



CECILE MITCHELL

July 24, 1929 - December 19, 2017

Cecile Mitchell, 88, of Chicago, IL, passed away Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at Riverside Medical Center. Visitation will be Tuesday, December 26, 2017 from 9:30 A.M. until time of funeral services at 10:00 A.M. at Third Baptist Church of Chicago, 1551 W. 95th Street, Chicago, IL. Reverend Marguerite Jenkins will officiate. Burial will be in Burr Oak Cemetery, Alsip, IL.

Cecile Mae Mitchell was born on July 24, 1929 in Chicago IL. She was one of eight children born to James and Georgia Adams.

Cecile grew up in the Chicago Bronzeville area, where she attended Douglas Elementary and Wendell Phillips High School. During these youthful times she met her lifetime friend Ophelia, whose friendship lasted for a period of seventy plus years. As a youth she met her sweetheart Alex (Bunky) Mitchell Jr. whom she married on March 5, 1950. From this union two children were born, a son Eric and daughter Pamela. Cecile was a mother and mentor to many, helping to rear many generations. She helped her mother raise her nieces Diane and Vickie and continued the rearing of her granddaughter Brittany after the death of her daughter. She was the mentor to her great nieces and nephews, always directing them to reach for better and be the best somebody you could be.

Cecile worked in the film department at Eastman Kodak for 35 years and was

a faithful employee until her retirement in 1985. Cecile had many hobbies that she spent countless hours collecting. Whether it be memorabilia or information she was always collecting something. You could ask her for most anything and she would come out of her bedroom with it. She also spent time saving clippings out of newspapers and searching for items from her favorite thrift stores. Her territory was the Longwood Beverly area and every person up and down 95th knew Cecile. She was an active constituent and supporter of her local government and Alderman and displayed outstanding citizenship until her death.

Cecile was the wind beneath the wings of her family, the silent observer, the voice of illogical-logic, and the dreamer. She believed in you even when you didn't have the strength to believe in yourself. She departed this life on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 2:20 p.m. She leaves to her legacy: her son Eric Sr. (Terri); niece Vickie (Branton Sr.); seven grandchildren: Christine (Djuan), Eric Jr. (Kenya), Elisha (Lydell), Elex (Destiny), Brittany, Alicia and Fabian; 12 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; two great-nieces, Chelise and Robin; two great-nephews, Breanton and Branton Jr.; great-great-nephew, Bryan Jeremy; great-great-great-niece, Khylee; extended family, Curtis and Donna Harris (Curtis, Alex and Jason), and a host of cousins, relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Pamela Kelsey and her siblings, Katie, Louis, Marie, twins, Herbert and Edward, Joseph and Maxine.