



The Virtuous Woman

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Proverbs 31: 25-31

A Word of Thanks from the Family

The word of God tells us to give thanks for all the things so in this hour of bereavement we do extend our sincere gratitude to everyone for the many expressions of love and support rendered to us. It is our prayer that God will richly bless you and keep you in his loving care.

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A Celebration of Life for *Viola Mae Mitchell* **January 8, 1941 – March 4, 2023**



FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023 - 12:00 NOON

Clearview Baptist Church
314 Hobson Street • Newark, New Jersey

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Obituary

Viola was born January 8, 1941 in Windsor, North Carolina to the late Carrie Harmon Ward and John Cherry. She was called home to be with the Lord March 4, 2023.

She was baptized at an early age at Saint Matthew Baptist Church in Windsor, North Carolina.

Viola or Mae as she was affectionately called by family and friends, completed her education at W.S. Etheridge High School in 1958 where she graduated as valedictorian, number one in her class. After graduating she moved to Newark, NJ and continued her education taking classes at Essex County College in Newark.

On September 2, 1961 Viola married Starkey Mitchell, Jr. She was a faithful and dedicated wife and mother. From this union they were blessed with three daughters, Dawn, Keely and Nikki. They also helped raise their granddaughter Tashana and considered her a fourth daughter.

Growing up Viola loved being with her cousins, especially Loretta and Louise. She and Loretta would even dress alike sometime.

Viola worked at different positions in the federal government for over 40 years and ended her career as the Postmaster of the Sewaren, NJ Post Office.

She joined Clearview Baptist Church when they were on Clinton Place under the church's founder, Rev. William Pierce. She remained faithful and served on the Building Fund Committee and the Usher Board Ministry until her health would not allow.

Viola and her sisters-in-love formed a social club, the Chanteclers and sponsored many events in the community. She later became an avid bridge player and was part of the North Jersey bridge club. They met weekly at the YMCA in Newark. She and her husband frequently traveled around the country for ABA national bridge tournaments along with their adoptive parents Mildred and Skeets.

The memories of her life will be forever cherished by her husband, Starkey Mitchell, Jr; her daughters, Dawn Gaskins (Floyd), Keely Mitchell (Randy), Nikki Wilson (Jose); her grandchildren, Tashana Mitchell Martin (Matthew), Romarr, Javon, Dominique, and Jaziah; sisters, Beatrice Ward Adams, Connie Ward Stevens (James), Lettie Milton (Edward); God children Kermit Coley, Caprice Levins, Luther Mollett, Rasheeta Milton and a host of close cousins, other relatives and friends. She also had one brother who preceded her in death, Mark Anthony Ward.

Order of Service

Musical PreludeSamuel Manigault

Processional

Scripture

Old - Rev. Steven A. Wilson

New - Rev. Steven A. Wilson

Prayer of Comfort

Selection.....Rev. Floyd Gaskins

Reflections.....Friends and Family
limited to 2 minutes per person

Selection.....Valerie Adams Manigault

Acknowledgments.....Cheryl Howard

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SelectionValerie Adams Manigault

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Curtis W. Belle, Jr.

Recessional

***Friends and Family will return to Clear View
Baptist Church for the Repast**
immediately after internment*

Entombment
Hollywood Memorial Park
Union, New Jersey