

A C E L E B R A T I O N O F L I F E F O R

*Sunrise*  
August 22, 1947

*Sunset*  
February 27, 2026

*Apostle Dr. Willett L. Mitchell*

11:00 O'clock – Ante Meridiem  
Saturday, March 14, 2026

*Judah Worship Word Ministries International*  
4441 West Sunrise Boulevard | Plantation FL 33313

Officiant Apostle Betty J. Francis  
Cathedral of Praise Worship Center | Oakland Park, Florida

Eulogist Bishop Arden L. Luster  
Bridegroom Apostolic Church, Inc. | Jacksonville, Florida

A M C W H I T E ' S F U N E R A L H O M E S E R V I C E



*He gave us a Pastor after His heart.*

## HER JOURNEY

*Apostle Dr. Willett L. Mitchell*

The epitaph shall read: *"Well Done" ... thy good and faithful Servant.*

### *Early Life and Calling*

Dr. Willett L. Mitchell's remarkable journey began on August 22, 1947, in Miami, Florida. Born to the late Willie and Martha Ray Mitchell, she was the second oldest of five cherished siblings and was raised in a home grounded in faith, discipline, and love.

Under the strong spiritual influence of her mother and the guiding teachings of her parents, Dr. Mitchell developed a deep and abiding adoration to the Word of God. As a young teenager, she was baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost, setting the foundation for a lifetime devoted to Christ.

A 1965 academia high school graduate of Attucks High School, Dr. Mitchell continued her education at Miami Dade College. In 1967, she began her professional career with Bell South, where she advanced from Service Representative to Market and Sales/Yellow Pages and ultimately into Management. In 1977, she retired from her corporate career to dedicate herself fully to ministry works of God. It was her will to do the will of God; she was called, committed, consecrated and led a consistent life of sanctification unto God.

At 16 years old, she answered the call to ministry. By the age of 26, in 1974, she stepped into pastoral leadership—a calling she would fulfill faithfully for more than five decades.

### *Pastoral and Ecclesial Leadership*

In February 1974, following the passing of her mother, Pastor Willett L. Mitchell was appointed Senior Pastor of Highway Church of Christ, located at 1125 NW 6th Street in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. With vision, courage, and determination, she immediately began to build the infrastructure of the ministry her principal foundation was holiness and sanctification. She organized her first choir by recruiting young people she met while working as a sales representative for World Book Encyclopedia. Under her leadership, the congregation grew steadily, requiring renovations to accommodate its expanding membership.

Around 1978, the Polk County Mass Choir rendered a powerful concert at Highway Church of Christ. Deeply moved by Pastor Mitchell's ministry, members of the choir expressed a hunger for mentorship and the Word. Answering that call, Pastor Mitchell planted Highway Church of Christ—Bartow in Bartow, Florida. For six years, until 1983, she faithfully traveled the highway weekly—whether Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights—shepherding her flock with unwavering dedication and the support of her ministry assistants. Even after Bartow church closed, several members continued traveling to Fort Lauderdale, a testament to the lasting bonds she had formed.

In 1985, during the renovation of the Fifth Avenue corridor in Fort Lauderdale, Pastor Mitchell's congregation merged for a season with that of her biological brother, Bishop Dr. Micheal R. Mitchell, Sr. Together, they became the first known brother and sister to co-pastor jointly serving in the city of Fort Lauderdale.

In 1987, she expanded her ministry outreach and launched the daily early morning radio broadcast, "Moments of Inspiration". Through the airwaves, countless listeners were encouraged, uplifted and led to Christ.

Her heart for restoration led to establishing The New Life Safe House in 1989, a halfway house providing housing, counseling, and spiritual guidance for individuals recovering from drug addiction. The program offered them hope, structure, and a path toward transformation.

Later in the same year of 1989 after much prayer and faith, property located at 4441 W. Sunrise Boulevard in Plantation, Florida, was purchased as the new sanctuary for Highway Church of Christ. Local news headlines proclaimed, "What was once a burned-out club was transformed through faith and fundraising into a house of worship." The church was officially dedicated on August 30, 1992—a powerful symbol of rebirth and renewal through faith.

