



## Mary Kate Mitchell

December 15, 1933 - March 19, 2017

Mary Kate Mitchell, 83, of Steinhatchee, Florida, passed away Sunday, March 19, 2017.

Lovingly known by everyone as Kkate, Mrs. Mitchell was the last living child of Will and Narie Ricketson. She worked for 10 years as a teacher's aide at the Steinhatchee School at one time but she was first and foremost a wife, mother, grandmother and a great grandmother. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Steinhatchee where she served as a staunch prayer warrior. In addition to being a prayer warrior she enjoyed working in her yard and flower gardens, attending bluegrass festivals, playing with her great-grandchildren, and traveling with her husband and friends. She was the true definition of a Proverbs 31 woman.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years and 8 months, Henry Fred Mitchell, Sr. of Steinhatchee; son, Henry Fred "Mitch" Mitchell, Jr. and his wife Carolyn of Steinhatchee; daughter, Margaret Ann Ross and her husband Joe of Perry; grandchildren, Henry Fred "Trey" Mitchell, III and his wife Kristin, Todd Christopher Mitchell and his wife Neicey, Christopher Andrew Turner and his wife Jodie and Jeremy Anthony Turner; and great grandchildren, Henry Fred "Tripp" Mitchell IV, Katelyn Jade Mitchell, Tori Narie Mitchell, Kamrin Louanne Mitchell, Tristin Reese Mitchell, Christopher Cole Turner and James Kaleb Towles. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, J. T.

Ricketson, Bill Ricketson, and Edward Ricketson and sisters, Zelma Anderson, Mittie Goswick, Martha Yarbrough, Lois Procter, Margaurite Morgan, Billie Joe Odum and Bobbie Anne Oquinn.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00am, Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at the First Baptist Church of Steinhatchee with Rev. Leon Holden and Rev. Aaron Turner officiating. Interment will follow at Waters Memorial Gardens. A visitation will be held at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home in Cross City on Tuesday evening, March 21, 2017 between the hours of 6 and 8pm.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home, Cross City, FL 352-498-5400 and Chiefland, FL 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guestbook at [rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com](http://rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City  
16984 SE Hwy 19  
Cross City, FL 32628  
(352) 498-5400

## Service

MAR **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Steinhatchee  
615 Riverside Drive  
Steinhatchee, FL 32359

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Kate Mitchell*

October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *Mary Kate Mitchell*

January 30, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ *To Mr Fred, Mitch, Margaret and family,*

*Our deepest condolences to all of you in this time of great loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

*Troy and Wanda Thompson*

**Troy Thompson** - March 28, 2017 at 08:59 AM



“ *To Mr. Fred, Mitch & Carolyn & family:*

*My deepest condolences on the loss of Mrs. MaryKate. She was a awesome lady. We were bless to have known her. She was a true prayer warrier. God Bless your family during this time. My mother held Miss MaryKate is high esteem and considered her a true friend and christian woman.*

*Jimmie Hill  
DCHS 1975*

**Jimmie Hill** - March 23, 2017 at 01:55 PM

LG

“ We are holding you all close in our hearts and prayers during this most difficult time. Ms. Mary Kate was a kind and beautiful lady inside and out and I know will be deeply missed by so many who loved her. Our love to Fred, Margaret, Mitch and all the Mitchell family we hold dear. Love, Marion Nelsen, Linda and Fred Gunter

Linda Gunter - March 22, 2017 at 11:05 AM

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“ This beautiful lady had a Hugh impact on my life at a young age and she knew it, because I told her many times as an adult. I loved her And am eternally grateful that God put her in my life as a student , in Steinhatchee, back in the 70s.  
I am a better man for the influence she had on me at that early age-  
Paul Dickey

Paul Dickey - March 21, 2017 at 09:59 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Kate Mitchell.



March 21, 2017 at 09:22 AM

LH

“ Love, Nickie, Melissa and Christina Harden purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Kate Mitchell.



Love, Nickie, Melissa and Christina Harden - March 21, 2017 at 08:00 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mary Kate Mitchell.*



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March 20, 2017 at 10:39 PM



“ *Heaven gained a wonderful lady, she was so kind and a lot of fun ❤️ She was so wonderful to my Niecey when she married Todd, she welcomed her into the family and loved her like a granddaughter. She and Mr. Fred were like teenagers going on dates to the movies and having fun together, they were a great example of a godly couple ❤️*

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**Debbie Ross** - March 20, 2017 at 09:55 PM



“ *Remembering the happy times when we were neighbors at Dark Island. Such good memories. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Our love and sympathy, Albert & Brenda Carter*

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**Brenda Carter** - March 20, 2017 at 05:08 PM



“ *Chris and Jodie,*

*Trey and I are praying for comfort and peace during this difficult time. We know how much you loved and will miss her. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.*

*Pam Faulkner*

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**Pam Faulkner** - March 20, 2017 at 03:45 PM