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Keiffer Jackson Mitchell, the second son of Clarence M. Mitchell Jr. and Juanita Jackson Mitchell, was born in the 1200 block of Druid Hill Avenue, the same block where he practiced medicine for 40 years.

His father, nicknamed the “101st Senator,” for decades helped shape all major federal civil rights legislation. His mother was the first African-American woman to practice law in Maryland. While raising four rambunctious boys, Clarence III, Keiffer, Michael and George, she and her mother, Lillie Jackson, were NAACP leaders and passionate freedom fighters.

In 1954, Keiffer was the first African-American student to integrate Gwynn Falls Junior High School, where he endured racist attacks from students and parents. He credits that experience with nurturing his passion for art. In 1959, Keiffer graduated from Baltimore City College High School, where he had met life-long friend Larry Gibson. In 1964, he completed his pre-med degree at his father’s alma mater, Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

Keiffer headed to Meharry Medical College, earning his M.D. in 1967. Soon he noticed a beautiful young lady named Nannette Kindle, and it was love at first

sight! Keiffer wooed Nannette with long, poetic love letters.

Upon returning to Baltimore, Keiffer became the first African-American on the medical staff at Greater Baltimore Medical Center and The Johns Hopkins University post-doctoral program in gastroenterology. Keiffer was later the first African-American to serve on the admissions committee of The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

Dr. Mitchell helped establish a medical group, Clinical Associates. He took special interest in his patients as individuals and insisted that they receive “world class medicine.” Annually, he celebrated his patients’ longevity with a holiday party where the ticket of entry was being at least eighty years old.

Keiffer and Nannette began their life in Baltimore on Hillenwood Road, where they welcomed Keiffer Jr., Kelly, and Kathleen. In 1975, they purchased a larger home in Guilford where they regularly hosted family and friends. Clarence IV was married there, Keiffer Jr. and his wife, Nicole, held their rehearsal dinner and wedding reception there too. The grandchildren had free reign of the house!

Keiffer was a proud father, telling anyone who would listen about his son’s accomplishments in state and local government, about daughter Kelly’s work at Vanderbilt University Hospital in the field of cochlear implants as she raised two wonderful children, and about daughter Kathy’s independent, driven spirit and accomplishments in real estate and passion for African-American history.

He loved being a grandfather. Marquis, the first born grandchild, named him “Bop-Bop.” Keiffer’s face lit up with pride as he saw Marquis graduate from his alma mater, Baltimore City College. Bop-Bop encouraged Jade’s interest in becoming a doctor, Jack’s dream of playing professional football, and Kenna’s artistic talents. He also reveled in the talents and accomplishments of his

nieces, nephews, and Godchildren.

While Keiffer made a living as a physician, his passion was art, creating beautiful oil paintings in the style of Degas and Monet. He was also a collector of watches, silverware, and other "what nots." He took thousands of photographs, often presenting them to others with a personal note. Keiffer was old-school and never embraced digital photography or computers.

Keiffer loved life, to be where the action was, and above all his family. Nannette, whom he adored, was the center of his world. His spirit will live on in his descendants, many friends, and countless patients. May God bless and keep his spirit.

Cemetery Details

Private

Baltimore, MD

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **23**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Sharp Street United Methodist Church
508 Dolphin Street
Baltimore, MD 21217

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr Keiffer J. Mitchell Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *All I remember is that I was in agonizing pain and needed both a Gastroenterologist and a new PCP. I was given Dr. Mitchell's name by my insurance and decided to deal with the pain in my stomach first. After meeting him and talking for a few minutes*

*I was won over by his warmth, sincerity and huge smile. In the middle of discussing my pain, I blurted out "I really like you, would you be my primary care doctor too?" He smiled even brighter and said "of course". Every time I visited him I felt reassured that he had my best interest in his recommendations. I last visited him in late July and told him of my pending back surgery on August 11th. He assured me that my nervousness was common and all would be fine. Today I called his office to ask for a refill of an rx he had given me because I was in pain again. I was asked if I had been in contact with him recently and then to my disbelief and horror was told he had passed away 2 weeks ago. I will always remember that kind, knowledgeable gentleman with the brilliant smile as a caring, sensitive doctor who made me feel like a person not just a patient.
-Penny Demps Williams*

Penny Demps - September 14, 2015 at 02:23 PM



Thank you Mrs. Williams. My father is smiling from heaven:)

Kelly Mitchell Newhouse - September 11, 2016 at 09:36 AM

MM

“ *Merrick Moise lit a candle in memory of Dr Keiffer J. Mitchell Sr.*



Merrick Moise - August 25, 2015 at 12:26 PM

RJ

“ *Ruth Jackson lit a candle in memory of Dr Keiffer J. Mitchell Sr.*



Ruth Jackson - August 24, 2015 at 10:50 AM

VJ

“ *Dr Mitchell was a kind hearted gentle giant. Always going around doing GOD'S business helping, healing, encouraging others. Oh but I thank GOD for allowing not only Dr. Mitchell but his family to cross my path. I am blessed because of this family. I will greatly miss Dr. Mitchell what a blessing he has been to many. With deepest Sympathy. Vonda Jackson*

Vonda Jackson - August 23, 2015 at 03:15 PM

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Thank you Ms. Jackson! He loved his patients.

Kelly Mitchell Newhouse - September 11, 2016 at 09:38 AM

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“ From the family of Joseph Hall Jackson (hawley), we send our sympathy and God's blessings.

The late Henry Jackson's children, the late Leonard Jackson's children, the late Daisy Jackson Paxton's children.

Love to the Family, Carrie Veronica Jackson-King

CARRIE V KING - August 22, 2015 at 12:30 PM

GH

“ Nannette,
I wanted to express my deepest condolences.I think of you often.

Gina Homer(formally BCDSS)

Gina Homer - August 21, 2015 at 01:07 PM

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Thank you Ms. Homer. I will let my mother know.

Kelly Mitchell Newhouse - September 11, 2016 at 09:39 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Dr Keiffer J. Mitchell Sr..*



August 21, 2015 at 10:49 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 - August 20, 2015 at 12:31 PM