



## Ms Vernil Mitchell

January 20, 2025

### A Life of Joy

Vernil Mitchell lived a remarkable life. Born January 19, 1940, in Ashdown, Arkansas, Vernil was the oldest of thirteen children born to Prince Richard and Leatrice Allen Richard. She spent a significant portion of her younger life with her Uncle Elbert and Aunt Ruth Bradley and their six children. Her earthly journey ended January 20, 2025, in Dallas, the day after her 85th birthday.

From humble beginnings in southeast Arkansas, Vernil developed a strong work ethic and unwavering commitment to family. She broke new ground as the first in her family to go to college, enrolling at North Texas State College (now the University of North Texas) to pursue a degree in nursing. While attending Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, she met Charles Mitchell in Sunday school—a chance encounter that blossomed into lifelong love. The couple welcomed their first child, Charles Jr., before moving to Washington D.C., where their second son, Keith, soon joined the family. Vernil's career in nursing spanned over 40 years, serving as a Licensed Vocational Nurse in Washington, DC, a visiting nurse with the Visiting Nurses Association in the Bronx, NYC,

and helping her husband

Charles open his own medical practice where she served as the primary nurse in his orthopedic practice.

They had a shared passion for travel, the arts, tennis, skiing, gardening, cooking and most importantly being with family.

She was generous with her time in supporting the next generation of African American leaders. In Dallas,

Vernil supported numerous charitable activities and was incredibly active in the community. She was a

charter member of the Dallas chapter of the Continental Societies, Inc., and was an active member with

the Dallas chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. She was an active member of Friendship-West Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son, Charles D. Mitchell, Jr. (Millie) and their children, Charles III (Andrea), Tate

and great grandson Charles IV; son, Keith G. Mitchell and his children Keith Jr. and Bryce; daughter-in-

law, Renée Mornay; brothers, Sylvester Richard, Benny J. Richard, Bruce Richard (Claudia), Elbert

Bradley Jr., Edward Bradley (Muriel), Alvin Bradley, Roosevelt Bradley (Diana) and Morris Bradley

(Brenda); sisters, Anna Jewel Richard, Clara Mae Richard, Gloria Morris, Barbara Bradley Brown, Vivian

Bradley Harper (Derrick); sister-in-law, Casanna Richard; brother-in-law, Huey P. Mitchell (Nelvia); sister-in-law Eartha Mitchell and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and family friends.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of fifty-eight years, Charles D. Mitchell, MD; her

parents Prince and Leatrice Richard; aunt and uncle, Elbert and Ruth Bradley;

sisters, Willie Bell

Henderson, Fannie B Richard, Helen Woodard, Ethel Jean Richard, Bobby

Elaine Richard; and brother,

Leroy Richard.

# Previous Events

## viewing

FEB 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sandra Clark Funeral Home  
6029 South R.L. Thornton  
Dallas, TX 75232  
(214) 371-2600  
<https://www.sandraclarkfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Friendship West Baptist Church  
2020 W Wheatland Rd  
DALLAS, TX 75232

# Tribute Wall

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“ *D.W. Carter High School Class of 1980 purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Ms Vernil Mitchell.*



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**D.W. Carter High School Class of 1980** - February 05, 2025 at 03:19 PM

TC

“ *My sincere condolences.*

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**Thelma Sanders Clardy** - February 04, 2025 at 10:24 PM

FC

“ *From, The Campbell's purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ms Vernil Mitchell.*



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**From, The Campbell's** - February 03, 2025 at 04:42 PM

FC

“ *From, The Campbell's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms Vernil Mitchell.*

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**From, The Campbell's** - February 03, 2025 at 04:42 PM

DM

“ Dwayne, Belinda and Graeme Majors purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Ms Vernil Mitchell.



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**Dwayne, Belinda and Graeme Majors** - February 03, 2025 at 03:20 PM

MF

“ To the Mitchell Family:  
May God be with all of you during this time. Our loss is God's gain. Rest in Peace Vernil.

Mary French  
Fishers, IN

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**Mary Rolfe French** - February 02, 2025 at 04:10 AM

EW

Ms Mitchell you will truly be Missed at Ventanna Senior living, I will miss your Smile every Saturday you came to get your biscuits and gravey you loved so well I Edna Wilson will miss you so much ,but take your REST you were so loved you and Mitchell I will miss you Forever, Love Edna Wilson Ventanna

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**Edna Wilson** - February 13, 2025 at 11:04 AM

PB

To the Mitchell Family I am so sorry for your lost. I worked for Dr. Mitchell and Vernil as the office manager for over 13yrs. The best employers I've ever had. She had one of the most beautiful smile and would take a nap at any given time of the day. I have often said how I miss working for them. May God continue to bless your family.

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**Patricia Besant** - February 14, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms Vernil Mitchell.*



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February 01, 2025 at 08:22 AM



“ *Vernil will be missed. She and Charles were my fist friends arriving to Dallas. Rest in peace*

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**Allison Pike** - January 28, 2025 at 06:22 AM