

Our Family Chain is Broken ...

Nephews

Thank you for your words of encouragement. Thank you for being my Auntie, and most importantly, for reminding me to keep God first.
Love, **Big G**

Aunt Marlene will be missed by all that have met her. Her generosity and love touched everyone she encountered. **Big Mike**

Auntie Marlene started me eating greens when I was young. When I passed her, I'd better have something green on my plate. Now I gotta have greens with every meal. Thanks Auntie! **Gary**

I love you Auntie! **Lil G**

Nieces

Your memories will be forever in my heart. Love and hugs as you would say. Until we meet again, I love you Aunt Marlene. **Natalee**

"You can shed tears that she is gone, or you can smile because she has lived." Aunt Marlene we were so alike in so many ways. I love you and miss you darlin. **Lauren**

Sister-in-Love

You have been a wonderful blessing in my life. I will forever love and miss you! **Annie**

Sister

What can I say about a big sister who was so unselfish. Giving was your gift! One particular fond memory was purchasing me a pair of "Nineteens" from I. Millers! How happy you made me that day!
Love and hugs sis. **Linda (aka Chick)**

Brother

Marlene, you were one of a kind and a very kind sister. That's the way God made you because God is kind. **Bobby**



Pallbearers

Gregory P. Brawner
Gregory G. Brawner
Michael Brawner
Deacon Ronald Etheridge
John Monts
Napolean Thigpen

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgements

The Family of Marlene Mitchell wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation the love, comforting messages, prayers, and many other expressions of kindness during our time of mourning. These expressions have not gone unnoticed. May God shower His unlimited blessings upon each of you.

Interment

National Harmony Memorial Park
7101 Sheriff Road
Hyattsville, MD 20785

Services Entrusted to:

J.B. Jenkins Funeral Home
7474 Landover Road
Hyattsville, MD 20785



Celebrating the Life of *Marlene L. Mitchell*

Sunrise
May 27, 1947

Sunset
July 8, 2023



Wednesday, August 2, 2023
Viewing: 10 a.m. Service: 11 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Glenarden
3600 Brightseat Road
Landover, MD 20785

Pastor John K. Jenkins Sr.

Reverend Nikki Pearson, Presider
Reverend Dr. Paul Chapman, Eulogist
Senior Pastor
Christian Community Discipleship Church

The Life & Legacy of *Marlene L. Mitchell*

Marlene Lavern Mitchell, the oldest of six children, was born May 27, 1947, in Washington, D.C. to the late Reverend Robert A. Fletcher, Jr. and the late Carretha Y. Fletcher. She was preceded in death by her sister Deborah Brawner and her youngest brother Nathan Fletcher.

Marlene accepted the Lord as her personal savior at an early age. She loved the Lord and was not hesitant in sharing her faith. Her favorite scripture was Romans 8:35-39. She was educated in the District of Columbia Public school system and was employed with the Office of Personnel Management for 51 years. She retired from the Retirement Eligibility Services Division in 2017 where she was a blessing to a multitude of family, friends and strangers seeking retirement information.

Her hobbies included reading, shopping, word puzzles and crocheting. She also loved her gadgets. We called her the gadget queen. She loved sending cards for birthdays, holidays and other special occasions. She lived her life unselfishly. Christmas was her favorite time of the year. She was a very caring and giving person who always put others before herself. That same sweet spirit led her to enjoy doing things for her family and friends. She had no children of her own but was a mother figure to so many young people which included her nephews, nieces, young people on her job and children of her close friends. She tried to instill in them the values of life to help them become productive citizens. She shared the gospel with them verbally and by the life she lived. She loved to travel and some of her most memorable trips were with her sister Debbie and close friends.

Marlene's illness was brief. Her transition was a surprise to us but not a surprise to God! She is survived by her sisters; Deaconess Linda Etheridge (Deacon Ronald), Deaconess Terri Peyton (Deacon Charles); brother, Robert A. Fletcher, III, and sister-in-love, Annie Fletcher; nephews, Gregory P. Brawner, Michael Brawner and Gary Banks; nieces, Natalee Fletcher and Lauren Green; great nephews, Gregory G. Brawner, Tyrone Johnson, Kemonte and DeMonte Banks and Aaron, Karson and Zion Fletcher. She is also survived by many lifelong, cherished friends (too many to name), relatives and friends.

Marlene was truly a light in the darkness and will be missed by so many. When she ended a telephone conversation, text message or left your presence, she would always say "love and hugs". So, "love and hugs" from Marlene.

Memories



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 His call,
 I turned my back and left it all.
 I could not stay another day,
 To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
 Tasks left undone must stay that way,
 I've found that peace at the close of the day.
 If my parting has left a void,
 Then fill it with remembered joy.
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
 Ah 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 your heart and share with me
 God wanted me now, He set me free.

Order of Service

Processional

Scriptures

Reverend Keshia Dixon
 Old Testament: Psalm 23
 New Testament: John 14:1-6

Prayer

Reverend Jonathan Queen

Ministry of Music

Kathy Richburg

Acknowledgements

Cheryl Reid
 Funeral Coordinator

Remembering Marlene

(Please read silently)

Please limit reflections to two minutes

Reflections

Minister Christine Ramsey
 HIS Church
 John Monts
 Gregory P. Brawner
 Terri Peyton

Ministry of Music

Kathy Richburg

Message

Reverend Dr. Paul Chapman

Benediction

Recessional: