Sue Kirkpatrick Mitchell

August 29, 1930 - May 26, 2020

Sue Kirkpatrick Mitchell, a lifelong resident of Winston County, passed away on May 26, 2020 at age 89. She was surrounded by family, and joins her beloved husband Bruce Mitchell and her parents Hayes and Ollie Kirkpatrick, in eternal rest and peace.

Sue grew up on her family's farm on Highway 25, south of Louisville. She graduated from Louisville High School, where she was a champion debater and Salutatorian of her class. These admirable qualities along with her beauty attracted the attention of a young man from Winston County's Poplar Flat community named Bruce Mitchell, who was serving in the Navy and would become her husband soon after World War II was over.

Sue obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree from Mississippi University for Women. She taught elementary school in Zama, Mississippi for several years and then returned to further her education at Mississippi State University, where she obtained an Ed.D in Education. She worked in pre-school and early education programs at MSU which provided "reading readiness" training to young children from the Golden Triangle area. Indeed, Sue was a school teacher in one form or another during her entire working life; including private tutoring and helping people obtain GEDs.

Sue lived a life of selfless Christian devotion to her family, church, and

community. With Bruce, she created a bountiful, vibrant home for her children and instilled in them all the right values. In time, she became a loving, generous grandmother and great-grandmother. Sue was a longtime dedicated member and leader of Calvary Baptist Church, and member of the choir. She was active in the Women's Missionary Union throughout her adult life, serving as President of WMU as well as coordinator and leader of statewide WMU programs.

Sue was elected as a Trustee of the Louisville Municipal School District in the early 1980s and served on the school board with distinction for several years. She was well read and well informed. She and Bruce traveled across the United States and throughout Europe and Asia. At home, she loved to work in her flower beds and gardens and was a superb cook and baker. She was also an excellent seamstress, and later in life, a truly master quilter.

A cherished part of Christmas at the Mitchell house was Sue's re-telling of the Christmas story, straight from the Gospels, by heart. We beheld in wonder that long after dementia took away her short-term memory, Sue could still remember and sing all four verses of her favorite hymns. May her memory be a blessing.

Sue was predeceased by her beloved husband Earl Bruce Mitchell, her parents, and prior generations. She is survived by her sister, Martha Kirkpatrick DuBard (Leo, deceased), her three children: Judith Mitchell Wiener (Joshua), Michael Hayes Mitchell (Sharon), Janet Marie Mitchell, and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

Graveside services and interment will be 2 p.m. Friday, May 29 at Camp Ground Cemetery with Dr. Johnny Collins officiating. The family urges everyone to follow the COVID-19 precautions in place under Executive Order 1466 of Governor Tate Reeves.

Donations in Sue’s honor may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, c/o Joellen Johnson, 5410 Old Robinson Road, Louisville, MS 39339 or a charity of your choice.

Services are under the direction of Nowell Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Campground Cemetery

940 Campground Road
Louisville, MS 39339

Previous Events

Graveside

MAY **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

Sue Kirkpatrick Mitchell

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM

GF

I remember Mrs. Mitchell as a kind, generous woman. May she rest in eternal peace with her husband.

Gin Fancher - June 06, 2020 at 05:13 PM

JS

I am so sorry for your loss. Bruce and Sue were always delightful to chat with, and we shared many stories as educators and lovers of country living. May God give you comfort now and in the days ahead.

Judy Sanders - May 28, 2020 at 10:24 PM

HH

Helen Harlan lit a candle in memory of Sue Kirkpatrick Mitchell

Helen harlan - May 27, 2020 at 06:10 PM

JM

Many lifetime memories from ms sue and the entire family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of u. Love all of you. Johnny and Dorthy Mitchell

Johnny mitchell - May 28, 2020 at 02:42 PM

AH

A lot of fond memories of Ms Sue and Bruce. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love ya'll

Arlene Holdiness - May 28, 2020 at 08:21 PM

DM

Judy,
As you well know, your
mother was one of my heros. Her principled and steadfast stand on the successful effort to bring 16th Section land leases to a fair price in Winston County was breathtaking. The schoolchildren benefited then and now from the increased funding for their schools. She took on that task despite the real
possibility she would be isolated from some in her community.
I know she must have been very proud of you. You learned from your mother about standing for what is right and good...what a remarkable legacy for her.
I grieve over her passing but just feel honored and fortunate that our lives intersected.
Your friend,
Dick Molpus

Dick Molpus - June 02, 2020 at 03:02 PM