



## Loretta Yvonne Polk Mitchell

January 17, 1956 - August 21, 2017

Loretta Yvonne Polk Mitchell was born January 17, 1956, in Fort Hood, Texas. She was the daughter of Joseph W. Polk, Sr. "Joe Polk" who preceded her in death and Mercedes "ma" Simon Polk.

Loretta began her education in Killeen, Texas where she attended East Ward Elementary, Manor Middle School and graduated from Killeen High School. After high school, she attended four semesters of college in Kansas City and returned back to Killeen, Texas to attend Central Texas College. She received an Associate Degree from Central Texas College.

Loretta was employed with the Internal Revenue Service for over 30 years, receiving numerous awards for loyalty and longevity, before honorably retiring in 2013.

Loretta accepted Christ at an early age while being a member of God's Holy Tabernacle in Killeen, Texas. She moved to Austin, Texas to work for the IRS and placed her membership with Open Door Church of God In Christ under the leadership of the late Pastor Otis I. Walker and he appointed her as the Open Door Sunshine Band President. She faithfully served and loved teaching the children about the Lord. She used her skill as a seamstress and made their uniforms. She took such joy in "her babies." Even as they grew into adulthood, Loretta kept up with them and the things going on in their lives. She continued to attend and work diligently at the Open Door Church of God In Christ under the leadership of Pastor Anthony R. Walker. Loretta worked faithfully for over 10 years as a member of the Texas Southwest leadership

conference registration team. Loretta was an extremely skilled seamstress, many times sitting at the sewing machine crafting clothing, handkerchiefs and other beautiful items.

Loretta was a loving, peaceful, considerate and thoughtful daughter, sister, and aunt. She traveled often to Killeen, visiting her mother (Mercedes), brother (Joseph) and niece (Barbara). What she loved more than anything in the world, was being a mother to Micah. Micah was the love of her life. God blessed Loretta with Micah, this fulfilled a lifelong prayer of becoming a mother.

Loretta was preceded in death by her husband; Byron Mitchell; father; Joseph W. Polk, Sr., brother: William Henry Simon Polk. She leaves to celebrate her life, a loving mother: Mercedes Simon-Polk of Killeen, Texas; daughter, Micah of Killeen, Texas; brother Joseph "Boy" Warren Polk, Sr of Killeen, Texas; one niece, Barbara Jean Morrissette of Killen, Texas and two great nephews Da'Kael and Mark of Killeen, Texas; a special nephew; Isaiah. A host of uncles, aunts, cousins and extended family and friends everywhere.

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

AUG **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

OPEN DOOR COGIC  
3317 E. 12TH STREET  
AUSTIN, TX 78721

## Celebration Service

AUG **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

God's Holy Tabernacle COGIC  
500 S. 44th Street  
Killeen, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *Loretta Yvonne Polk Mitchell*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *Loretta was very kind and helpful to me during the years I worked at the IRS. A former co-worker notified me that she had passed away. May her sweet and gentle spirit Rest In Peace. Prayers for Loretta and her family.*

*Sam Polk*

*Brandon, MS*

S. T. Polk III - August 30, 2017 at 05:24 PM



“ *You made everyone laugh and smile, I miss you singing and your positive attitude. Now your singing in Heaven, GOD called you home. Rest in peace my friend.*

*Linda Brown-Round Rock, Tx*



Nicholas Brown - August 25, 2017 at 06:39 PM

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“ I am the youngest 1 st cousin of over 25. Loretta was always eager to attend all family functions; good and bad. I will miss her sweet smile and soft voice. I loved her care and devotion to raising her niece and nephew, and the love and attention she gave to her mother. I pray that the family will lean heavily on God to get through this loss.



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**Jerilyn Johnson** - August 25, 2017 at 04:47 PM