



Elaine R. Mitchell

July 2, 1935 - August 13, 2024

Elaine R. (nee Barnes) Mitchell passed away peacefully Tuesday, August 13 at her home. A gathering of family and friends will be held Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Immanuel Baptist Church, Frankfort where she was a member.

A native of Franklin County and proud Bald Knobber, she was born July 2, 1935, to the late James W. and Vaunda Barnes and also preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Robert “BZ” Mitchell and son Darin Mitchell.

Elaine is survived by three children, David Mitchell, Susan (Rob) Laurenson, Jennifer Harper; seven grandchildren, Rebecca Mitchell, Katie (Derrick) Clemons, Suzanna (Brandt) Miller, Ashley Harper, Robert (Mary) Laurenson, Brandon (LeAndra) Harper, Holden Mitchell; five great grandchildren, Jayce Clemons, Alexis Bowen, Avaya Bowen, Lauren Clemons and Jayden Edouard.

Elaine enjoyed a 35 year career with the Federal Highway Administration where she developed many lifelong friendships. As the Executive Secretary, she was adept at professional communication but also the office poet as she penned many an ode or limerick for birthdays and retirees. Upon her own retirement, she joined her husband “BZ” in the family business, Security Insurance Agency. They enjoyed each other’s company as well as the people

they served.

Always a loving caring person, Elaine taught Sunday school for many years to youth but found the most joy teaching her “girls” in the Ruth class senior women at Crestwood. She was an avid reader and music lover. Open minded and accepting of new ideas, she was a lifelong learner. Her life experience and unwavering faith were a source of inspiration for many.

Her Ashwood Place home surrounded her with much love and laughter, making her last years bright. Special thanks to her beloved caregiver, Nikki, and to the Bluegrass Care Navigators.

Memorial contributions can be made to Immanuel Baptist Church missions or the Alzheimer’s Association.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

AUG **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Immanuel Baptist Church
1075 Collins Lane
Frankfort, KY 40601

Tribute Wall

AH

“ Grandie thank you for loving us when we were unloveable. Darin needed you and I know you did your absolute best. You don't get enough credit for that but just know I was watching & I will never forget. Incredible role model you are! Love isn't just about sunny days & flowers. It's about the tough love, the love that isn't easy. You also loved me when I wasn't at my best and I am also forever thankful of your love and your light! Darin loves you and I am so glad you can both finally rest and reunite in heaven. You are the best role model, you are the best grandmother a girl could ever ask for. You loved me at my best and at my worst and I will never forget it. Your love is truly unconditional! I so desperately wish we had more time, but I am so thankful you are no longer suffering! I will never forget the incredible woman you are. I know I will see you again. Until then, you will forever live in my heart 🥹❤️.



Ashley Harper - August 24, 2024 at 11:20 PM

SM

“ I Love You, my grandmother, GRANDIE, I will miss you and now know you are my guardian Angel. Thank you for your love, light and protection, Grandie, I love you! Xoxo 🌹



SUZANNA Mitchell MILLER - August 24, 2024 at 04:36 PM

SF

“ Susan... my late husband, Kenny Foster, enjoyed knowing you and sharing memories and stories about Bald Knob. Thank you for mentioning in the obituary that your mom was proud of her Bald Knob roots. She was truly a beautiful lady in all respects. You have my deepest sympathy. It's so hard to lose a loved one.
Susan Foster

Susan Foster - August 24, 2024 at 02:32 PM

MR

“ Susan & Robert, all the times we have visited over years , there was sweet Grandie amongst her family. she as all of you have touched my child's heart & made wonderful memories together.....Ive asked Mary (Lauren) to help with planting a tree & you all can decide kind & where. our love and prayers are with you.... she will live on through her familyEverett & Mary Laura



Mary Laura & Everett Radcliffe - August 23, 2024 at 05:58 PM

SK

“ Sunni Kelty purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elaine R. Mitchell.



Sunni Kelty - August 23, 2024 at 02:15 PM

SK

“ Sunni Kelty planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elaine R. Mitchell.

Sunni Kelty - August 23, 2024 at 02:15 PM

YF

“ Your APA Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elaine R. Mitchell.



Your APA Family - August 22, 2024 at 02:44 PM

BC

“ Such a lovely person. Sue and Jennifer, your mom was a treasure and know you and your brother will miss her dearly

Bonnie Clements - August 22, 2024 at 06:28 AM

KC

“ Susan (which I still think of you as Susie 😊), I am so sorry to read of your mom's passing. My mom thought so much of your mother. After my mom's health started declining and she wasn't able to physically go to church, your mom (who was my mom's Sunday School teacher) would usually stop by to visit a few times each year and bring my mom a new Sunday School booklet and an Open Windows booklet. Your mom's visits meant so much to my mom. Praying for you and your family.
— Karen Barnes Casebier

Karen Casebier - August 17, 2024 at 10:45 AM