On September 5, 2008, she was consecrated into the bishopric through the laying on of hands by pioneering bishops, affirming her apostolic calling.

For 52 years, Apostle Dr. Willett L. Mitchell faithfully served as Bishop and Senior Pastor of Judah Worship Word Ministries International, also known as Mitchell Memorial Greater Highway Church of Christ. She also served as an overseer to several churches through Vision to Victory Fellowship.

Spiritual growth is her mantra. Committed to scholarship and spiritual growth, she later earned her Doctorate in Ministry in 1992, along with Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees in Biblical Studies from Friends International Christian University. She is an accomplished author; she wrote several books, including "Lifesavers", and served as a guest columnist for the Sun Sentinel. Her entrepreneurial spirit led her to establish her own printing company, producing numerous publications.

Her ministry extended internationally to the Caribbean Islands, South Africa, Egypt, England, Israel, Canada, and throughout the United States. She traveled this country evangelizing and preaching the gospel touching lives of mankind. She was a teacher, preacher, evangelist, prophetess, pastor, overseer, and bishop—steadfast in her belief, in Faith, Prayer, Praise, and Worship. She strongly taught obedience to God, the principles of Biblical Economics, that faith produces results and God answers prayers.

### *Family and Legacy*

Apostle Dr. Willett L. Mitchell's legacy is one of steadfast service, spiritual courage, and love for God's people that transcended distances. Her footprint of resilience and perseverance are now left in the sands of time. She stood boldly as a female pastor when the call on the lives of women in ministry was not accepted. Her ministry touched lives across this country and generations. Her example will continue to inspire all who knew her. Her life is a testament to unwavering faith, visionary leadership and compassionate service to God and humanity.

Apostle Dr. Willett L. Mitchell now reunites in eternity with her beloved parents, Willie and Martha Ray Mitchell; her eldest sister, Levilea Burch Williams; and her baby sister, Gracie Lenchaper Mitchell.

Her enduring legacy lives on in her adopted and spiritual daughter, Evangelist Shewandia Austin; her siblings, Jimmie Mitchell-Majors of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Bishop Dr. Micheal R. Mitchell, Sr. (Cynthia) of Charlotte, North Carolina; and her brother-in-law, Bishop Levester Williams, Sr. (Ella) of Florence, South Carolina. Her loving nieces and nephews and cousins. Cherishing her memory are her Judah Worship Word Ministries International church family, her devoted caregivers and armor-bearers, her clergy colleagues in the gospel, spiritual mentees and a host of friends.

### *Her Exodus*

Apostle Dr. Willett L. Mitchell's life is a testimony of unwavering faith, visionary leadership, perseverance, and compassionate service. For more than five decades, she shepherded souls, built ministries, restored lives, and proclaimed the Gospel with boldness and grace. Strength and honor were her clothing, a woman of dignity and integrity.

Though she will be deeply missed, her spiritual imprint remains indelible. Her legacy of faith, love, and transformative ministry will continue to inspire generations to come.

Rest Well Apostle Mitchell as you are now joined with the great cloud of witnesses in the grandstand of champions that are now asleep in the faith.

# A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

11:00 AM

**Apostle Betty Francis, Officiant Pastor,  
Cathedral of Praise Worship Center, Oakland Park, FL**

**Processional**

**Final Glance**

**The Releasing of Liturgical Duties**

**The Sealing of the Bier**

Invocation..... Bishop Barbara Gibson, Cathedral of Praise Worship Center, Oakland Park, FL

**Scripture Readings:**

Old Testament.....Apostle Ann Moss, New Redeem Kingdom International, Nassau, Bahamas

New Testament.....Elder Adrian Warren, Overcoming Church, Indianapolis, IN

**Reflections from Vision to Victory Fellowship (Limit 2 minutes)**

Apostle Sheila L. Moore, Center of Faith Fellowship, Cherry Hill, NJ

Apostle Ann Moss, New Redeem Kingdom International, Nassau, Bahamas

Apostle Eric Maloney, Sr. Truth Center Church Intl, Pompano Beach, FL

Overseer Cheryl Wright, Kingdom Life International Ministries, Dallas, TX

Overseer Thomas Jackson, Revive Fellowship Kingdom Ministries, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Dr. Erika Toney, International Kingdom Ministries, Jacksonville, FL

