

FLORA DAVIS MITCHELL

Flora was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky and reared in Lexington. She was a graduate of Dunbar High School and Central Kentucky Vocational School. Flora worked for Kentucky State University for over 35 years in the Purchasing Department. During her stay at KSU, she had the pleasure of traveling with the Marching Band. She was very proud to be a Kentucky State University Thoroughbred.



As a young adult, Flora participated in many civil rights marches. She worked along with others in Lexington to break down barriers and open up opportunities for African Americans in Fayette County. During this time, she embraced the mission of the NAACP, which reads, *“The NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights for all persons and to eliminate race-base discrimination”*. For more than 50 years, Flora was an active member of the Lexington Fayette County Branch of the NAACP, serving more than 20 years as the Branch’s president. During her tenure, she focused her efforts in keeping a Branch office of the local NAACP open, providing a haven for those in need. She continued to align the local Branch’s objectives with the NAACP state and national objectives of increasing registered voters while working with other local members of the NAACP and community partners. A major focus included educating citizens about the importance and value of their vote. Her efforts, along with many others, increased the registration rolls significantly. Flora was a NAACP Life Member.

Additionally, Flora has served her community in many ways and has touched many lives. She was a devoted and faithful member of Main Street Baptist Church, having been a member for over 65 years. After teaching Sunday School for many years, one of her final areas of service was as the

Superintendent of the Beginners Sunday School Department. Flora began the Beginners Sunday class. She also coordinated many church trips and outings for the Sunday School Department. She was also a member of the church's Finance Department and instrumental in the starting the first church nursery.

Flora was a Kentucky Colonel who has received numerous community awards for efforts in helping others. She resided in Lexington and had four children, five grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and one great great-grandchild: all continue to be very proud of her, as she was of them.