



Nina Alexander Mandracken Mitchell

April 6, 1933 - April 16, 2025

In Loving Memory of Nina Alexander Mandracken Mitchell: April 6, 1933 – April 16, 2025

Nina, a woman of immense warmth, strength, and creative spirit, passed away peacefully on April 16, 2025 at 2:32 am.

Born on April 6, 1933, in Habbaniyah, Iraq, she was the eldest of eight children born to Maria Ameer of Rezaieh, Urmia, Iran and Alexander Mandracken of Leningrad, now known as Saint Petersburg, Russia. From an early age, Nina stood out for her compassion, spirituality, and artistic sensibility.

Nina's early career began at the Iraqi Petroleum Company, where she served as assistant to the Executive Director—a role that reflected her intelligence, dedication, professionalism, and poise. A gifted writer, Nina was a published poet whose words of love and loss resonate with passion, depth and heart.

In 1965, she immigrated to the United States, settling in Cleveland, Ohio, where she met and married the late Robert Howard Mitchell of Akron. Together, they welcomed two daughters: Natasha and Bricine. The family later made their home in Akron, Ohio, where Nina pursued higher education, graduating Kappa Omicron Phi, from Akron University with a Bachelor of Arts

degree as a double major in Child Development and the Study of Life Span and Aging. She also pursued postgraduate studies at Kent State University.

In 1983, following her mother's illness, Nina relocated with her daughters to Turlock, California to care for her. She then worked for and retired with The Medic Alert Foundation as a Medical Transcriber. This move marked a new chapter in Nina's life, one defined by resilience, continued creativity, and community.

Nina had a heart as generous as it was nurturing. She was known for expressing her love through food and hospitality, regularly hosting joyful gatherings for family and friends. Her passions were many: cooking, gardening, fashion, macramé, crochet, knitting, interior decorating, and sewing—she lovingly hand-sewed clothes for her daughters in their youth, always adding her unique touch of care and artistry. Nina's home was a reflection of her soul—warm, welcoming, and filled with beauty. Her legacy lives on in the lives she touched, the family she adored, and the creative gifts she shared so freely.

Nina was a deeply spiritual woman who loved God with all her heart. She was baptized as a Seventh-Day Adventist at a young age and remained a devoted member of the Turlock Seventh-Day Adventist Church for many years. Her faith was the cornerstone of her life, guiding her actions and giving her strength through all seasons. Later in life, Nina began attending Mass at Sacred Heart in Turlock, where she continued to nurture her spiritual journey and deepen her connection with God.

She is survived by her devoted daughters, Natasha Mitchell (Eric) of Oakland, CA, and Bricine Mitchell (Jeremy) and grandson, Fineas of Crockett, CA; her loving brothers: Vladimir Mandracken of San Jose, CA; Alexander Mandracken (Cheryl) of North Carolina; Fiodor Mandracken (Kathy) of Ohio;

and Nikolai Mandracken (Etsuko) of Clearlake, CA. She is also remembered with love by her niece Karla Dubois, and nephews Daniel Mandracken (Victoria), Kevin Mandracken, Michael Mandracken, David Mandracken, and Damian Mandracken.

Nina's legacy of love, creativity, and generosity will live on in all who had the honor of knowing her. She will be deeply missed and forever cherished.

Cemetery Details

Turlock Memorial Park

575 N. Soderquist Rd.
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 632-9111
<http://turlockmemorialpark.com>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 9. 2:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home
425 North Soderquist Road
Turlock, CA 95381
(209) 632-9111
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

Interment following Funeral Service

MAY 9. 3:00 PM (PT)

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575 N Soderquist Rd
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Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nina Alexander Mandracken Mitchell.*



May 08, 2025 at 06:08 PM



“ *Nina was the bonfire in any room - her loving spirit, her intense observations, her love for all. I'm not alone in feeling that she was a second mother, and my heart is filled with gratitude for having been drawn into her gaze. May her two dear daughters always know they are made from Nina, and that all who watched them together saw Nina's loving gaze rest so lovingly on them, her precious babies.*

Tracy Randolph - May 07, 2025 at 07:40 PM



“ *Melissa P and Michael G Mitchell family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nina Alexander Mandracken Mitchell.*

Melissa P and Michael G Mitchell family - May 07, 2025 at 12:14 PM



“ *Melissa P and Michael G Mitchell family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Nina Alexander Mandracken Mitchell.*



Melissa P and Michael G Mitchell family - May 07, 2025 at 12:14 PM

MM

“ *Nina lived a life of praise and purity of and in the Divine. These attributes were always clear to me and others, as she 'showed up' with authenticity and truth wherever she went.*

Nina acted from the beautiful, sacred place of knowing who she was throughout the flow and dynamics of her entire life. Let it be known and recognized her achievement of 'Mastery' in living a life of Gratitude and Peace.

Nina lived a full life through conscious choice by her heart. She embraced the trials, pleasures and joys of living in paradise and discovering heaven on earth.

Her walk with GOD revealed that true 'Freedom' is a conscious choice.

May her Ascension be celebrated in Love and bring the blessing of Peace to you all.



Michael G Mitchell - May 07, 2025 at 12:05 PM

JM

“ I remember spending time with Aunt Nina—and she and my Mom (Elly Mitchell, her sister-in-law) talking together—when we’d see her on visits to Grandma and Grandpa Mitchell’s home in Akron, OH. I remember her smelling good! Like warm spices, as if she’d just been cooking something delicious. These visits were treasured, and frequently fell on the occasions of Easter and Christmas. So, perhaps she had been in the kitchen recently! I recall playing with my cousin, Natasha, (both of us dressed in our holiday finery) at these times too. It’s also been sweet to get to know both Tash and sister Bricine as adults. I didn’t have occasion to visit Aunt Nina later in her life in CA, but I know she was wonderfully loved, and loving to her daughters and to Uncle Bob, whom she was caretaker to in his time of need.

Julie Mitchell - May 07, 2025 at 10:30 AM

JD

“ Julie Mitchell Drougas lit a candle in memory of Nina Alexander Mandracken Mitchell



Julie Mitchell Drougas - May 07, 2025 at 10:17 AM

BO

“ I will always remember Nina’s warmth and loving devotion to her daughters. She once knitted slippers for our whole family and we still wear them and think of her with affection!

Bonner Odell - May 06, 2025 at 09:07 PM

BM



Bricine Mitchell - May 07, 2025 at 07:23 AM

RD

“ Rees, Karla, Brian, Chad, & Emily DuBois planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nina Alexander Mandracken Mitchell.

Rees, Karla, Brian, Chad, & Emily DuBois - May 06, 2025 at 07:36 PM

RD

“ Rees, Karla, Brian, Chad, & Emily DuBois purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Nina Alexander Mandracken Mitchell.



Rees, Karla, Brian, Chad, & Emily DuBois - May 06, 2025 at 07:36 PM

LA

“ Nina was a gentle and kind presence, always welcoming and gracious whenever I saw her. She deeply loved her daughters, even when they didn't see eye to eye, that love never wavered. She shared a special friendship with my mom too, swapping stories about their daughters' antics. Nina raised Natasha and Bricine on her own, and she did so with strength and care. Today, they carry forward her spirit, expressing themselves through creativity, compassion, and purpose. She will be deeply missed. My heartfelt condolences to the family.

Leeann Alameda - May 06, 2025 at 04:24 PM

BM



Bricine Mitchell - May 07, 2025 at 07:23 AM