



Eleanor "Ellie" Mitchell

August 29, 1929 - July 3, 2016

ADRIAN – Eleanor “Ellie” Roesch Mitchell, age 86 of Adrian, passed away Sunday, July 3, 2016 at her home under the tender care of her family with the assistance of Hospice of Lenawee.

She was born August 29, 1929, in Adrian, Michigan to Albert and Doris (Lee) Rizzise, and graduated with the Class of 1947 from Adrian High School. Ellie attended St. Louis Institute of Music, earned a Bachelor’s Degree from Adrian College, and completed her education at Siena Heights University with a Master of Arts Degree.

She was married to Walter Roesch September 2, 1950, and he preceded her in death. On December 26, 1987, she married Samuel Mitchell, and he survives.

Ellie retired from Adrian Public Schools after teaching music at Jefferson, Lincoln and Michener Elementary Schools for 24 years. She was a member of the Adrian Education Association and Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority. Ellie was a faithful member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) where she played piano for 60 years.

In addition to her husband, Sam, she is survived by her children: Laura Roesch, Carol Ries and Shelley (Robert) Nieto all of Adrian, and Steven (Diana) Roesch of Hickory Corners, MI; grandchildren: Tony (Kristyn) Ries, Marisa (Tommie) Nieto-Lofton, Robert (Stacy) Nieto, Jr. Anna (Danny) Solis, Steven Roesch, Jr., Kathryn Newton, and Gina Roesch; and 13 great grandchildren; Sam’s children: Michael (Elaine) Mitchell, Marvin (Darlene)

Mitchell, Martha Mitchell, Melissa (Jack) Orr, Mary Lou (Jeff) Patterson, Maureen (Marty Andrzejewski) Mitchell, and Samuel (Gayle) Mitchell; 17 step-grandchildren, 13 step-great grandchildren; and a special niece Cindy Polan. Besides her first husband, Walter Roesch, she was preceded in death by a sister, Adelaide "Riz" Pifer.

A memorial celebration of Ellie's life will take place at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 6, 2016, at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with Rev. Linda Farley officiating. The family will receive friends at the church Wednesday from noon until the service.

Contributions in memory of Ellie are suggested to First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) or Hospice of Lenawee. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
2667 Bent Oak Highway
Adrian, MI 49221

Celebration of Life

JUL 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Eleanor "Ellie" Mitchell*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *I met Ellie when I started my first job as Deputy City Clerk for the City of Adrian and Ellie was working in the Water Department. We always joked about the fact that we worked in the old, old City Hall. In later years we worked together on the City of Adrian Elections in Precinct 5. She was a very friendly person and always talked about her children and grandchildren.*

Lydia Oprsal

Lydia Oprsal - July 06, 2016 at 10:40 AM



“ *Our deepest and sincerest sympathy for Ellie's family. You are in our prayers.*

Walt and Debbie Newton and family



Debbie Newton - July 06, 2016 at 10:23 AM

GB

“ No matter how carefully chosen our words, they will be inadequate to express our sadness or bring the comfort we wish for your family. Ellie was such a wonderful lady and such a dear friend. While saddened by our loss we celebrate Ellie's life and the privilege of a very special and wonderful friendship. The heavenly choir must sound better today with Ellie there to accompany them.

George and Gail Bowman

George and Gail Bowman - July 05, 2016 at 10:24 PM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wagley Funeral Home - July 05, 2016 at 01:37 PM

SF

“ To Ellie's family, I have seen how loving and caring you all have been as I have lived across the street these past two years. You are all truly a great family to be admired. Ellie was blessed to have you. She will be missed. Please know that you have been and will continue to be in my prayers. May God keep you all in his loving grip through this time of grief and celebration of a great life.

Sue Fuss

Sue Fuss - July 05, 2016 at 11:30 AM

MB

“ Mrs. Ellie was a wonderful Beautiful Lady, I always received a big hug every Sunday and always kind words . My parents were Wonderful friends with Ellie and Sam and if they were here they would miss her Terribly, I'm sure they are reuniting in Heaven . She will be missed terribly by all of us who knew and loved her. My prayers and love to her wonderful family God Bless and keep you Michele Bloemendaal❤️



michele Bloemendaal - July 04, 2016 at 07:31 AM

NB

“ Ellie was a great choir director and I love singing for her during my childhood and young adulthood. She was a beautiful person and I will miss her.



Nancy Blohm - July 03, 2016 at 09:34 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eleanor "Ellie" Mitchell.



July 03, 2016 at 07:28 PM

KG

“ I send my sympathy and love to Ellie's family, especially Shelley and Carol. I have so many wonderful church and church choir memories of Ellie. Jim and I always had a conversation with her when we were in town for a visit with my mom. Ellie was a very special lady and will be missed. Kim Gribben

Kim Gribben - July 03, 2016 at 04:55 PM

SH

“ I want to send my love and condolences to all. I have such very good memories of Ellie. God gave us all a very wonderful angel when He gave us this special woman. We will be with her again. Blessings to all.....Sue (Cassel) Hirschy

Sue Hirschy - July 03, 2016 at 04:45 PM

BK

“ So very sorry for your loss Carol! Our thoughts are with you & your family during this difficult time.
Your friends, Danny & Barb Kirkendall



Barbara Kiekendall - July 03, 2016 at 04:30 PM