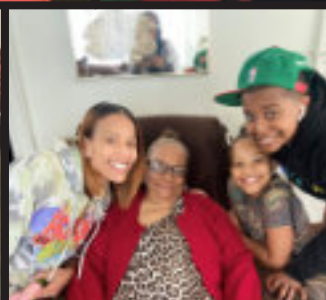
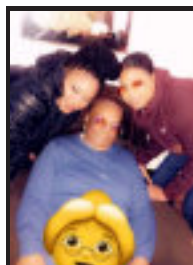
The Recessional.....“ The Reason Why I Sing”

Interment

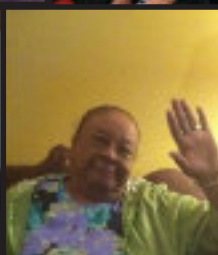
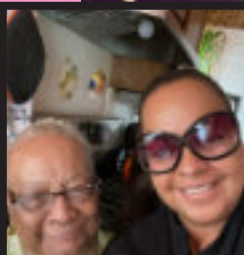
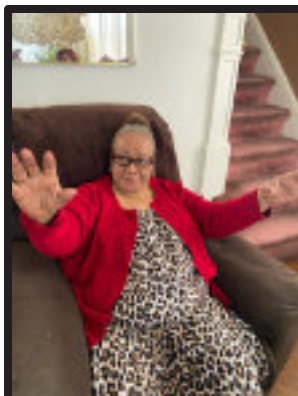
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Calverton, New York











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

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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