



Sarah Jane Mitchell

March 4, 1926 - September 19, 2017

Sarah Jane Mitchell, age 91 of Murphysboro, went to be with her God and Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at midnight September 18, 2017 surrounded by family.

She will be remembered for being a loving mother and grandmother to her family. A voracious reader, she taught and instilled a love of reading in her children, grandchildren and hundreds of school children. She will be missed as a gentle, compassionate and generous soul.

She was born March 4, 1926 in Benton, Illinois, the daughter of Walter Preston Harper Jr. and Mary (Baker) Harper.

On June 4, 1949, she married Donald Ray Mitchell of Murphysboro in Champaign. They were married for twenty six years.

She attended Anna Public schools and graduated from Anna-Jonesboro High School in 1944. She then continued her education at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, graduating in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science degree in education. She taught in elementary and junior high schools in Illinois for twenty-five years.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Murphysboro.

Sarah is survived by a daughter, Mary Susan Lassy and her husband, Paul of Symsonia, KY; son, James Donald Mitchell of Scottsdale, AZ; two granddaughters, Bianca Jane Mitchell of Brevard, NC and Kelly Maurer and husband Matthew of Metropolis; two grandsons, John Paul Henry and his wife Emily of Lawrence, KS and David Ray Mitchell and fiancée, Kara Sauls of Chicago; three great-grandsons, Andrew, Luke and Zachary Maurer of Metropolis; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sons, Thomas Harper Mitchell and William (Bill) David Mitchell and all her beloved grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Visitation will be Monday, September 25, 2017 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm in Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro.

Graveside Services for Sarah Jane Mitchell will be in Anna Cemetery at 3:00 pm Monday, September 25, 2017 with Rev. Becky Brooks officiating. She will be buried by her beloved son, Bill Mitchell.

Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church of Murphysboro and will be accepted at the graveside service.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Anna Cemetery

E Davie St
Anna, IL 62906
(618) 833-4083

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Anna
135 W. Vienna St.
Anna, IL 62906
(618) 833-2176
crain@crainsonline.com

Graveside

SEP **25**. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Anna Cemetery
E Davie St
Anna, IL 62906
(618) 833-4083

Tribute Wall



“ Sarah Jane Mitchell

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ James Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Sarah Jane Mitchell



James Mitchell - September 23, 2017 at 03:37 PM



Rest in Peace Mother , I will miss you everyday .Love Jim

James Mitchell - September 23, 2017 at 03:39 PM



“ James Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Sarah Jane Mitchell



James Mitchell - September 23, 2017 at 06:49 AM



Rest in Peace Mom , I love you and will think of you everyday . Thanks for being a great Mom

James Mitchell - September 23, 2017 at 06:51 AM

BN

“ When i first met Sarah Jane Mitchell she Needed some help with her mother helped her til passed away. Then i started helping sarah with shopping And things she needed help with. Jane and i would sit and talk about her teaching days she loved teaching. Sarah Was proud of her family she loved to Show me pictures. i will miss sarah she Was family to me.

Belinda Nation - September 22, 2017 at 10:59 PM

JM

“ James Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Sarah Jane Mitchell



James Mitchell - September 22, 2017 at 12:29 PM

JM

“ James Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Sarah Jane Mitchell



James mitchell - September 21, 2017 at 07:48 PM

JM

My mom was a very sweet living mother. She always had a smile and nice things to says. Very religious and she loved to read the bible.

James mitchell - September 21, 2017 at 07:50 PM

JM

My Mom always had open arms for all the kids in the Neighborhood. Growing up on Dewey street , near the High School , many Kids walked through our Big Yard to school , and there were Many good times at our home playing Basketball , Football , Whiffle Ball . My mom would always welcome kids in our Yard and house for a snack or drink . She was always Loving and Enjoyed Kids. Great Times. Many will remember

James Mitchell - September 22, 2017 at 12:32 PM