



Mrs. Sarah Leigh King Mitchell

November 9, 1954 - May 4, 2024

Sarah Leigh King Mitchell, age 69, of Albertville, Alabama passed away peacefully at her residence in the early morning hours of Saturday, May 4, 2024. Sarah was born on November 9, 1954, to Clifton Dick King and Barbara Ann Cox King. She was the youngest of four children growing up in Arab, AL. Her mother, Barbara Ann, was her role model and inspiration. Many of the qualities she was so loved for: selfless, loving, independent, and God-fearing were qualities derived from her mother. She grew up in a loving family. The bond between her sisters, Cynthia and Sandra, and brother, Tommy, was strong. Family gatherings were always a grand spectacle that you felt a certain privilege by just attending.

Upon graduating from Arab High School, she attended Snead State Community College where she met her husband, Rex Harris Mitchell. By all accounts, they were instantly smitten and have been inseparable ever since. They became synonymous with one another and were married for over 46 years. They ended up having four children, Cliff, Trevor, Clay, and Rylee. She and Rex raised their children in a house filled with love, laughter, respect, and discipline. Together, they molded their children into what they are today. Her children learned what it meant to love and be loved under their roof. She was capable of many types of love. She made you feel special and celebrated, but she also knew how to adequately apply tough love. Sarah and Rex set a perfect example of how marriage should be, and their love blossomed over

the years into “the Mitchell Party of 18.” Her grandchildren are the absolute pride and joy of her life; she would humbly say her greatest accomplishments. Family vacations were her favorite. Whether it was all 18 of us staying in the same condominium in Orange Beach, frequent trips to Disney World, or a little getaway to the Smoky Mountains, you could rest assured that the trip would be packed with fun and full of memories to last a lifetime. Her ability to love unconditionally, dedication to her family, and devotion to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, helped forge an unbreakable, ever-lasting familial bond that not even death can sever. They are all spiritually entwined forever. She was the matriarch of our family in every sense of the word. Her legacy will live on forever through her children, grandchildren, and the generations to come.

In a professional career that spanned over 40 years, Sarah earned several degrees, the highest being an Educational Specialist in Instructional Leadership from the University of Alabama. She was a beloved English teacher, a highly respected school administrator, and she finished out her illustrious career as a Marshall County Schools District Improvement Specialist. Sarah poured her talents into her work at every level. The Douglas campus is no doubt where her professional heart lies. She was an administrator at each of the four schools on campus, Douglas High School being her longest tenure. She was known for her school pride, treating her students/teachers as if they were her own, and her devotion to her craft. She was the perfect example of an educator.

She is survived by: husband, Rex H. Mitchell; sons, Cliff Mitchell (Sheryl), Trevor Mitchell (Emily) and Clay Mitchell (Miranda); daughter, Rylee Chaffin (Chris); eight (8)

grandchildren, Arleigh Kate, Kingston, Bailee, Dawson, Audrey, Parker, Carter, and Tucker; sister, Sandra Boyd (Ervin); sister-in-law, Joan King; brother-in-law, Tim Mitchell (Lena); and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Family members preceding her in death include her parents, Dick and Barbara King; sister, Cynthia Durham (Dewey); brother, Tommy King; niece, Ashleigh King; father-in-law, R. Lee Mitchell; mother-in-law, Doris Mitchell; sister-in-law, Rhona Rush (Wendell).

The family will receive friends and guests at a visitation at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel

between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Monday May 6, 2024.

Afterwards, we will gather at 1:00 p.m. at Arab Memorial Cemetery for a graveside service. Brother Andrew Gregg will officiate. Escorting Sarah to her final resting place will be Cliff Mitchell, Trevor Mitchell, Clay Mitchell, Chris Chaffin, Charlie Jimmerson, and Brad King. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be John Michael Adams, Kingston Mitchell and Dawson Chaffin.

Arrangements entrusted to Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Arab Memorial Cemetery

565 South Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel
1340 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-4100

Graveside Service

MAY 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GH

“ Sarah was a sweet friend and classmate at Arab schools. She will missed greatly. I'm praying for her family.

Gayla Hsyas - May 06, 2024 at 05:59 PM

AW

“ Sarah was a sister and friend to me for many years. I believe several of my hardest laughs of my entire life was spent with the Mitchell party of 6 back in the day. She learned how to be a great mom and grandmother from Barbara King and Doris Mitchell. Over the past years, Our paths would cross and it was always a hug and a kiss from her. My mama and I saw her last year for a few brief minutes but as it always was with her, it was like we never were apart. Rex will surely miss his sidekick and I'll be praying for him and the entire family.

Angela Ross Wiggins - May 06, 2024 at 03:55 PM

MT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all the family. Sarah was a special lady and will be missed by all who knew her.
Martha Tingle

MARTHA TINGLE - May 06, 2024 at 09:26 AM

DH

“ Della & Chris Hovey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sarah Leigh King Mitchell



Della & Chris Hovey - May 05, 2024 at 12:16 AM

DE

We are so sorry or your loss.

Della - May 05, 2024 at 12:18 AM