



Shirley Lavelle Mitchell

January 13, 1940 - October 21, 2020

On Wednesday, October 21, 2020 Shirley Lavelle Mitchell peacefully passed on to be with the Lord. Shirly was born on January 13, 1940 in Tupelo Oklahoma. She was married to Carl Earl Mitchell on February 3, 1958. She is survived by her husband Carl and their three adorable children; Carl David Mitchell, Sharon Marie Herrera, and Jeni Sue Cantu. She is also survived by her sister Sharon Stevens, seven Grandchildren, seven Great-Grandchildren and three Great-Great-Grandchildren.

Some of Shirley's professional accomplishments included, a Master's Degree in Education, retired as an Elementary School Teacher, and a Dental Assistant. Shirley was also Secretary of Yellow Rockers (Square Dancing), Girl Scout Leader, and PTA President of Lackland City Elementary.

Shirley Mitchell was a kind and generous person in all aspects of her life. Throughout her years she had great faith in the lord and was very active in many organizations. She donated her time to the Prison Ministries and the Ronald McDonald House. She prepared many meals for celebrations at her churches, was on a prayer chain, camp counselor, and created beautiful banners for church displays.

One of her favorite bible verses was: John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should

not perish, but have everlasting life.

As well as spending time with family and friends, Shirley had many hobbies. She was an artist, quilt maker, enjoyed knitting and crocheting, (which she would also teach her students), and enjoyed gardening. Shirley also wrote beautiful Christmas letters to the family every year. She was great at planning trips around the world to include trips to Jerusalem, Europe, Mexico, and Hawaii.

A Pre-Celebration of her life will be October 29, 2020 at Mission Park Funeral Chapel (North) from 6pm to 8pm.

Celebration of her life will be October 30, 2020 at Mission Park Funeral Chapel (North) at 8:30am with Graveside burial at Fort Sam National Cemetery in San Antonio, Tx. At 9:45.

University Baptist Church has been gracious enough to dedicate a luncheon following burial.

Praise The Lord

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Chapel Service

OCT **30**. 8:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Shirley Lavelle Mitchell*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - October 30, 2020 at 09:28 AM

SH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



SHARON HERRERA - November 02, 2020 at 01:01 PM

SH

This is a video dedicated to my mom, Shirley Mitchell, with love.

SHARON HERRERA - November 02, 2020 at 01:06 PM

BC

A very beautiful tribute of Shirley!!! Thank you for sharing. Beth

Beth Carpenter - November 02, 2020 at 08:44 PM

SH

Thank you Beth.

SHARON HERRERA - November 03, 2020 at 10:13 AM

SM

Absolutely loved the tribute but certainly not without some sadness. She was a big part of our childhood back in the day. What a beautiful and talented lady. ❤️

Sandy Morin - April 04, 2021 at 08:21 PM

PC

“ *She always wore a smile. She was my Girl Scout leader , Bible teacher , Friend.*

peggy cook - October 30, 2020 at 11:21 AM

PC

“ *Peggy Cook lit a candle in memory of Shirley Lavelle Mitchell*



peggy cook - October 30, 2020 at 11:18 AM

TT

“ *I had the pleasure of not only teaching at Galm with Shirley , but she was also my sons teacher. She was fun, loving, and so thoughtful to her students and fellow teachers. She taught my son's class to crochet. That is a memory we will always treasure. I know Heaven is welcoming Shirley home with wide open arms. My thoughts and prayers sent to all her family that will miss her so much.*

Tammy Taylor

Tammy Taylor - October 29, 2020 at 07:22 PM

CM

“ Mom was always there for God ,her family ,friends, neighbors & even strangers . She will be missed on earth & welcomed in Heaven. Mom you don't have to work so hard anymore & we'll do the best we can without you. We'll take care of Pop until he gets to see you in your new neighborhood. Thanx Mom for all that you do ! Love always , son.



Carl "Mitch" D. Mitchell - October 29, 2020 at 04:22 PM

Jl

“ Jane C. Ivy-Stevens lit a candle in memory of Shirley Lavelle Mitchell



Jane C. Ivy-Stevens - October 28, 2020 at 10:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shirley Lavelle Mitchell.



October 28, 2020 at 07:17 PM

NP

“ A consummate teacher since I can remember, before even going back to school, she made this lovely activities book by hand when I was a child. I'm fortunate to still have it to remember her by and know she is watching over us all from heaven. We will miss her smile, her lessons and unconditional love. With Love, Nina



Nina Ricci Pena - October 28, 2020 at 03:28 PM

NP

“ Nina Ricci Pena lit a candle in memory of Shirley Lavelle Mitchell



Nina Ricci Pena - October 28, 2020 at 03:19 PM

PB

“ Our deepest sympathies to Sharon, Jenny, Carl Jr and extended family of our dear friend Shirley Mitchell. Your kids at school loved you and we know why. Your joy, comfort and mentorship was evident every time our great-grand kids visited with you. You always made them feel special. You will forever be our special friend and cherish all memories/ moments we had as neighbors. Rest in peace*

