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Inspired by Shirley’s wish to keep the family connected, this newsletter and corresponding website have been developed as a platform to learn about our relatives, near and far, past and present, and to share our stories.



FAMILY ADDITION

Nick and Megan Mitchell of Huntington are expecting their **first** baby just in time for spring flowers in May! It’s a girl and she will also be Todd and Tracie’s **first** grandchild, Elizabeth’s **first** niece, Kelli’s **first** grand-niece, Charlie and Roberta’s **first** great-grandchild, and another adorable Mitchell cousin for us all to welcome!

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays for Generation 1 (the nine siblings of Voyle and Amy) and their offspring (Generation 2) have been gathered (per Grandma Amy’s little notebook!). Birthdays of Generation 3 and beyond will be gathered on the website.

Dec 6.....Christie Koon
Dec 20.....Lisa Ward

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Jan 6.....Howard’s 90th!
Jan 7.....Tom White
Feb 15.....Debbie White
Feb 20.....Traci Rowan
Mar 4.....Sue Fields
Mar 5.....Roberta Mitchell
 Lana Mitchell
Mar 16.....Charlie Mitchell

THE CHRISTMAS COCONUT?



If you’ve ever found a coconut under your Christmas tree, you might be a Mitchell.

Legend has it that Christmas at Voyle and Amy’s was not complete without an honorary coconut beneath a freshly cut pine. While some family members have continued the tradition in their own homes, no one I’ve asked

has been able to explain the reason for the “monkey face” fruit during the holiday. Was this some sort of early elf-on-the-shelf tradition? Did we have family from the South Pacific or other tropical lands? Was it a Gilligan’s Island-inspired trend? While a Christmas coconut is not a common tradition, as it turns out, it’s not unheard of either. The coconut’s fall to the ground is said to symbolize the descent of Jesus from God the Father. Rolling to the lowest point on the ground represents Christ’s humility. If left there, the coconut will die, as Jesus died on the cross, but new sprouts will push through the husk to form a new tree, symbolic of the Resurrection. Aside from this clear connection to the Christian holiday, the coconut tree is also known as the “tree of life” because it has a life span of 60-80 years which could sustain three generations and because every last part of the tree is useful to human life. Just exercise caution walking under them.

This little 29¢ notebook is how Grandma Amy kept track of all her family.

Vivian Mitchell
born Feb 1, 1905
Amy E Mitchell
born July 14, 1905
Eugene L Mitchell
born May 16, 1926
Kathryn M White
born Dec 17, 1927
Deraldine E Taylor
born Feb 15, 1930
Shirley A Maley
born March 19, 1932

Howard B Mitchell
born Jan 6, 1935
James A Mitchell
born Aug 7, 1939
Thomas R Mitchell
born Aug 29, 1943
Charles A Mitchell
born March 16, 1947
Linda M Barker
born Oct 21, 1948

Eddie Mitchell
born July 17, 1950
Rick Mitchell
born Oct 7, 1951
Sue Mitchell
born March 4, 1954
John Mitchell
born October 27, 1955
Christie Mitchell
born Dec 6, 1957
Vickie Mitchell
born July 30, 1965
Peggy Mitchell
born April 28, 1967

Nancy Mitchell
born July 15, 1954
Joan Taylor
born Sept 14, 1955
Joyce
born Oct 8, 1956
Jeff
born April 28, 1961
Dibbie White
born Feb 15, 1957
Thomas White
born Jan 7, 1959
Kenneth Mitchell
born Aug 31, 1959
John Mitchell
born Oct 21, 1961
Lisa Mitchell
born Dec 20, 1964
Shirley Mitchell
born June 6, 1968



Birthday Calendar CHALLENGE....

Let's continue Grandma Amy's birthday book....in a digital format!
Wouldn't she just be "so tickled" at the thought?

How many birthdays can each of you add to our Google birthday calendar by the next newsletter (March 2025)?

Choose from 3 easy ways:

1. Click and complete this brief [form](#); or
2. Log in to mitchellfamilyfacts.com Member Home Page, and click the "Add Birthday to Calendar" button on the left side menu; or
3. If you have a Google account, access the calendar [here](#).

David Lee Barker
born May 27, 1967
Mikki Barker
born Aug 4, 1969
Terrie Mitchell
born Oct 27, 1967
Traci Mitchell
born Feb 20, 1971
Todd Andrew Mitchell
born Oct 2, 1971
Scattee Barker
born April 6, 1972



May the joys and memories of family fill
your hearts and homes with light, laughter,
and love throughout the holiday season and
the entire new year.