



Marie Lynette Pledger Mitchell

February 29, 1924 - January 7, 2013

Marie Lynette Pledger Mitchell of Morrilton, passed away, January 7, 2013. She was born February 29, 1924 in Alief, Texas. She attended Mary Hardin Baylor College and graduated from Baylor University. Her family relocated to Oppelo, Arkansas and she began her teaching career in Hot Springs. A family friend introduced Marie to her future husband, William M. Mitchell, Jr. (Billy). They married in 1946 and set up house in Morrilton, Arkansas. Two daughters followed; Mary Jane and Betty Ann.

Marie joined the faculty at Northside Elementary School as a 1st grade teacher. She continued teaching at Northside and Reynolds Elementary. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Morrilton and of the Audra Basham Guild. She retired from teaching in 1986. She and Billy traveled throughout the U.S. and managed to visit all fifty states.

Our mother had a keen sense of humor, constantly surprising and entertaining us with a verbal zinger and a witty observation. She was a master seamstress, sewing all of our clothes from birth through high school. She was an avid gardener, a wonderful cook and hostess, and she never ceased to amaze her daughters with her remarkable creative abilities. Her extraordinary adventurous spirit was always a joy to her girls and especially to Billy.

Marie was predeceased by her parents, Naomi Jane Doty Pledger and Joseph Gaines Pledger and her sister, D'Ann Bruton Henderson. She is survived by her husband, Billy Mitchell, Jr., her daughters, Mary Jane and husband Jim Anderson of Plano, Texas; Betty Ann and

husband Jerry Smith of Jonesboro; granddaughter, Susan Laura-Marie Smith of Jonesboro; niece, Bheti Smith and grandnephews, Patton and Chase Smith.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 11, at the First United Methodist Church of Morrilton followed by a visitation with the family in the Fellowship Hall. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Marie be made to the Alzheimer's Association. The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the staff at Perry County Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for their professional and loving care.

Tribute Wall



“ *Marie Lynette Pledger Mitchell*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your sweet mother. Several of us Hoelzeman girls used to babysit for the little Mitchell girls... we lived just behind your house, and Mr. Mitchell would walk us back to our property when he and she returned home at the end of the evening. We visited with Marie at the Perry County Nursing Home several times when she lived there. She told us so many things we had not known about Morrilton's history. She will be missed by many people.*

Janie Hoelzeman Hightower - June 29, 2018 at 09:18 PM



“ *Mary Jane and Betty Ann, I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. What wonderful memories I have of you and your family. Dianna emailed me this morning. I cherish the times of our childhood in Morrilton. Each of us were raised by those wonderful moms and dads in that sweet community. Your dear mom was one of those precious people I will always remember. Love to you both, Betty*

Betty "Maude" Martin - June 29, 2018 at 09:18 PM



“ *Mary Jane; Sorry for your loss, you had a wonderful mom. Relish the memories.
Best wishes, Glen & Cindy*

Glen - June 29, 2018 at 09:18 PM

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“ *Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.*

Alan Decker - June 29, 2018 at 09:18 PM

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“ *I never had the pleasure of meeting her, but, I know she had to be a wonderful person because she raised a wonderful daughter in Mary Jane. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in this time of mourning.*

Tami Cullen - June 29, 2018 at 09:18 PM