



## Mrs. Mary Belle Mitchell Ely

April 5, 1947 - October 25, 2023

Mary Belle Mitchell Ely was born April 5, 1947 to the late Henrietta Mitchell-Martin. On Wednesday, October 25, 2023, Mary departed from her earthly home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

She was educated in Fayette County Public Schools, graduating from the original P.L. Dunbar High School with the Class of 1965. She completed her education at the Fugazzi Business School.

Mary began her spiritual journey at Historic Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church. After her marriage to Bruce Ely, she moved her membership to Greater Liberty Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. A.B. Lee, and became a Sunday school teacher. Later she joined First African Baptist Church where she continued to teach Sunday school, attended Bible Study and served in the Hospitality Auxiliary Ministry. She was truly a faithful member and supported many church ministries, including the culinary committee, in any way she could.

A quiet, soft-spoken pleasant woman, Mary loved her family with all her heart. She had a "green thumb" when it came to caring for her many plants and flowers. She loved watching and attending UK's basketball games, especially the "Lady Cats," to whom she had season tickets that she shared with her family and friends when she was unable to attend.

Mary worked at the Irvin Parachute Factory, IBM and Lexington Traditional and Yates Elementary Schools, from which she retired after several years. In addition to her parents and grandparents, she was preceded in death by

her husband of 47 years, Bruce Ely.

Mary leaves many memories to be cherished by her caring and devoted children, her daughter, Brenda Thornton, and her son, George Thornton; her three grandchildren, Christopher Thompson, Lance Newell and Gerika Thornton; her brother, Paul Martin; an aunt, Thelma Mitchell; an uncle, Ronald Mitchell Craig; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins including Rico Mitchell; many in-laws, friends and her loving church family.

We love you and will miss you, but you will be forever in our hearts.

# Cemetery Details

## Camp Nelson National Cemetery

6980 Danville RD  
Nicholasville, KY

# Previous Events

## Graveside

NOV 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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