

Sunrise: March 3, 1940 Sunset: August 21, 2017

### **Service**

Friday, August 25, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

### GREATER ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

2365 8th Avenue • New York, NY Minister Rodney Harraway, Officiating Nicole Flynn, Soloist



## Obituary

Marlene "OG Marly Mar" Mitchell was the daughter of the late Gilbert and Ella Mae Baynard. She was born on March 3rd, 1940 in Camden, New Jersey. She departed this life on August 21st, 2017 at the tender age of 77. Up until recently, (as time had finally got the best of her) age was only a number.

Marlene was the eldest of fourteen children, which would explain that bossy attitude of hers. Growing up, she spent the majority of her time with her grandparents, Rachel and Edward Wood. She was educated in the Camden Public School System and reared in religious education at Catholic Churches.

At the young age of fifteen, she met her late husband, Ralph Mitchell. They went on to have four children together. After a separation she would later have her fifth child with the late Samuel Lloyd.

Marlene was a socialite in her own right. She turned heads everywhere she went. Her bold personality is something that everyone around her wished they could possess. It was unmatched. She worked as a bartender throughout her younger years where she would make lifetime friends. But her greatest title of all was being a devoted mother to her children. She figured out any and all ways to provide for her family. She lived life to the fullest and unapologetically. The life of all parties. Known as "MA" to a gang of people, she had an open door policy and no matter what, she was always lending a helping hand. You can always count on her to keep it real (even when you didn't want her to). She

loved to entertain. Most will remember her for her love of gambling. She was a go-getter. She was strong. She was phenomenal. SHE WAS AN OG!

You could count on her to do anything (except keep your secrets of course). She was Loyal, Brave, Fearless, Courageous, Strong and a Lady at all times. By far, one of the greatest to ever walk among us. Forever in our hearts.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: her four daughters, Ralphella (Boo), Darlene, Michelle (who resides at Henry J. Carter Nursing Facility) Mitchell, and Tanya Lloyd; her only son, Ralph (Mitch, Jr.) Mitchell; thirteen grandchildren, Terryl Mitchell, Tasha Pitts, Anthonisha Legare, Chavon Mitchell, Yazzmen Lloyd, Matthew Ealy, Miche Mitchell, Anfernee Lloyd, Marlene Mitchell, Antoine Lloyd, Sonny, Tre, and Shalise Mitchell; four great-grandchildren, Terrell and Kammein Mitchell, Oshyn Dallas and Taylor Wall; her surviving siblings, Ada Dawson, Gilbert (Butch), Donald, Michael, Brian (Little) Baynard, Sharlene Boyd, Linda Clinkscales, Millicent (Millie) Streeter, Lenore Charlton and Beverly Andrews; three best friends, Barbara King (B1), Antoinette Singleton (Ms. Toni, Singapore) and Leonard Brown (Rabbit); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, sons and daughters-in-law, extended family, close and far friends that will miss her tremendously. Those that went on before her: Edith Cobb, Randolph Baynard and Judith Perry.

Mrs. Mitchell you will never be forgotten.

# Order of Service

#### Processional

#### Selection

#### Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 90:1-12 - Barbara King New Testament: Revelation 21:1-4 - Ralph Mitchell, Jr.

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

**Obituary**Chavon E. Mitchell

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

<u>Interment</u>

Ferncliff Cemetery Hartsdale, New York

# I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free!

### Acknowledgement

The family would like to thank David "Issel" Aguila from the bottom of their hearts. You saved her life on many occasions. There's no way to repay you. Also, a heartfelt thank you for all the condolences and prayers.

They didn't go unnoticed. - Mitchell Family

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