

Acknowledgement

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair,
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray
If so we saw it there.*

*Perhaps you spoke the kindest words
That any friend could say
Perhaps you were not there at all
Just thought of us today.*

*Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much, whatever your part.*

Honorary Pallbearers

Stewardess Boards of Rock of Ages C.M.E. Church

Active Pallbearers

Grand and Great Grandsons

Christopher Mitchell

Arthur Mitchell, Jr.

Carter Mitchell

Timothy Algood

Odes Algood II

Kenneth Houston

Interment

Mt.Olive Cemetery
Somerville, Tennessee

Arrangements

Lofties Funeral Home
Somerville, Tennessee

In Loving Memory

of

Mrs. Celestia Fields Mitchell



Friday Evening — November 10, 1989

Rock of Ages C.M.E. Church — 8:00 P.M.

478 Scott Street

Memphis, Tennessee

Reverend Ben Brown

Pastor and Officiate

Obituary

Ms. Celestia Fields was born on April 15, 1910 to the late Joe and Dovella Fields in Fayette County, Tennessee. She departed this life on Monday, November 6, 1989 at Shelby County Health Center after a long illness. She was joined in marriage to the late Mr. Arthur Mitchell. To this union three sons were born: Arthur Joe Mitchell and Jack Mitchell of Memphis and Wensor Lee Mitchell who preceded her in death.

She professed a hope in Christ at an early age and joined Mr. Olive C.M.E. Church in Somerville, Tennessee. She served there until moving to Memphis, where she united with Rock of Ages C.M.E. Church. She served faithfully as a member of Stewardess Board No. 1 where she served as President of the Board for a number of years. She continued to serve her church even during her long illness.

She leaves to cherish her memory two devoted sons: Arthur Joe and Jack Mitchell; two daughters-in-law, Geraldine and Margaret Mitchell; 17 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Ida Joe Dodson of Somerville; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Pearl Dixon; one brother-in law, Jim Dixon; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Tribute to Big Mama

*For all your kindness, your love, your quiet spirit
We give you this rose.*

*The years we spent with you
Will always be remembered as a rose.
Each time we see a rose, we will say,*

"Big Mama, we love you."

*It is only a tiny rosebud,
A flower of God's design!*

*But we cannot unfold the petals
With these clumsy hands of ours.*

*The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as we*

*The flower God opens so sweetly,
In our hands, would fade and die.*

*If we cannot unfold a rosebud,
This flower of God's design,*

*Then how can we think we have wisdom
To unfold this life of ours?*

*So we'll trust in Him for His leading
Each moment of every day,*

*And we'll look to Him for His guidance
Every step of the pilgrim way.*

*For the pathway that lies before us
Heavenly Father knows*

*We'll trust Him to unfold the moments
Just as He unfolds the Rose.*

Big Mama, we love you.

Your Grandchildren,

Written by LaShawn Mitchell Holcomb

Order of Service

Processional

HYMN (*What A Friend*)Choir

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYER.....Bishop Freddie Newson

SELECTION (*Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross*).....Choir

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

GLORIA PATRI

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

SOLOMissionary Lolean Rhodes

EXPRESSIONS Three Minutes

*Stewardess Board #1—Sis. Dorothy Brinson
Neighbor—Sis. Hattie Brown*

SOLO.....Mrs. La Barbara Houston Richardson

RESOLUTIONS AND

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.....Sis. Sarah Price

OBITUARY (Soft Music) Read Silently

SELECTION (*Rock of Ages*)Choir

EULOGY.....Rev. Ben Brown

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