

A Mother, grandma, and great grandma too. You taught us love and how to fight. You gave us strength; you gave us might. A stronger person would be hard to find, and in your heart you were always kind. You fought for us all in one day or another. For all of us you gave your best and now the time has come for you to rest. So go in peace, you've earned your sleep. Your love in our hearts we'll eternally keep.

Love, Your Grandchildren



We had a wonderful great-grandmother. One who never really grew old. Your smile was made of sunshine and your heart was solid gold. Your eyes were bright as shining stars. We had a wonderful Great-Grandmother and that's the way it would always be. But take heed, because She's keeping an eye on all of us. So we'll make sure Grandma will like what she sees.

Love, Your Great-Grandchildren



Good Memories came to wash away the sadness. Mended our hearts and filled it with gladness. We've wiped away our tears now that your gone. Goodbye to our friend and sister who as always there. Goodbye for now but you're not gone as in our hearts.

Love, Your Brothers



Mommy, it's a new day, but you're not here. We will miss you so so much, but just rest you're with God now. You went back home and now you are free. Lamont and I would start our new journey together. We love you Mom Forever.

Love, Your Children



*Mothers Never Really Die - They
Just Keep House Up in the Sky*

Death beckoned her with outstretched hand
And whispered softly of "an unknown land"-

But she was not afraid to go
For though the path she did not know,
She took death's hand without fear,
For He who safely brought her here
Had told her He would lead the way
Into eternity's bright way...
And so she did not go alone
Into the "Valley that's unknown"---
She gently took death by the hand
And journeyed to "the promised Land"...
And there, with steps so light and gay,
she polishes the sun by day
and lights the stars that shine at night
And keeps the moonbeams silvery bright...
For Mothers really never die,
They just :keep house up in the sky"...
And in the heavenly home above
They wait to "welcome" those they love..



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IN LOVING MEMORY OF *Ms. Mariam* MITCHELL RICKENBACKER

Sunrise
JANUARY 3, 1943

Sunset
MARCH 7, 2023



Service
Saturday, April 1, 2023
12:00 p.m.

House of Praise Non-Denominational
Church of Deliverance
1662 Joe S. Jeffords Highway
Orangeburg, SC 29115

Pastor Terrance Rickenbacker, Sr.
Officiating

Life's Reflections

Mrs. Mariam Mitchell Rickenbacker was the “Only Girl” born to the proud parents of Lewis & Elvene Deas Mitchell in Orangeburg South Carolina on January 3, 1943. Mariam was affectionately known to family and close friends as “Mickey.” Mariam fought a Good Fight and God called her home on March 7, 2023, where HE said, “Well Done My Good and Faithful Servant.”

Mariam accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord & Savior at an early age, joining Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church. She was actively involved in various auxiliaries and continued her relationship with God until her demise.

Mariam began her education with Orangeburg County School District and received her High School Diploma from Wilkinson High School, Class of 1960. Upon completing her secondary education, she later joined in Holy Matrimony Daniel Rickenbacker on December 30, 1961. In this union they were blessed with a daughter, Gwendolyn Rickenbacker- Lee and son, Daniel Lamont Rickenbacker. Mariam was a devoted and protective parent, and those that knew her were aware that she would be a “Mama Bear” watching to ensure her children were always treated fairly.

The family later moved to Brooklyn New York where she continued her education attending Kingsburg Community College obtaining an associate degree and transferring to Undergrad and ultimately receiving her bachelor's degree in education from New York City College.

After the completion of her degree, she began her career in education where she began working for New York City School District where she worked for over 25 years, while still continuing to be a devoted wife and mother. Mariam continued to stay active in her community by joining The Eastern Stars & Lady Nights, Red Hats, and Shriners.

In Mariam's latter years she moved to California to be closer to her daughter, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, whom she adored. As her health started declining her devoted daughter and grandchildren assisted in caring for her and Lamont, but make no mistake Mariam remained independent, feisty, and continued to have all her faculties.

Mariam was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell; brother, Lewis Mitchell, Jr.; her Husband, Daniel Rickenbacker; and great-grandson, Chance J. Mazone.

Mariam leaves behind her loving family and cherished memories with her daughter, Gwendolyn Rickenbacker-Lee (Kevin); son, Daniel Lamont Rickenbacker; grandchildren, Chadwick Mazone, (Charnai) Daniel Lee; great-grandchildren, Amaya and Carter Mazone, “The Twins” Knox & Kroix Lee Jackson; she also leaves to mourn her brothers, Charles Mitchell (Minnie), Reggie Mitchell (Millie), Johnnie Mitchell (Aurora), Ronald Mitchell (Stephanie), and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Reverend Young, Presiding

Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Final Viewing

Scripture Readings.....Pastor Terrance Rickenbacker, Sr.

Old & New Testament

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Young

Solo.....”Amazing Grace”

Poem Readings

Acknowledgements.....Minister Montez P.V. Haynes

Obituary Reading.....Ms. Sheretha Lee

Remarks (2 Minutes, please)

Mr. Charles Mitchell

Mr. William “Billy” Mazone

Mrs. Stephanie Rickenbacker Easton

Musical Selection.....”Something About the Name Jesus”

Kirk Franklin & Rance Allen

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Terrance Rickenbacker, Sr.

Recessional.....”Goin’ Up Yonder”

Committal-Benediction-Final Resting Place

Bethea Memorial Gardens

249 State Road S-38-1440

Orangeburg, SC 29115

Expressions of Love from the Family

Many thanks to each of you for joining us in this home going celebration, your presence has not only lifted our spirits but also given us comfort and the reassurance that God is giving us strength in this time of need. You have done everything in your power to console us. Thank you for taking out the time to join us in celebration Of Mariam's life. All of you have shown us Love with the financial support, phone calls, cards, floral and food that was so generously shared and made our hearts glad. We are truly thankful; you have blessed us, and we ask God's abundant Blessing upon each of you. So, from the depth of our hearts the family of Mariam Rickenbacker says thank you for helping to lift the clouds and letting the sunshine through.