

Acknowledgment

Thanks to our many friends and family that have poured out their love with flowers, food, encouragement, and effectual prayers (James 5:16). It has made a difference in our grief process and we are so grateful to God for sending each of you into our lives. Thanks to the Potter's House Ministry for their love and for opening their doors to accommodate our family during our time of grief. Many thanks to Waiters Photography who so graciously provided the family photos. A special thanks to the A.M.E. Zion Church, also known as the "Freedom Church" for your spiritual influence. He loved his church and the work of Christ's ministry in Zion for the past 60 years.
—The Family of Bro. Dennis Mitchell, Sr.

Active Pallbearers

David Parrish
Daniel Parrish

Booker Law

Marcus Mitchell
Cedrick Mitchell

Ben Law

Kevin Murphy
Derouens Mitchell

Honorary Pallbearers

Jonathan Fleming
James Moore
Andre Murray
Oliver Mitchell, Sr.

Larry Mitchell, Jr.
Fredrick Ratchiff
James Duke
Charles Gooden

Christopher Murphy
Byron Blacklock
Braxton King
Alvin Williamson

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters and Nieces
Mikaela and Michele Mitchell, Diana Parrish, Shanell and Sharell Mitchell

Interment

Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery · Dallas, Texas

Repass will be served immediately following the burial at Potter's House
6777 E. Keist Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75224



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Homegoing Celebration for

Bro. Dennis Mitchell, Sr.

Alpha

February 23, 1924

Omega

March 7, 2012



Services

Friday, March 16, 2012, 11:00 am
The Potter's House
6777 W. Kiest Blvd.
Dallas, Texas 75224
Bishop T.D. Jakes, Sr. Pastor

Pastor John C. Morris, Jr., Officiant
St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church
2311 E. Illinois Ave.
Dallas, Texas 75216



"I Am Thine O Lord"

*I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to Thee.*

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

*Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the pow'r of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine.*

*There are depths of love that I yet may know
Thee face to face I see;
There are heights of joy that I yet may reach
I rest in peace with Thee.*



Grandpa's Girls!

Bro. Dennis Mitchell, Sr. was born in Marshall Harrison County and grew up in Hallsville, Texas, to the late Johnny & Emma Warbington Mitchell. He was preceded in death by his eight older siblings, Haymon, Harmon, Ira, Preston, Johnny D., James T., Almira Birmingham and step brother Hosea Gales.

He leaves to cherish his memories a wife of 60 years & eight months, Vera Lee Pearson Mitchell; two daughters, Vicki D. Fleming (Winfred) of Houston, Texas and Dalphine Parrish (Don); three sons, Dennis, Jr. (Anita), Larry D. and Michael D. (Linda); five sisters-in-law, Lucy Mitchell of Marshall, Texas, Elnora Horton of Chicago, Illinois, Artency Benford of Trenton, New Jersey, Comedia Smith of Jacksonville, Florida and Karen Pearson of Willingboro, New Jersey; many favorite nieces who include, Emma L. Moss of Longview, Texas and adopted niece, Joyce Griggs. He cherished his family and held special affection for his thirteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Galatians 5:22-23: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

The love of God was evident in the fruit and life of Bro. Dennis Mitchell, Sr. He began his Christian journey of faith at the Red Oak United Methodist Church in Marshall, Texas. For the past forty five years, he devoted his life to serve with love and joy at the St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church here in Dallas, Texas.

Ministry work included: Leader of Leaders, Steward Board Emeritus, Prayer Ministry, former Pastor's Steward, Trustee Board, Texas Conference Director of Christian Education, District Director, Life Member of

Tribute From His Children

Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them, they shall not be ashamed....
~Psalm 127:3;5a

What a wonderful father that provided love, security, guidance, and a reverence for God that will lead each of us into eternity. We are so grateful.

*See you on the other side, Daddy.
 Love Vicki, Dennis, Jr., Larry, Michael and Dalphine*

~Your Military Brats



Tribute From The Grandchildren

Our dearest Grandpa, Pa-pa, Grand dad, and Grandflock...

Believe us, that you will be sincerely missed. Most of our childhood pictures and memories were with you. We thank you for the times even when we felt like we were wasting time piddlin'. We thank you for the phone calls, visits, and road trips we shared. Every time we came in contact with you, we would leave with a story to tell. Your conversations and actions were like no other we know. We thank you for the faith you had in each one of us. We thank you for being our greatest supporter, provider, leader, and role model. We thank you for staying on us about our futures making sure we were prepared for the opportunity in our lives. Thank you for living a righteous life in front of us. Your righteousness taught us how to live a Godly life and we pray everything you taught us we can do the same for our children. We watched you take care of everyone, in many different ways. We will continue your legacy by continuing to give, love, and stay in fellowship with our church and our family. Now you sit back, relax, enjoy heaven and eternal life.

