



# Patricia Kathleen Mitchell

November 5, 1924 - January 28, 2024

Patricia Kathleen Mitchell, 99, of Neodesha, KS, passed away on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at the Neodesha Healthcare and Rehab. Patricia was born on November 5, 1924 in Buffalo, KS the daughter of Rosco Gehr and Phyllis Stewart.

Patricia dedicated her life to her family and the education of others. Patricia taught school in Decatur, Alabama for many years and had retained a Master Degree in education. She was married to William L. Mitchell PhD, who worked for the Space Center.

Patricia loved to read and quilt. Patricia was very independent and always wanted to try new things. Patricia made such an impact on her students throughout the years, that many she had taught over 40 plus years ago, stayed in contact with her.

Patricia is survived by:

Two Children:

Terry Hutchins of Neodesha, KS

Sarah Spicer of New York City, NY

Patricia was preceded in death by her husband, a son Jerry, and a sister Irene Clairy.

Cremation has been requested, burial of remains will be held at a later date at the Fredonia City Cemetery. Memorials have been suggested to either the Veterans Honor Flight or the Episcopal Church of Neodesha and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at [www.countrysidedefh.com](http://www.countrysidedefh.com). Services are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ I would not attempt to improve on Kenny Cole's excellent tribute. His guestbook post captured my own thoughts almost perfectly. I'll simply add that to me, Pat Mitchell was not just a favorite teacher, but also one of the most unforgettable people I've ever encountered. I was blessed to be among those who first knew her in the classroom, then as our school guidance counselor. Nine years later, having returned to Decatur to work with at-risk students myself, we now had the rare privilege of becoming reacquainted as professional colleagues. During this time of sadness, may all who loved her be assured that in the years ahead, I will continue to treasure fond memories of her wise counsel, cantankerous yet compassionate spirit, and a dry sense of humor that was almost guaranteed to trigger a smile or chuckle even on the worst of days. My continued best wishes to her family.

*Mark Ray, Decatur, Alabama*

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**Mark Ray** - February 23, 2024 at 03:26 PM

KC

“ Mrs. Mitchell was one of the best teachers I ever had. I was one of her students at Decatur High School during 1973-77. She inspired me to do my very best, and she challenged me to reconsider many times what I thought was my best so I could achieve more. I have always been grateful for her, and I was able to call her several years ago to tell her those things in the last conversation we had. I am sad to learn of her passing. I celebrate that she has graduated to Heaven. My condolences to her family. Kenny Cole

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**Kenny Cole** - January 31, 2024 at 09:52 PM

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*Thank you so much. I know she loved you all so much. - Sarah*

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**Sarah Spicer** - February 06, 2024 at 05:08 PM

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*Thank you very much she did love her students thank you so very much. Terry Hutchins*

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**Terry I Hutchins. daughter** - February 10, 2024 at 03:17 PM