**Acknowledgement of Guest Clergy**

Musical Selection ..... Mass Choir

**Reflections from Church Heritage (Limit 2 minutes)**

As a member – Highway Church of Christ, Fort Lauderdale – Pastor Donnah Mattis, Restoration Deliverance Ministries, Palm Bay, FL

As a member - Highway Church of Christ, Bartow, FL – District Missionary/Lady Brenda Goodman Speed, Greater Harvest Church of God in Christ, Lakeland, FL

As a member – Judah Worship Word Ministries, Plantation, FL – Elder Larry King

Musical Selection.....Mass Choir

**Family Tribute (Limit 2 minutes)**

As a Brother – Bishop Dr. Micheal Mitchell, Redeeming Word Ministries, Charlotte, NC

As Niece/Nephews – Catherine and Deacon Michael Smith, Micheal Richard Mitchell II, Elder Levester Williams, Jr., Marcel Ryan Mitchell

As a Godson – Elder Adrian Warren

As a Sister – Elder Jimmie Mitchell-Majors, Redeeming Word Ministries, Charlotte, NC

Resolutions.....Sis. Patricia Forman

Words of Comfort (Limit 2 minutes).....Bishop Liston Page, Sr.,  
Greater Highway Deliverance Temple, New York City, NY

Acknowledgements.....McWhite's Funeral Home

Musical Selection.....Mass Choir

Eulogy.....Bishop Arden L. Luster, Senior Pastor of Bridegroom Apostolic Church, Inc.,  
Jacksonville, FL, Chairman, Florida State Council, Pentecostal Assemblies of the World and Diocesan Bishop,  
The Southern Philippines District Council

**Recessional**

# Dr. Willett Mitchell

Earthly Entrance

1947

Heavenly Entrance

2026

## Miss Me But Let Me Go

Just a reminder: This world is not our homes,  
we're just passing through.  
**Miss Me But Let Me Go!!**

I'm at peace and I am free,  
This was set up by God and not by me.  
**Miss Me But Let Me Go!!**

I tried to stay and not depart,  
But the rhythm got slower that beat in my heart.  
Shewandia,  
**Miss Me But Let Me Go!!**

I know the pain you feel is very deep,  
But God saw that it was time for me to sleep.  
Once again, **Miss Me But Let Me Go!!**

A songwriter once said:  
I can only imagine  
What it would be like  
When I'm walking by His side.

I can only imagine  
What my eyes would see  
When your face is before me.

I can only imagine  
Yes, Yes, Yes  
I can only imagine

Another songwriter picked up and said:  
If you could see me now,  
I'm walking streets of **GOLD**.

If you could see me now,  
I'm standing tall and bold.

If you could see me now,  
You would know I've seen His face.  
If you could only see me now.  
**Miss Me But Let Me Go!!**

Mother, I love you and miss you so much.  
My heart is broken.

*Your daughter, Shewandia*





Pastor W.L. Mitchell





Deacon Michael Carty  
Tre Hunter

*Active Pallbearers*  
Deacon Jesse Floyd, Sr.  
Jermaine Riviere

Jesse Floyd, Jr.  
Deacon Boaz Mongerard

Bishop Dr. Micheal Mitchell Sr.  
Marcel Ryan Mitchell

*Honorary Pallbearers*  
Micheal Mitchell, II  
Elder Adrain Warren  
Deacon Michael Smith

Elder Levester Williams, Jr.  
Levester Williams III

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The family of Apostle Dr. Willett Mitchell wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and other expressions of kindness and concerns evidenced in thought and deeds.  
The Mitchell Family

***The church family of Apostle Dr. Willett L. Mitchell wishes to express our sincere thanks for all of the expressions of love, prayers, and support during this time. We truly appreciate your display of heartfelt Christian love. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless and keep you. Until we meet again, Apostle, we love and miss you.***

Judah Worship Word Ministries International Family

*Interment*

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Cemetery  
1500 South State Road 7 | North Lauderdale, FL 33068  
Committal – Bishop Dr. Micheal Mitchell, Sr.

*Repast*

Volunteer Park, Banquet Hall  
12050 W. Sunrise Blvd. | Plantation, FL 33323

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