Eva and Mike Berlanga

Pedro(Mike) & Eva Berlanga - October 28, 2020 at 11:03 AM

SH

Thank you so much for helping my mom in so many ways. You both were our angels on earth looking out for them. We will always be grateful for your kindness. Much Love, Sharon

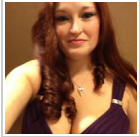
SHARON HERRERA - October 28, 2020 at 11:38 AM

ER

“ You've always been the perfect example of ambition and dedication, starting school long after being a homemaker, while still making time to paint incredible artwork. I count myself lucky to have grown up with some of your work in our home - Love, Eric



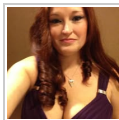
Eric - October 28, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ Jessica Herrera lit a candle in memory of Shirley Lavelle Mitchell



Jessica Herrera - October 27, 2020 at 09:58 PM



My grand mother, my confidant, my friend and a new angel in heaven. May God bless you and keep you.

Jessica Herrera - October 27, 2020 at 09:59 PM

GR

“ Shirley was one of a kind. She approached life with such zest and passion. I will cherish our memories as fourth grade teachers at Galm and the adventures getting our Masters Degree together. My sympathies to Carl (Mitch) and the family. Rest in Peace dear friend!
Gina Reina

Gina Reina - October 27, 2020 at 09:49 PM

TC

“ Shirley was one of the finest teachers I ever worked with.....and the finest lady. Many were blessed by her warmth, love, and compassion as well as her many talents.
Tim Cormier

Tim Cormier - October 27, 2020 at 06:46 PM

JC

Thank you Tim, my mom enjoyed teaching kids in her own special way. She made her students learn how to have fun and graduate from each grade to the next.

Jenny Mitchell Cantu - October 27, 2020 at 08:14 PM

SH

“ SHARON HERRERA sent a virtual gift in memory of Shirley Lavelle Mitchell



SHARON HERRERA - October 27, 2020 at 06:33 PM

AP

“ You were a mom to so many of us girls at Jay and beyond. Your love for God, family, friends and crafting was an inspiration to so many of us. You served our Savior tirelessly and it showed in your ability to see the light in all things. I can still hear your sweet voice calling out to Jeni, reminding her of little things and laughing when she’d tell you” yes, mom, I know.” You cherished each day and cherished your children the most. Thank you “Mom”, for shining your light on us all. I will miss your laughter and your strong hugs. With never ending gratitude and love,
Annette Payne-Raymond

Annette Payne-Raymond - October 27, 2020 at 05:12 PM

JC

Thank you Annette, my mom did love you and always enjoyed you visiting her!

Jenny Mitchell Cantu - October 27, 2020 at 05:17 PM

VN

Shirley and I have known each other for approximately 12 years at which time she introduced me to brother Veals Bible study which was a very big blessing I have missed our time together but look forward to seeing her again in heaven. She has a legacy of blessing many people from many walks of life over many years in various ways. For this I'm sure she will receive a crown. Will miss you but we know you are supremely happy

Vivian Neely - October 29, 2020 at 05:25 PM

BC

“ Shirley Mitchell was an amazing person. She was an awesome cook and seamstress and just a very talented person all around. I spent many nights at her house with Jeni. She loved her family and was always there for them. I know your hurting now but you know she’s with her Lord and Savior but her heart will always be with you, she will always be watching over you. Rest In Peace and I love you.
Beth

Beth Carpenter - October 27, 2020 at 03:41 PM

JC

Thank you Beth, I love you too!

Jenny Mitchell Cantu - October 27, 2020 at 03:50 PM

JA

This doesn't seem possible my cousin Shirley should be up busy & laughing. She always had a craft or sewing project or cooking, decorating going for someone. She and Carl would visit Aunt Lillian and do work for her, repairing blinds, washing walls and curtains, shampooing carpets any work needed doing that her elderly aunt could not do. Shirley was always there to help and make life better for others. She went to college later in her life and got a Master's degree to become a school teacher which she did until her retirement. Her early life was difficult but it did not dampen her spirits she was happy and cheerful the rest of her life. She was faithful to her Christian beliefs and lived her life in service to others. You will be greatly missed. Rest In Peace Shirley you deserve it.

Your cousin, Judy

Judith Arnwine - October 27, 2020 at 04:23 PM

JC

Thank you so much Aunt Judy. She always had a special place in her heart for you and your family.

Jenny Mitchell Cantu - October 27, 2020 at 04:46 PM

JC

“ *I will always cherish our time together Mom.
You made me a better person and everyone
else you touched. I love you so much!*

Jeni Mitchell Cantu



Jenny Mitchell Cantu - October 27, 2020 at 02:30 PM

SH

“ *My beautiful mom, may she rest in peace.
Love you, Sharon*



SHARON HERRERA - October 27, 2020 at 02:26 PM