



Celebrating the Life of
PAUL JOSHUA MITCHELL
"PJ"

SUNRISE

February 24, 1985



SUNSET

February 20, 2024

Funeral Services:
SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024 AT 11 A.M.

Calvary Baptist Church

6142 FM 78

San Antonio, TX 78244

Reverend Kevin Nelson





OBITUARY

Paul Joshua Mitchell a servant of God, devoted and loving son, brother, husband, and father was born February 24, 1985 in San Antonio, Texas to Sheryl Ann Mitchell and the late Paul Gordon Smith.

Paul accepted Christ as his lord and savior early on in life. In his younger years he attended Eastwood Community Baptist Church. He discovered his love of sports at a young age. He attended Sam Houston High school where he enjoyed playing varsity football. He graduated from high school in 2003. He later attended Texas Southern University in Houston, TX.

In August 2008, Paul joined in holy matrimony to Octavia Marie McKinnies and to this union two daughters and a son was born, Jalynn, Janae, Paul (Sonny). Paul was employed with HEB for 13 years. He later went on to obtain his real estate license where he worked for Heritage Group under his mentor Mr. Wayne Hall.

Paul also found time to give back to his community by coaching the Jr Hornets where he was able to inspire the youth. He enjoyed taking "guy trips" to different stadiums to watch NFL teams. Paul always enjoyed family gathering and loved to play spades and dominoes.

Paul was preceded in death by his father Paul Gordon Smith; grandmothers: Judith Mitchell, Alice Brown; grandfathers: Bernard Smith, Joshua Brown; uncles: Kenneth Mitchell, Bernard "Tikki" Smith.

Paul leaves to cherish his memories a loving wife Octavia Marie Mitchell; two daughters: Jalynn Mitchell, Janae Mitchell; one son, Paul "Sonny" Mitchell Jr; mother, Sheryl Mitchell; three siblings: Gary "Papa" Mitchell, Jeremy (Amber) Smith, Chelsea Smith; one grandfather Tyree (Katy) Mitchell, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Music Prelude

Processional Clergy & Family

Musical Selection Armani Mitchell

Scriptures

Old Testament Sis Caroline Manning

New Testament..... Pastor Clarence Murray

Prayer Pastor Clarence Murray

Musical Selection Armani Mitchell

Tribute Brandon Bonds

Remarks..... Please limit to Two Minutes

Acknowledgements Jalynn Mitchell

Obituary Read Silently

Eulogy..... Pastor Eddie Dilworth

Macedonia Baptist Mission

Carrizo Springs, TX

Musical Selection Arline Dilworth & Flossie Barton

Recessional



I AM FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.

I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorry
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all to brief.
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He's set me free.

OUR DAD

Hey Dad,

Getting the news, you are gone was unbelievable. I can't believe I'm writing this now. I don't even know what to say. I didn't understand what they meant when they said, "Don't take people for granted". Thinking back, you've always raised me to be a leader, and to always try my best. Well Dad I'm doing my best to support Mom, Janae, and Sonny. I'm going to miss the late night drives to Whataburger, you being at my power lifting meets, and you taking me and Laylay to school when we missed the bus. But most of all I'm going to miss the bond we had. I know I've had 16 years with you, and I wish I had more time, but it's your time now, to be with God. I will always love you Dad. I know you're in the sky yelling at me to squat 450, and my goal will be to achieve it. I will always think of you. I love you Pops.

Love your favorite big nose daughter.
Jalynn

Dear Dad,

Let me start off by saying, I love you. You always taught me to be strong that's why I am the person I am today. I'm going to miss you taking us to the swimming pool, jumping places, and race against Sonny. You always told me to let him win, of course I never did. I will miss you taking us to Walmart for cookies and candy. Dad, Those Oreo waffle were amazing. I still to this day wish I would've learned the recipe. I am going to miss the memories made. I haven't yet accepted that you're gone, but I know I will.

Love your actually favorite daughter,
Janae

Dad,

I love you. You were the best dad ever. I never thought you would be gone. You taught me the game (football) and that became my favorite sport. When I make it to the NFL, I know you will be proud!

I will keep this short, Go Vikings and we're going to pray for the Buccaneer. Dad I will take care of Mom, I'm the man of the house now.

Love you,
Sonny

MY HUSBAND



MY SON



To My Son,

I thank God for giving me the honor of being the mother to one of his favorite angels on February 24th 1985. I was handed a baby boy. I named Paul (PJ).

I am proud of your many accomplishments, the three beautiful grandbabies you gave me and a godsend wife (daughter). "My My" what a wonderful man you became.

Well, my darling son, the time has come for me to give you back. I never planned this day. My heart is heavy, and my tears are many, but I know that you are with thy heavenly Father and that gives me comfort baby boy. You will forever be missed, and I will always hold you in the deepest part of my heart. I love you baby boy, until we meet again.

Mama

FAMILY





PALLBEARERS

Adrian Williams
Brandon Bonds
Briant Roberts

Oscar Ghoston
Eddie Bankston Jr.
Adolf "Putt" Sullivan

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Jeremy Smith
Gary "Papa" Mitchell
Eddie "Peanut" Mitchell
Derek Willis

Mark Crump
Matthew Crump
Eddie Bankston Sr.
Jeremiah Rochon

INTERMENT:

Meadow Lawn Cemetery
5611 E Houston San Antonio, TX 78220

FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family wishes to express thanks for all acts of kindness and concern shown during our time of bereavement. Please remember us in your prayers as we strive to do God's will.

The Mitchell Family

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