



Joann Mitchell

September 18, 1929 - March 28, 2012

Joann Mitchell, 82, of Carthage, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at the Hospice of South Central Indiana in Columbus following a long illness.

She was born September 18, 1929 in Indianapolis, a daughter of the late Thomas and Grace (Carlisle) Barnhill.

Joann married the love of her life, Max R. Mitchell, on December 29, 1945 at the Vine Street Methodist Parsonage in Shelbyville.

She was a farmer's wife and for many years a pastor's wife. She excelled in her role as homemaker and spent many years with her husband in ministry. They pastored churches in Iowa and Indiana.

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Rev. Max R. Mitchell; two sons, Darrell D. Mitchell of Liberty and Rev. Rollin L. (wife: Debora) Mitchell of Carthage; a daughter, Julia (husband: Rev. David) Garrett of Brandenburg, KY; nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; three half-brothers, Thomas Barnhill of Indianapolis, Steven Barnhill of Poland, IN and Patrick Barnhill of Independence, OH; a half-sister, Janice Breust of Indianapolis; a brother-in-law, Howard (wife: Kathryn) Mitchell of Edinburgh; two sisters-in-law, Helen Mays and Mary Hill both of Shelbyville and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Tommy Lee and James Edwin Barnhill both who died in childhood; a sister, Norma Stocklin and a half-brother, Richard Barnhill.

She has entered the joy of the Lord. She was a devout Christian and blessed everyone with her singing and her ministry in prayer. She was a member of the International Conservative Holiness Association and attended the Early Methodist Church in Carthage. Her works do follow her.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 31, 2012 at Franklin Church of the Nazarene, 140 Branigin Rd, with the Revs. Norman Palmer, Joseph Smith, Buddy Perry and Peter Casalino officiating. Burial will follow in Second Mt. Pleasant Cemetery on Sugar Creek between Franklin and Shelbyville.

Friends may call from 4 – 8 p.m. Friday at the Glenn E. George and Son Funeral Home in Shelbyville.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Joann Mitchell.

Tribute Wall

BP

“ Praying for you at this time of loss. Sister Mitchell was a real example of one of God's children. We have many precious memories of her. Love, Buddy and Jane

Buddy and Jane Perry - April 02, 2012 at 09:08 AM

TG

“ We are so sorry for your loss, but know that Heaven is richer, and you have a glorious hope. Our prayers are with the Mitchell family at this difficult time.

Terry D. and Ella Ruth Going - March 31, 2012 at 10:20 AM

SS

“ We are so sorry for your loss but we know she is safe in the arms of Jesus now. We are praying for all of you. May God bless you during this time of sorrow.

Steven and Brenda Stalker - March 30, 2012 at 07:45 PM

KL

“ What a wonderful lady Sis. Joann Mitchell was! I have been in the parsonage when they were pastoring and around them at times over the years. She was a Jewel. Heaven is richer today. God bless Rollin and all of the family with comfort and peace during this time! Friends, Keith and Linda Ledford

Keith & Linda Ledford - March 30, 2012 at 08:03 AM

DP

“ WE will miss you so much sweetie. You were a true Saint! Love you dearly! Deena Preston & Family

Deena Preston - March 30, 2012 at 12:37 AM

AK

“ So very sorry about the loss of your precious loved one !!

anna kobrock - March 29, 2012 at 09:34 PM

RT

“ Dear, Bro. Rollin and Sis. Debra, You are in our prayers. Nothing we can say will remove the pain you feel today but we can rejoice with you in the knowledge that your precious mother is in a better place, away from the long reach of pain and disappointment. We pray that God will hold you close during the coming day.

Rev & Mrs. Timothy A. Todd

Rev. Tim and Rhonda Todd - March 29, 2012 at 08:53 PM