Love Your Grandchildren,

*Lil Larry, Chris, Cedrick, Kevin, David, Marcus, Daniel, Jonathan,
Mikaela, Michele, Diana, Shanell, Sharell*



Homegoing Celebration Programme

Liturgist – Rev. Rodney McCullough

(Please submit resolutions to ushers promptly for pulpit recognition)

- Processional.....*
- Hymn of Comfort The Potter's House Music Ministry*
- Old Testament Reading Minister London Glenn
Sweet Fellowship Church Family Center*
- New Testament Reading Rev. Derryl Godfrey
St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church*
- Prayer..... Rev. Tony Jones
The Potter's House*
- Solo Sis. Charlene Lawton
True Lee Baptist Church*
- Resolutions The Potter's House
St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church
Mitchell-Warlington Committee*
- Special Remarks Dr. Emma Jean Mitchell Brown
Winfred Fleming
United States Marine Corps*
- Remarks & Expressions (Limit 2 minutes, please)*
- Solo Sis. Daphne Brown
St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church*
- Eulogy Pastor John C. Morris, Jr.
St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church*
- Parting View Black & Clark Funeral Directors*
- Recessional.....*

Order of Service



the Overseas and Missionary Department, Men's Chorus, and the first volleyball team coach for the church. Furthermore, it has been said that it would be easiest to list what Bro. Mitchell did not do; so he did everything except pastor the church!

Bro. Mitchell served with meekness and long suffering as a pioneering African American in the United States Marine Corps for twenty years. He recently became eligible to receive The Congressional Gold Medal for his service as a Montford Point Marine of Jacksonville, North Carolina. The award is scheduled to be issued in Washington, D.C., in early Spring or in the Summer. He was also recognized and honored as a pioneer for African Americans to work at Vought Corporation, formerly known as LTV, retiring after twenty two years in 1988.

Bro. Mitchell's gentleness and temperance was seen as a community leader, especially in the Dallas Public schools for years, even after his children had all graduated. He served as a crossing guard, PTA President at South Oak Cliff High School, and was recognized as an outstanding volunteer at T.L. Marsalis Elementary, Atwell Middle School, and Carter High School. He helped form the Glenview Neighborhood Associated, prompting change in the community as he stood at the Dallas City Hall Council meetings.

Peace and kindness was portrayed as he actively served the Masonic Lodge #146 here in Dallas, Texas.

God has produced various fruit in the lives of Vera and Dennis Mitchell over the years of raising their five children, nurturing numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They have also produced many other vines as foster parents for over ten years. The one entity you will find all fruit in operation was his favorite tree, the family. He was founder of the Mitchell- Warbington Family Reunion that began in 1985 and has still consistently gathered for the last eighteen years.



A Celebration of Many Years

*Written and presented to Bro. Dennis Mitchell, Sr. at his 88th
Birthday Celebration on February 25, 2012*

A celebration of many years requires a recitation of all that God has done. It is not so much the recollection of historical events, but more so an acknowledgement of God's grace and mercy, re-affirming the cycles of our lives. We must agree that God is good because he has given long life, not just in time, but infinite opportunities in time, to praise Him. We were created for His praise. We must rejoice, not because we have never held sorrow to our breast, or wept alone in the dark of night. We rejoice because the joy of the Lord is the strength of our lives, and our endurance is to His glory. We must affirm His Excellency and wisdom in the beauty and perfection of His creation, measured only by itself, for there is nothing like it in heaven or on earth to compare. I AM has spoken, so it must be! A celebration of many years is a testament to God's faithfulness. His constancy in time of need, His mercy never strained to help our unbelief. From generation to generation He leads us in the way and follows our footprints in the origin of time. We are going somewhere... "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophecy, your old men, dream dreams, your young men shall see visions." ~Joel 2:28

And we have heard prophetic word, visions seen and come to pass in all these many years. Now is the time of the dreaming, for we are old and full of dreams. We bow to His Holiness, an otherness we cannot explain and yet, still we call upon His name. We celebrate all that has been, is and is to be.... God is Love; we know it to be true. And together we sing.... Yes, Jesus loves me!

By Joni R. Jalloh, Original Works of Faith

From your loving wife, Vera:



My Love,

I will not say goodbye.... For the past sixty years and eight months, we were together. We were ONE! My love, now we are apart (naturally speaking), but your spirit will always be present here with me. For I will Always Love YOU!!

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