

Wake Service

A wake service was held in honor of
Missionary Mother Mitchell on
Friday, December 10, 2021, 6-8pm
Christian Antioch Church of Christ
2200 Palmer Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704
Bishop Arthur Vinson, Senior Pastor



Pallbearers

Shawn Heckstall
Anibel Gonzalez

Charles Mitchell
Leroy Johnson

Corey Mitchell
Rodney Johnson

Floral Bearers

Shaniqua Mitchell
Jayasia Anderson
Diamond Savage

Latoya Cartwright
Angel Anderson

Shanitta Mitchell
Arieyonna Anderson
Amani Mitchell

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We, the family would like to thank Sentara Healthcare,

By Rodney Johnson, Grandson

Acknowledgements

We, the family would like to thank Sentara Healthcare, Sentara Leigh
Hospital, Waterside Health & Rehabilitation, Sentara Hospice, Integrity
Homecare and Y-Christian Homecare. We specially thank Cassandra
Harris, Karen Hall and other numerous caregivers who cared for our mom.
May God continue to bless you all.



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Celebrating the Life of Missionary Mother Gertrude P. Mitchell "Sweetmeat"



Sunrise
February 6, 1929

Sunset
December 3, 2021

Saturday, December 11, 2021 ~ 2:00PM
Enoch Baptist Church
5641 Herbert Moore Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Bishop J. Matthew Brown, Pastor
Flames of Fire Church, Norfolk, VA

Bishop Arthur Vinson, Pastor
Christian Antioch Church of Christ, Portsmouth, VA



Life Reflections

Our beloved **Missionary Mother Gertrude Penelope Mitchell** went home to God's heavenly palace on Friday, December 3, 2021. Her sunrise began on February 6, 1929 in Princess Anne County, VA to the late Johnny Gordon and Gertrude Freeman Gordon.

Gertrude, affectionately known as "Sweetmeat", was raised with her brother, James "Plumb" Freeman by their loving grandmother, Helena Freeman. Gertrude loved the Lord and at an early age, she gave her life to Christ.

When she was young, Sweetmeat married Henry B. Mitchell "Doddie", and from that union ten children were born.

Gertrude was one of the founding members of "The Mitchell Guiding Lights Gospel Singers", a group that was formed with her children. They traveled throughout Virginia and North Carolina singing praises to God. Each Sunday morning, they could be heard on the radio station WHIH/1400AM.

Later in life, Missionary Gertrude joined Christian Antioch Church of Christ, Portsmouth, VA. She was a faithful and dedicated member for over 60 years. Mother was a pioneer Senior Choir member, an officer of the Local Women's Department Board, past President for 20 years of the Local Women's Department, CAC National Women's Department Advisor, a member of the Missionary Department, CAC National Mother's Board, an officer and mentor of the Antioch Aspiring Junior Missionaries, member of the Pastor's Aide Committee, Pastor's Anniversary Committee, Youth Department Advisory Committee, Hospitality and Culinary Department and the church cook.

Mother Mitchell was ordained as an Evangelist to preach the Gospel over 50 years ago. She was truly a prayer warrior and prayed for a great multitude of family and friends. People from all around the area would seek her just so she could pray for them.

Besides her parents, Gertrude was predeceased by her husband, Henry B. Mitchell; three daughters, Delois Johnson, Patsy Mitchell George, Elnora Mitchell; two sons, Charlie Mitchell, Johnny Mitchell; eight sisters; three brothers; grandparents, Ruffin and Helena Freeman; in-laws, Albert and Ada Wright; and one brother-in-law, Sonny Smith.

Gertrude leaves to cherish her precious memories and continue her legacy, five children, Emma Mitchell, Mittie Waller (Haywood), Caroline Mitchell, Terry M. Mitchell, Thomas Mitchell (Mary); 18 grandchildren, 46 great grandchildren; 49 great-great grandchildren;...

Life Reflections Cont'd ...

three sisters, Estermae Gordon, Dorothy Joyner (Allen), Gloria Smith; eight brothers, Charlie Hines (Della), Larry Gordon (Layla), Norman Gordon, Sonny Hines (Laura), Cecil Gordon, Lavone Gordon, Demetrius Gordon, Harvey Gordon; seven sister-in-laws, Catherine Freeman (James), Louise Wright (Charles), Vivian Oliver, Rosa Gordon; one daughter-in-law, Willa Mae Mitchell; three son-in-laws, Elbert Johnson Jr., Kenneth George, Haywood Waller; her loving children that she raised from their childhood, Laura, Kathleen, Corbert and Lee Wright; and a host of other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Musical Prelude,
"A Soldier in the Army of the Lord"
Family Musicians

- Processional Clergy & Family
- Opening Prayer Elder Larry Gordon, Pastor, C.O.D.D.
- Musical Selection "Open the Gates of Heaven", New Hope Choir
- Reading of the Holy Scriptures
 - Old Testament "Psalm 23", Apostle Wade Duncan, Pastor
 - New Testament "I John 14:1-4", Elder Walter Harold, Jr.,
The Progressive Church
- Prayer of Comfort
- Musical Selection "May the Work I've Done Speak for Me",
Deacon Wilbert Hurdle
- Acknowledgements First Lady Robin Vinson, Asst. Pastor,
Christian Antioch Church of Christ
- Silent Reading of the Obituary (Soft Music)
- Expressions of Love Thomas Mitchell, Son
- Musical Selection "Sending Up My Timber", Bro. Johnny Arrington
- Eulogy..... Bishop Arthur Vison, Pastor,
Christian Antioch Church of Christ
- Mortician's Brief Beach Funeral Services
- Recessional Clergy, Family & Friends

Repast

Immediately after the service
The Mitchell Family Home
5569 Rock Creek Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Interment

Saturday, December 13, 2021 ~ 12:30PM
Woodlawn Memorial Park
6309 Virginia Beach Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23502

