



Carolyn Ogrietta Shoecraft Mitchell

January 25, 1939 - August 19, 2023

In Loving Memory of Carolyn Ogrietta Shoecraft Mitchell

Carolyn Ogrietta Shoecraft Mitchell's journey began on January 25, 1939, when she was born to the embrace of Ogrietta Armena Lee and John Henry Shoecraft. Her entrance into the world took place within the comforting walls of their home. On August 19, 2023, Carolyn peacefully departed this life in the warmth of her home, surrounded by the unwavering love of her four cherished daughters.

In her passing, Carolyn was preceded by her life partner Clyde Tisdale, her dear parents John and Ogrietta Shoecraft, her brothers Joseph Gans, John Shoecraft Jr., and Charles Shoecraft, her sister Delores Thomas, her beloved grandchild Victoria "Tory" Penamon, and her great-grandchildren, the twins Cameron and Charlotte Law.

Carolyn's marital journey with the late Harley Mitchell Jr., brought them the joy of nurturing four beloved daughters: Darlene Rochelle, Karen Lorraine, Harlene Marian, and Kelly Leanne.

Carolyn's educational journey took her through Gunckel Elementary and culminated with her graduation from Jesup W. Scott High School. She found joy in travel, while her evenings were filled with laughter as she engaged in

spirited games of bowling at Hagerty's Bowling Alley with the Powder Puff League. An entrepreneurial spirit drove her remarkable gift for creative wrapping, leading to her own enterprise within Portside in downtown Toledo, Ohio. Time spent at the Lion Store showcased her skills, where she remained dedicated until her well-earned retirement. Beyond mere wrapping, Carolyn's talents extended to weddings, where her skillful orchestration and floral artistry left an indelible mark on countless families and friends.

A devout follower of the Lord, Carolyn's faith was unwavering, and her heart belonged to the Warren AME church. Her cherished motto was, "The Lord will make a way out of no way," a testament to her unwavering belief in divine providence. A devoted member of Warren, she found purpose in serving within The Women's Missionary Society, The History Committee, New Member Ministry, and the Church Choir. Among her proudest moments was receiving the esteemed Mother of the Year Award and Warren Trailblazer Award.

Within her radiant aura, Carolyn's love embraced family and friends alike, leaving an indelible mark of warmth and positivity on everyone she encountered. Her spirit was truly illuminated when it came to her daughters – her pride, joy, and purpose in life: Darlene (Frederick) Sawyer, Karen (Alvin) Palmer, Harlene (Terrance) Cole, and Kelly (Mark) Riley.

Interwoven with kinship and friendship, her life was graced by beloved siblings, include Dr. Verna Adams of Ft. Wayne, IN, Marilyn Anderson of Toledo, OH, and brother Mayo Shoecraft of Phoenix, AZ.

Carolyn's legacy continues through nine grandchildren: Stephanie Leatherwood, Crystina (Oliver) Duhart, Caress Scott, Chassidy Rice, Frederick Sawyer II, Jamee Sawyer, MaKayla Palmer, Lexis Tatum and Courtney Nunn. The circle of her influence widens with twelve great grandchildren: Christopher Isby, Raelynn, Milani, and Iman Sawyer, Carter

and Camden Law, Samajae Scott, Hunter and Jordyn Rice, Romero Early, Baby Duhart and Baby Scott.

Her heart had a special place for Lexis Tatum, Carter Law, and Jordyn Rice. Among her closest friends were Linda Williamson, Betty Underwood and devoted caregiver Yona Ephraim. Carolyn also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and a wide circle of friends, all touched by her grace and kindness.

Carolyn Ogrietta Shoecraft Mitchell, a devoted Christian whose kindness radiated like a beacon, has left an enduring legacy in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her. She now rests in eternal peace, her spirit forever intertwined with the love she shared.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." -
John 3:16

Cemetery Details

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 West Central Avenue
Toledo, OH

Previous Events

Family Hour

AUG 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Warren AME Church
915 Collingwood Blvd
Toledo, OH 43604-8416
(419) 243-2237

Funeral Service

AUG 26. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Carol's transitioning. She indeed was a beautiful woman with a beautiful spirit. I have & will always have fond memories of the laughter and church fellowship shared with her. Fly high dear friend. You deserve your rest. Much love to the girls and the rest of the family.

Marilyn P Watson - August 31, 2023 at 11:00 PM

PE

“ To the Family of Carolyn Ogrietta Shoecraft Mitchell: Please accept my condolence on the death of your dear loved one . My sincere wish for your family is that you all have peace and comfort during this very sad day.May your hope of the future be bright when you think about Carolyn and the many joyful memories you have of her.Take comfort in knowing that "the God of tender mercies" is there with you every step of the way to provide comfort like no one else can.Much love to your family

peggi - August 27, 2023 at 11:09 AM

JJ

“ To the Carolyn Ogrietta Shoecraft Mitchell Family. My deepest sympathy to you all for the loss of your beloved Carolyn. I have such fond memories of Carolyn from when I attended Warren Church. She had such a beautiful spirit and was always pleasant and so very caring. I'm blessed to have known her. May God comfort you all. From Jacqueline D. Johnson and Family.

Jacqueline D. Johnson - August 26, 2023 at 10:35 AM

DJ

“ *Darlene and family my sincere condolences My heart was saddened to hear of the passing of your mother. She had a heart of gold and she loved her family, friends, church and community. But mostly your mother was a true woman of God. Her faith and love for the Lord was unwavering. I will miss her sweet smile and hearing her proclaim how good and wonderful God has been to her. May the Lord continue to comfort and strengthen you all during this most difficult time.*



Debra Jelks - August 25, 2023 at 09:09 PM

BG

“ *When Ms Mitchell couldn't make it to the Sammy Davis Jr concert and didn't want the tickets to go to waste she aloud me to take her daughter Karen after getting the ok from my parents since we would be out late so her daughter and I was blessed to see Sammy Davis Jr at such a young age. And most of blessed to have known another mother who cared Ms Mitchell Will truly be missed your other son Jabby prayers to the family*

Brian Gregory - August 25, 2023 at 07:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ogrietta Shoecraft Mitchell.*



August 24, 2023 at 09:21 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Carolyn Ogrietta Shoecraft Mitchell.*



August 22, 2023 at 10:25 PM



“ *May your heart find comfort knowing that your love one is at home with the Lord
Love Gwendolyn E.March Jones and Family*



Gwendolyn E.March Jones - August 22, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *To the family of Carolyn Mitchell:
I was so surprised to read of Carolyn's death.
We met many years ago while skating at a young age. Later on we also bowled in the Powder Puff League as beginners. She was so helpful to me over the years, especially when my aunt passed away. (During the funeral at Warren Church) I'll never forget what Carolyn did for me at that time. My sympathy to your entire family.*

*Sincerely,
Dorothy Futrell Randall and family*

Dorothy Randall - August 22, 2023 at 08:34 AM