



*In Loving Memory
of
Dorothy M. Echols*

SUNRISE
November 19, 1945

SUNSET
November 3, 2022



SERVICES

Saturday, November 12, 2022 — 11:00 a.m.

NORTHEAST CHURCH OF CHRIST

4817 N. Martin Luther King Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

Bro. Dwayne M. L. Case
Officiating

Obituary

Dorothy Mae Mitchell Echols was the 9th and last child born on November 19, 1945, to Young Calvin Mitchell Sr. and Lessie B. (Minter) Mitchell in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. She passed away peacefully on November 3, 2022, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dorothy attended Attucks Elementary as a young girl. She graduated from Dunbar High School in 1964. Dorothy was always protected and guided by her big sisters Margie Hill and Mable Jackson; therefore, she followed in her sister's footsteps and joined her at Langston University. While at Langston University Dorothy became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in 1966. She completed her education at Langston University in 1968 obtaining a degree in Elementary Education. Dorothy also received a master's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma.

In 1969, Dorothy began her teaching career at Waite Phillips Elementary School in Tulsa, Oklahoma where she taught second grade. Mable and Dorothy's big sister Margie ensured they were both well-dressed teachers and purchased their full wardrobe that they often shared. She was passionate about teaching and loved sharing her crafty skills with many. Dorothy moved to Oklahoma City in 1971 and began teaching at West Nichols Hills Elementary. She then transferred to Ridgeview Elementary in 1974. While at Ridgeview, Dorothy made a lasting impact on the students she taught and made lifelong friendships especially with the late Ruby Maclin, Cheyrl Inyang, and Mona Hill. If you saw one, you saw the other. Dorothy retired from Ridgeview Elementary in 2000.

Dorothy met James A. Echols in 1975 and they were married in 1976. They became the proud parents of their only son Justin Fitzgerald Echols who was born in June 1978. Justin always kept his mom on her toes; nonetheless he was her pride and joy. Dorothy was so proud of her son's many accomplishments.

During her teaching career and after, Dorothy loved to make paintings, artsy crafts, and decorate bulletin boards. Dorothy and her sister Mable often volunteered to decorate for weddings and other events at the Northeast Church of Christ where Dorothy was a member for over 40 years.

In her later years, Dorothy enjoyed spending time with her granddaughters Justice and Grace. She was so proud that Justice would be attending the University of Oklahoma next year. "Granny", as she was affectionately called also loved to play the piano and ukulele with Grace. She also had a special bond with her daughter-in-law, Ara Echols often sharing her love for arts and crafts with her. Her honorary children and grandchildren Chucky, Reggie, Sharonda, Navotanei, Nia, Nyles, and Harrison were also

blessed by her in many ways. Dorothy was also fortunate to have two wonderful caregivers Schemeka Evans and Shineko Barnett who adored her. They would graciously take her to her favorite place, Sonic Drive-In for her cheeseburger, tator tots, and Dr. Pepper with cherry and light ice.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents Y.C. and Lessie, her brothers Anthony L. Sr, Y.C. Jr, Everett, Wilford, and Willie, and one sister Addie. She is survived by her son Justin Echols, her granddaughters Justice and Grace Echols and daughter-in-law Ara Echols. Her sisters Marjorie Hill (Clemmie) and Mablelene Jackson (Leo), along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Dorothy also leaves special friends Ethel Cowan, Zelma Snell, Freeda Abbott, Cheyrl Inyang, Mona Hill, Joyce Henderson, Yvonne Simmons, and the late Darlene Jagers.



Order of Service

- Processional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
- Special Remarks Justin Echols
- Song Selection Bro. Robert Byas
- Scripture Reading
 - Old Testament Bro. Troy Petit
 - New Testament Bro. Nyles Jackson
- Prayer Bro. Kenneth Jackson
- Song Selection Bro. Casey Fisher
- Resolutions/
Acknowledgement Sis. Helene Myles-Holloway
- Song Selection Bro. Robert Byas
- Words of Comfort Bro. Dwayne M. L. Case
- Video Presentation Family
- Final Viewing Temple & Sons Funeral Directors
- Recessional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

Active Pallbearers

- (Nephews)
- Wilfred Mitchell • Michael Mitchell
- Somchai Mitchell • Britton Lilly
- Darvell Green • John Mitchell • Everett Mitchell
- Mark Mitchell • Anthony Mitchell • Greg Mitchell

Honorary Pallbearers

- (Brothers-in-Law)
- Leonard Thomas • Clemmie Hill

Flower Bearers

- (Nieces)
- Linda Newsome • Evangeline McBrayer
- Teretha Cooper • April Mitchell
- Valerie Wooten • Tonya Mitchell • Renee Herron
- Leah Jackson • Wannee Cooper • Wanna Wallace
- Jean A. Camper • Yvette Mitchell • Angela Mitchell
- Anita Mitchell • Loretia Mitchell • Machere Scott

Honorary Flower Bearers

- Johnetta Mitchell • Somjit Mitchell • Delois Mitchell

Interment

Hillcrest Memory Gardens
Spencer, Oklahoma 73084

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Services under the direction of:

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Acknowledgment

The family of Dorothy Echols would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions. Your phone calls, visits, flowers, thoughts, and prayers have all helped greatly during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you is our prayer.