



# Jeanne Somerville Mitchell

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**T**he family of Jeanne Somerville Mitchell marks her passing on January 8, 2024, with sadness, while rejoicing in her life as a daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, person of faith, and nurse.

Born in West Memphis, Arkansas April 14, 1925, to Esther Faye and Joseph Martin Somerville, Betty Jeanne joined her older brother Edward, with whom she enjoyed a close relationship until his death in 1947 as a consequence of his service in World War II. Jeanne joined the Cadet Nurse Corps in 1943, allowing her to serve as her brother's nurse prior to his death.

Jeanne married James A. Mitchell in 1944 in West Memphis. They were married until his death in 2007.

After the war, Jim entered the Presbyterian Ministry, and the two dedicated their lives to supporting the church in various venues and positions in Arkansas.

Jeanne and Jim also toured Arkansas for then Governor Bill Clinton as ambassadors for Special Olympics.

Jeanne was an active Elder in the Presbyterian Church, taught Sunday School, and received a Lifetime Membership in The Presbyterian Women's Organization.

Jeanne was very proud of their children, Jeanne Mitchell Reynolds, Mary Mitchell Dunn, Joseph James Mitchell, their spouses, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Jeanne was a terrific nurse who became a shift supervisor of Pediatrics, Labor, and Delivery and OBGYN at The Baptist Hospital in Little Rock. She served there for 20 years, retiring with honors in 1987. She cared for Jim tirelessly during his prolonged battle with Parkinson's.

Jeanne had a life full of great memories with her husband, family, colleagues, and friends. Her devotion put into practice Christ's teachings of kindness, tolerance, and boundless love, building a



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home where all were welcome regardless of background or beliefs.

Jeanne's presence will be missed, but her fondness for life and dedication to service will be long remembered.

Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 13, at Nelson Bernal Funeral Home in Fayetteville. Funeral services will begin at 11:00 a.m. at Nelson Bernal. Burial will be Tuesday, January 16, at Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery in North Little Rock.



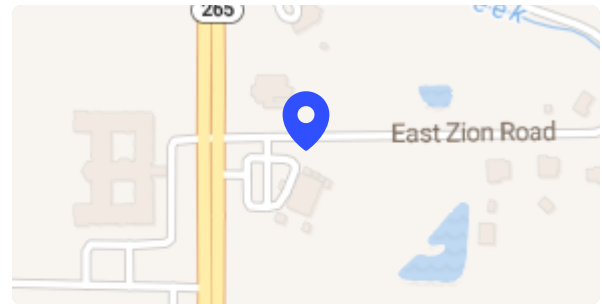
# Events

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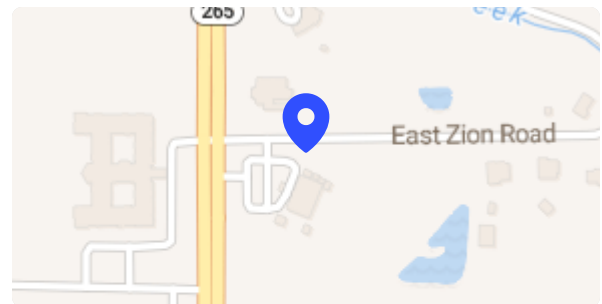
## Visitation

- Saturday**, January 13, 2024
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- Nelson-Berna of Fayetteville**  
4520 N. Crossover Rd., Fayetteville AR 72703



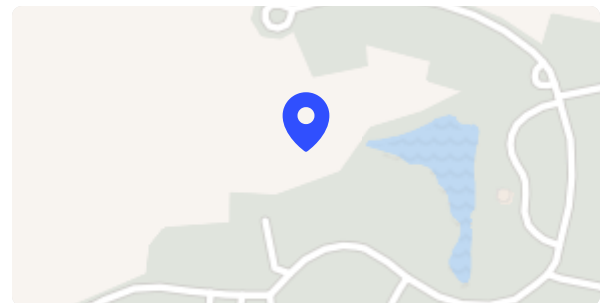
## Funeral Service

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## Cemetery Details

- Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery**  
1501 West Maryland Avenue, North Little Rock AR 72120





## Tribute Wall

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**Jane Dunn** posted:

Thinking about all of you today. I remember seeing her within an hour of giving birth to my twins at Baptist Hospital. What a comfort to see a family member who knew how to make me more comfortable, plus she made me laugh! Just what I needed.

January 13 at 4:57 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Mitchell family.



January 12 at 3:38 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Jeanne by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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