



Annie Mitchell Crowell Kelcy

She was born Annie Mitchell on December 28, 1905 to former slaves, Wright and Mary Mitchell. Born and raised in Georgia, she would later migrate to Louisville in 1923, along with her brother, Robert and her mother.

She lost her mother at a young age and was left the responsibility of her young brother. In an effort to provide for him, she married the father of her first children, Robert and Nathaniel Short. He preceded her in death.

She then met and married Thomas Crowell. Of this union, seven children were born, Beatrice (1932), Mary (1934), Joseph (1937), James (1939), Annetta (1941), Wilma (1943) and Goldie (1945).

She was a founding member of Lanier Baptist Church under the pastorship of Rev. M. B. Lanier and remained an active member throughout her lifetime. She was a member of the Pastor's choir, the Sisterhood, and the Pastor's Aide Society

There would be a number of residences, including 1515 Magazine Street and 717 South 18th Street. It was at the Magazine Street address where she lived next door to her best friend, Gold Broddie Amos and her husband Dick. Her youngest child was named after this friend.

The fondest memories are of the 18th Street location. It was a home purchased through the efforts of she and her husband Thomas. Her children would all travel from that address to receive their secondary education and high school diplomas from Louisville Central High School. This tradition was continued through her first three grandchildren, Juny, Bobby, and Jackie.

Again, her husband would precede her in death.

She then met and married Clarence Kelcy. This union would increase her offspring to include several stepsons and stepdaughters.

The home at 717 South 18th Street would eventually be purchased by Phillip Morris in order to expand their facilities. She would then purchase her home at 4005 River Park Drive where she resided along with her sons Nathaniel and Robert Short, and a stepson Clarence Kelcy Jr.

She passed on to glory in February 1994. She was many things to many people, but for her family she was a woman of God, a pillar of strength, a mother, a grandmother, a great grandmother, a great-great grandmother, but best of all, she was a friend.