



Jane Neel Mitchell

June 24, 1934 - December 7, 2020

Jane Neel Mitchell of Christiansburg, Virginia, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 7, 2020, at the age of 86. Born on June 24, 1934, she was the oldest daughter of the late Cecil E. and Mary Ball Neel of Bluefield, West Virginia. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence Mitchell.

She overcame polio as a child and went on to attend Radford College for two years, transferring schools in order to be closer to her future husband. She graduated from Concord College in 1957 with a B.S. in Education; she married Lawrence Mitchell the same year. In 1986, she received an M.A. in English from Virginia Tech.

A woman of strong faith and character, she lived a life in service to others. Throughout her decades-long teaching career, she taught countless students at Richlands High School, Christiansburg Middle School, and Dayspring Christian Academy; she even spent her retirement homeschooling two of her grandchildren. Additionally, she devoted many years to teaching Sunday school classes, hosting and leading Bible studies, and keeping nursery at various churches, including Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Cedar Bluff, Virginia, and Redeemer Church in Christiansburg, Virginia. After retirement, she spent almost every Election Day working the polls and was an active docent at Montgomery Museum. She also volunteered her time tutoring

English to numerous individuals throughout the years. While she did not have much in terms of wealth and material possessions in this life, she gave of whatever she had, and she gave of it freely in service to the Lord. She has left an indelible mark on countless lives.

She is survived by her four children, Marlene Clift and husband, Bowie, of Christiansburg, Virginia, Loren Mitchell and wife, Dena, of Houston, Texas, John Mitchell of Charleston, South Carolina, David Mitchell and wife, Christie, of Fork Union, Virginia; daughter-in-law, Susan Mitchell of Christiansburg, Virginia; four grandchildren, Jared Mitchell of Bristol, Virginia, Sarah Belcher of Christiansburg, Virginia, Jacob Mitchell of Washington, D.C., Asia Exposito and husband, Anthony, of El Paso, Texas; great-grandson, Elijah Belcher, of Christiansburg, Virginia; sister, Mary Cecile Martin of Bluefield, West Virginia; niece, Jackie Williams and husband, David, of Bluefield, Virginia.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no public funeral service at this time. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ *Mrs. Mitchell was my teacher at Richlands High School. She was a wonderful teacher and a kind, loving person. My condolences to her family.*

Judith Hess Jones - December 10, 2020 at 09:11 AM

CM

“ *Jane Mitchell is the most godly woman I have ever met. Kind, thoughtful, forgiving, devoted, prayerful, humble, generous, and so much more. I am so happy for her that faith is now sight.*

Cherry Messer - December 09, 2020 at 08:00 PM

JW

“ *Judy West lit a candle in memory of Jane Neel Mitchell*



Judy West - December 09, 2020 at 07:31 PM

KS

“ *Our deepest condolences
Prayers of comfort and love
Margaret, Phyllis, Nina and Kathy*



Kathy Sneed - December 09, 2020 at 06:02 PM

GA

“ *Glenda Nelson Altizer lit a candle in memory of Jane Neel Mitchell*



Glenda Nelson Altizer - December 09, 2020 at 05:56 PM

KW

“ *Jane was much loved and greatly appreciated. I spent hours with her traveling for training to be Essential tutors with Classical Conversations. I learned more from her in my 40's than I ever had about the English language in all of my years of schooling. From teaching to child care, Jane did whatever was asked of her to assure that Jacob and Asia could be part of the program. I am blessed to have known her and I am so sorry for your loss.*

Kim Walsh - December 09, 2020 at 05:21 PM

VN

“ *Vicki Stumpp Nuckels lit a candle in memory of Jane Neel Mitchell*



Vicki Stumpp Nuckels - December 09, 2020 at 04:44 PM

KR

“ *Kokie Carver Richardson lit a candle in memory of Jane Neel Mitchell*



Kokie Carver Richardson - December 09, 2020 at 02:55 PM

BR

“ *Brenda Richardson lit a candle in memory of Jane Neel Mitchell*



Brenda Richardson - December 09, 2020 at 01:24 PM

SH

“ *Susie Hess lit a candle in memory of Jane Neel Mitchell*



susie hess - December 09, 2020 at 12:38 PM

SH

Loved Jane! She was a very special precious woman who touched a lot of lives!

susie hess - December 09, 2020 at 12:40 PM

JT

One of my favorite teachers. Went several extra miles for me and I've never forgotten it. My sympathies to her family.

Jim Talbert - December 09, 2020 at 05:48 PM

PW

“ *Mrs. Mitchell taught me English at Richlands High School. Loved her. Actually, she was probably my favorite teacher. RIP sweet friend.*

Pat Warner - December 09, 2020 at 12:08 PM

DH

Mrs Mitchell taught me English and she was a wonderful teacher and friend. She was a jewel and I feel she will have many jewels in her crown.

Debbie McGaffee Hunsaker - December 09, 2020 at 12:21 PM

DG

Mrs. Mitchell taught me English at Richland's High. She was a wonderful and compassionate person. RIP

Debbie Grady - December 09, 2020 at 05:17 PM

DW

Dottie Ray Wingo

Mrs Mitchell also taught me at Richlands High! She was a # 1 teacher, one of my favorites! My deepest sympathy to each of her children!

Dottie Ray Wingo - December 14, 2020 at 05:01 PM

CR

“*Jane Mitchell was a wonderful example of a Christian lady! Even when health was not great she could be found helping and encouraging others.*”

Crissy - December 09, 2020 at 11:43 AM

SF

“*It was my privilege to know Jane in my years at the Montgomery Museum. Jane was a lovely and intelligent woman of such grace! She was so helpful in her service to the museum and comforting as a friend. It was such a pleasure to know her grandchildren Jacob and Asia and watch them become beautiful mature young people. Jane's influence will be long remembered and I continue to miss her.*”

Sue Farrar

Sue Farrar - December 09, 2020 at 10:23 AM