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Joanne Mitchell Otey was born October 16, 1958. She was the youngest of her five siblings born to the late Hattie Mae Mitchell and Joseph Mitchell, Jr. of Richmond, Virginia.

Joanne gave her life to Christ at an early age and was baptized at Cedar Street Baptist Church. She was a woman of faith and was ordained as a minister upon delivering a trailblazing sermon at Great Hope Baptist Church.

She was a proud graduate of Highland Springs High School, class of 1977, where she cultivated lifelong friendships. She enjoyed listening to oldies but goodies songs and had a passion for salt-water fishing.

Joanne dedicated 32 years of service to the Virginia Department of Transportation before she retired. Her hard work and dedication left an indelible mark on her colleagues and the community she served. She then pursued a career with the United States Postal Service where she was still employed until she was called home.

Joanne departed this life on May 10, 2024. She leaves to cherish her memory,

one loving son, Denzell Otey; one grandson, Chase Otey; three sisters - Patricia Patrom, Yvonne Daniel, and Brenda Smith (Raymond); two brothers - Joseph Mitchell (Carolyn) and Tyrone Mitchell (Sandy); one devoted niece, Katina Mitchell; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Joanne will be remembered for her beautiful smile, her kindness, generosity, and her unwavering love for her family. She never missed an opportunity to provide support and encouragement to anyone she felt needed it. She leaves behind cherished memories that will forever live on in the hearts of her loved ones.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

Visitation Prior to Service

MAY 24. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of life with live streaming

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Joanne Otey, Please Click the Link below. in memory of Joanne Mitchell Otey*



March Funeral Homes - May 15, 2024 at 01:14 PM

BH

*To The Family of Mrs. Joanne Otey
I am so sorry to hear of Joanne's passing, we worked together at the Post Office Disteibution Center as casuals and as PSE's. I am truly going to miss walking by the machine saying, "Hey Mrs. Otey and she would holler back hey Barbara". Joanne will be greatly missed by all that knew her.*

Barbara Holmes - May 16, 2024 at 05:37 PM

AT

So sorry to hear of Joanne's passing. Knew her for many years at Vdot.

Anne Turner - May 20, 2024 at 11:10 AM

LH

“ *Ms. Joanne it was pleasure working with you. May the memories of you brings comfort to your family.*

Latasha Holt-Lumpkin - May 24, 2024 at 12:48 PM

WT

“ Your beautiful smile could light the darkest of places. You will be forever missed. May the comfort of family and friends surround you all. Warnetta Trent and Family

Warnetta Trent - May 23, 2024 at 09:39 PM

SP

“ Sincere sympathy and prayers for loved ones from Sheila Cunningham Price of HSHS, class of 1976

Sheila Cunningham Price - May 22, 2024 at 10:21 PM

AR

“ To the Family of Joanne Otey, you have our deepest condolences 🙏, she might be gone, but know that she is watching over you. I will miss my friend and all the good times. Love you Forever my friend, Arleen and TD.

Arleen Robinson - May 18, 2024 at 09:59 AM

MW

“ Maxine Whitehead planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joanne Otey.

Maxine Whitehead - May 16, 2024 at 10:01 AM

MW

“ Maxine Whitehead purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joanne Mitchell Otey.



Maxine Whitehead - May 16, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - May 15, 2024 at 12:09 PM

DB

To Joanne Otey, We enjoyed hours of fellowship and memories with the family and friends. We are sorry about the lost of your love one. May there be some brighter days. The Bledsoes.

Dr. Earl, & Carolyn Bledsoe - May 23, 2024 at 01:41 PM

DH

To the family. I would to offer my condolences to the family. I enjoyed working with Joanne at Great Hope Baptist Church. DeBora Holliday

DeBora Holliday - May 24, 2024 at 09:23 AM