



Mary Eleanor Mitchell

April 25, 1928 - September 23, 2018

Mary Eleanor Johnson Mitchell, 90, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 23, 2018 in Chubbuck, Idaho. Mary was born April 25, 1928 in Pocatello, ID to Mark Lavell Johnson & Mary Alfretta Hancock. Her parents were married after both of them had lost their spouses. Mark had seven children and Retta had eight children. Mark always commented, "We got married and woke up with fifteen children!" Mary brought the family count up to 16 children.

Mary graduated from Pocatello High School in 1946. In December of that year she married Donald B. Mitchell. Together they had 7 children.

She worked 35 years for Mountain Bell and was a life member of the Telephone Pioneers. She spent 16 years as the Treasurer for the Communications Workers of America. She was also an officer of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. She was especially proud to be awarded the Wilbert Cammack Award in 1992 for outstanding contributions to mental health issues.

Mary, Donald and their children were baptized in 1958 into the Catholic Faith. Mary was active in Catholic organizations: communion minister, chaired funeral dinners, hospital communion & shut-in visitor.

Mary enjoyed sewing, gardening, reading, and writing poetry.

Mary is survived by her children; Donald Mitchell of Belgrade, MT, Donette (Lee) Cranor, of Chubbuck, ID, Shawn (Lori) Mitchell of Inkom, ID, Sheila K. (Gary) Stewart of Boise, Cindy Mitchell (Michael Verzwylvelt) of Twin Falls, Vicky (Dave) Fisher of Nampa, and Mark Mitchell of Chubbuck, ID; and 17 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her 15 siblings, including her close sisters Emma & Elnora; and a grandson, Adam Cranor.

In lieu of flowers the Mitchell family asks that donations be made in her honor to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Donate

A rosary service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 28, 2018 at Wilks Funeral Home 211 W. Chubbuck Road in Chubbuck with a viewing to follow immediately after until 9 PM. Funeral Mass will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at St. Joseph's, interment will follow in Restlawn Memorial Gardens.

Memories and condolences can be shared with the family under the "Tribute Wall" tab above.

Cemetery

Restlawn Memorial Gardens

2864 S. 5th Avenue
Pocatello, ID, 83201

Events

SEP 28 **Rosary** 07:00PM - 07:30PM

Wilks Funeral Home
211 W. Chubbuck Road, Chubbuck, ID, US, 83202

SEP 28 **Viewing** 07:30PM - 09:00PM

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SEP 29 **Funeral Mass** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

St. Joseph's Catholic Chapel
436 N. Hayes Avenue, Pocatello, ID, US

Comments



“ My sincere sympathy to all of Mary’s children. I am your cousin Mark Grant. Melvin and Ethleens son. Mary was a wonderful aunt! She treated me and then later my wife and kids with wonderful hospitality! I only went and stayed with you guys a few times when I was very young. I stopped a few times at Chubbuck on the way back from fishing at Cousin Neils in Montana. I specifically remember a time that my wife and kids, and a friend and their kids, slept at the Pingree Park. However, the sprinklers came on at 4 in the morning and we had to scramble out of there. Mary and Donald invited us over to enjoy a wonderful breakfast. My friend from New Zealand says he will never forget the graciousness of Mary. An added bonus was that she was a wonderful cook and a wonderful canner! She relinquished her famous dill pickle recipe to me in about 1995. My kids only like that pickle recipe! In fact, I won a blue ribbon on my (Mary’s) canned pickles at the Washington County fair in St. George. We have lived in St. Dixie for 20 years. The future looks good for a return to Cache Valley, Logan, as my two sons and their families are pulling us that way. God bless you all, and may your memories of your mom, Aunt, Grandma, only be filled with good memories!

Mark and Lorene Grant
Washington Utah

mark grant - September 29, 2018 at 01:32 PM



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Wilks Funeral Home - September 29, 2018 at 09:55 AM



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Wilks Funeral Home - September 28, 2018 at 08:17 PM



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“ Logun, Amilia, Jakob, Joseph, DeAnn, and John purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Eleanor Mitchell.



Logun, Amilia, Jakob, Joseph, DeAnn, and John - September 28, 2018 at 01:33 PM



“ Sending our love <3! Tana, JD, Calli and Charli Christensen

Tana Christensen - September 28, 2018 at 12:49 PM



“ I will miss bringing communion to Mary, and seeing all her family and caregivers. I'll be praying for her and your family.

Brad Bugger - September 27, 2018 at 11:17 AM



“ Mary was such a wonderful woman. She helped me so much when I was young, and she told me many, many stories. I loved her and will remember her for the rest of my life. My heart goes out to her family.

Lynn Corsi - September 27, 2018 at 10:50 AM



“ In lieu of flowers, the Mitchell family would appreciate a donation in honor of Mary Mitchell to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Contributions to NAMI can be made by copying and pasting the following link into your browser:

[https://ifundraise.nami.org/index.cfm?](https://ifundraise.nami.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donate.event&eventID=503&referrer=WEBDBG&utm_source=HomepageButton&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=DonationTracking)

[fuseaction=donate.event&eventID=503&referrer=WEBDBG&utm_source=HomepageButton&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=DonationTracking](https://ifundraise.nami.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donate.event&eventID=503&referrer=WEBDBG&utm_source=HomepageButton&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=DonationTracking)

Thank you,

Mitchell Kron & the Mitchell family

Mitchell Kron - September 26, 2018 at 08:40 PM



“ Crystal Lively lit a candle in memory of Mary Eleanor Mitchell



Crystal Lively - September 26, 2018 at 06:50 PM



“ I'm honored to have given the small amount of time to help care for you Mary. You definitely brought warmth to my heart and a smile to my face on our lunch dates. I will love and cherish you always. Thank you for love and beautiful smile.

Crystal Lively - September 26, 2018 at 06:47 PM



“ Kelly lit a candle in memory of Mary Eleanor Mitchell



Kelly - September 26, 2018 at 03:23 AM



“ I am honored that I got to help with your care Mary. You made me laugh and gave me compliments, which I needed! You will always have a special place in my heart. Love Kelly

Kelly - September 26, 2018 at 03:22 AM