



## Darlene Marie Taylor Mitchell

December 26, 2015

Darlene Marie Taylor Mitchell, 71, entered into eternal peace on Saturday, December 26, 2015 at her home in New Orleans, LA. Darlene was born in Houston Texas on July 25, 1944. She is preceded in death by her mother Estelle Kennedy and father William Kennedy. She attended Carver Sr. High, graduated from Booker T. Washington and Delgado Allied Health program.

Darlene worked at Flint Goodridge hospital and retired from Dillard University in 2005 as property manager. She was an active and faithful member and servant at St. Peter Claver Church and served in the health and wellness ministry as well as serving as an advocate for the American Cancer Society. Darlene was caring, selfless, and compassionate; she was a gentle soul with a loving and generous heart with an extraordinary spirit.

Darlene leaves her loving memories to be cherished by her four children, Cora Bluain, Therese (Austin Badon), Blandon Mitchell (Tracy Pittman) and Eban Mitchell. Also left to celebrate her legacy are 11 grandchildren; Ayden, Chanen, Chase, Darrien, Donnell, Kayla, Natalie, Tavion, Terrance, Terry, and Tiffany and 4 great grandchildren; Alexis, Hannah, Isaiah and Rashad.

She is survived by her ex-husband Edward Mitchell and siblings, Robert Gordon, Sr., Betty Kinsey, Rita Williams, Yvonne Rogers, Estelle Robertson (Lamar), William Kennedy Jr., Cynthia Kennedy, Averell Kennedy. Darlene is

preceded in death by two brothers Albert and Alvin Savoy; and sister Valerie Jones. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins and many close friends (Forever friends).

Relatives and friends of the family, Priest, Parishioners and Family Life Ministries of St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliaries, President, Staff and Employees of Dillard University, employees and staff of The American Cancer Society New Orleans Community Health and The Mcfarland Institute-New Orleans are invited to attend a visitation at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, 1923 St. Philip St., on Saturday, January 2, 2016 from 8:00 AM until 8:45 AM, Rosary and Expressions to follow. A Mass of Christian Burial to begin at 9:30 AM, Fr. J. Asare-Dankwah, Celebrant. Interment: St. Patrick #3. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the online guest book.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick Cemetery

143 City Park Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70119

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM (CT)

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church  
1923 St. Philip St.  
New Orleans, LA 70116

## Burial

JAN 2. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church  
1923 St. Philip St.  
New Orleans, LA 70116

# Tribute Wall

PC

“ I will always remember her support, mentoring, and encouragement to move forward in work, aspirations and in life. I will always remember the times we shared working together and praying together how ever or whatever it took to get the job done.

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**Patricia Williams Charles** - January 16, 2016 at 01:40 PM

SS

“ You will be missed lovely lady rest in peace to the family praying for yall from shirley smith @mercedes louis

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**shirley smith** - January 03, 2016 at 06:08 PM

KJ

“ I offer my deepest condolences to you Therese & the rest of your grieving family. I had the pleasure of meeting your mother once & she was a beautiful spirit. Austin always spoke so fondly of your mother. Cherish the good times & find comfort in knowing she's now at peace. May the Lord give you strength in your time of sorrow.

*Warmest Regards*

*Keishelle Jones-Reynaud*

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**Keishelle Jones-Reynaud** - January 01, 2016 at 09:38 PM

KS

“ God doesn't make mistakes. It is a blessing to have Darlene as a big sister; she has contributed a great deal of love, knowledge, and inspiration in our lives. She has truly been a warrior for Jesus in his command to us as kingdom builders. Darlene is gone from us physically but she lives in our lives forever. I'm sure she is in haven this very minute advocating on our behalf's. We love you family stay strong and believe God is able!  
*The Shields and Haney family*

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**Keenen Shields** - January 01, 2016 at 04:51 PM

BT

“ To Mrs. Therese Badon and Family,

*Darlene was a very special person -- majestic in heart and action. She will be sorely missed. May God bless and strengthen you.*

*The Tucker Family*

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**bob tucker** - December 31, 2015 at 11:27 AM

DT

“ I just wanted to let my family know Cousin Darlene will be missed at the Harrison Family Reunion. She worked tirelessly on the committee. Those are some really big shoes to fill. She fought a good fight. God saw her getting tired and told her to come help plan that big Harrison Reunion in heaven.

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**Debbie Tillison Taylor** - December 31, 2015 at 08:55 AM

CM

“ My cousins gave you a little piece of what my Tee stood for, however my Tee was a phenomenal woman.. She had class, sophistication, and an attitude of a QUEEN.. My Tee showed our family the true meaning of unconditional love, forgiveness and loyalty.. My Tee was a dedicated soul who always was there when you called.. Honestly, you didn't have to call on her she made it her business to offer support to any and everyone who needed it.. You know my Tee is not only a legend to me she is the woman I would so love to imitate.. You have always been and will be the Tee who always made a statement without saying a word.. Thank you Tee but most of all I thank God for blessing me with you.. I will forever miss MY TEE.. Love you with every breath I have.. Tee until we meet again.. My mom is waiting on you to show you around your mansion that our God had prepared for you..

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**Candice Mitchell** - December 30, 2015 at 04:48 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to the family. May God give you strength and comfort during this difficult time. Ms. Darlene was a beautiful, loving and kind lady, she will be missed. God is good and His grace is sufficient. He will never leave you nor forsake you.

*Be encouraged,*

*The Morris Family*

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**Tina Morris** - December 30, 2015 at 12:14 PM



EM

“ I will always remember the kind support and advice provided me when I moved to New Orleans in 1997 to join Dillard University as Chief of Staff to the former president Dr. Michael Lomax . Ms. Clark was always there to assist me and others in the transition to Dillard and the city. She was a wonderful lady and we will all miss her greatly. Thank you. Ernest Moore, Atlanta, Georgia

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**Ernest Moore** - December 30, 2015 at 11:29 AM

AS

“ To Mrs. Therese Badon & Family:

*Sending my heartfelt condolences to you during the loss of your beautiful mother.*

*Here's praying for God's comfort, strength and peace to you during this time.*

*Sincerely,  
Ashlei Stevens  
Washington, DC*

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**Ashlei Stevens** - December 30, 2015 at 09:57 AM