



Mrs. Maria Antoinette Mitchell

September 16, 1954 - January 20, 2014

Miami, Florida

Maria Antoinette Mitchell passed away on Monday, January 20, 2014 at Memorial West Hospital in Miramar, Florida after a short battle with illness. Maria was born on September 16, 1954 in Savannah, Georgia. Maria's father, Edward Dozier, was in the Arm for thirty years and during that time she attended several schools. After high school graduation, Maria attended Florida International University where she obtained her Bachelors of Science Degree. After graduating from Florida International University, she became a teacher with the Miami Dade County Public School System.

During her teaching career, Maria received many awards and accolades for her exemplary work. In 2011 she was voted Teacher of the Year at Olinda Elementary School. Maria was a teacher at Olinda at the time of her passing. During her career, Maria worked at several schools in Miami Dade County. Though Maria did not have any children of her own, it seems that she adopted every child that entered her classroom as her own. It was nothing for Maria to purchase clothing and other items for her students that were in need. Maria went on to further her education by obtaining her Master's Degree from Florida International University. She had such a love for teaching that, after retiring three years ago, she returned to the classroom.

She is survived by her father Ed Dozier, her mother, Alberta Dozier, Uncle Shirlee Shatteen (Mildred) of Atlanta, GA, cousins Shelton Shatteen (Salina), Sherrilyn Shatteen Boston (Daryl) of Atlanta, GA, Shayla Shatteen, Shaniyce Shatteen, Shelton Shatteen II, Daryl Boston and several cousins. Maria is also survived by her Goddaughters Sonja Phillips and Regina Smith. She is survived by a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral services for Mrs. Mitchell will be held 1:00 p.m Saturday January 25, 2014 at the Harmony Baptist Church, 98 Harmony Church Road Statesboro, Ga. with the pastor, the Rev. Troy Grubbs, Officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Final rites have been entrusted to Hill's Mortuary, Inc