



Marian "Mitzi" E. Prout

March 7, 1940 - January 18, 2026

Hampton - Mitzi E. Prout (born Marian Elsie Anderson) passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, January 18, 2026, at the age of 85. She was lovingly surrounded by her daughter, Robyn; her grandchildren, Adrian and Shelby; and her great-granddaughter, Nadiya.

Born at home in Saugus, Massachusetts, Mitzi was the fifth of eight children born to Bertha and Henry Anderson. She cherished memories of her childhood with her siblings as the family moved from Saugus to Malden. In high school, she took great pride in serving as the Head Majorette, performing with precision and artistry.

At 17, following her graduation, Mitzi married Albert D. Prout, an Air Force engineer. In 1957, she welcomed her only child, Robyn Rennez. The family spent the next four years stationed in various cities across the South before returning to Massachusetts.

Mitzi began her professional life in social work and also worked as a part-time model. In 1972, she followed her passion for beauty by attending the Wilfred Academy in Boston. After graduating, she began a long and successful career as a talented cosmetologist.

In 1985, Mitzi settled in Hampton, NH, where she opened "My Stylist" in

Seacoast Plaza. She proudly became the first African American business owner in Hampton, operating the salon for 17 years. During this time, she mentored emerging talent and traveled the East Coast as a platform stage professional, showcasing her skills as a hair artist.

After selling her business in 2002, Mitzi remained an active member of the community and the Hampton Chamber of Commerce. She traveled extensively throughout Europe and cherished her second home in the Bahamas. In her final days, she often reflected on her journey, saying, "I've lived a great life!"

Mitzi is survived by her daughter, Robyn; her partner of forty years, Charles VanAllen; her siblings, Bette, Neal, Jo, and Alma; three grandchildren, Adrian, Jorell, and Shelby; and four great-grandchildren, Nadiya, Ariya, River, and Cheyenne. She also leaves behind many devoted friends, with special thanks to Patrisha, and her dear "Thursday Lunch Ladies," Hope and Lorraine.

Mitzi's charm, grace, and sophistication will be missed by all who knew her. Her memory will be etched in our hearts forever.

Tribute Wall

TI

“ Really enjoyed seeing “Mitzi” come walking down the sidewalk past our house! What started out as a casual hello between neighbors grew into cherished moments of laughter and a great hug ! Was looking forward to seeing her this spring and was heartbroken at the news of her passing. We will think of, and remember her, often.

Tom and LuAnn

Tito - April 27 at 08:42 PM

BM

“ Loved seeing Mitzi in the Galley Hatch in the 70s -80s when I worked in the Lounge - always so stunning and stylish while always being gracious and kind

Bev McClellan - March 07 at 01:12 PM

LF

“ My Aunt Mitzi passed away at the age of 85. She was my mother’s sister, but to me she was so much more. We were a lot alike- and I always called her my second mom because of how closely our ways, our personalities, aligned. Aunt Mitzi was a beautiful soul- stylish and professional, yet warm, loving, and endlessly caring. Her home was always open, her door never closed, and everyone felt welcome the moment they walked in. Some of our happiest memories were made at her home by the poolside gatherings, and during the New Year’s Eve parties, she’s so lovingly hosted. These moments weren’t just parties. They were expressions of who she was- generous, joyful, and full of love. Aunt Mitzi will be deeply missed. Her presence, her laughter and many stories of the colorful life she lived, will leave a space that cannot be filled. Though she is no longer with us, her spirit remains. Her love lives on in the memories we hold in the family she cherished, and in the quiet ways she continues to watch over us. And now aunt Mitzi, you are at peace, resting in the arms of your Lord and Savior. You have returned home surrounded by his love, an angel as you always were to all of us here on earth.

Linda Furey - February 08 at 09:35 AM

LA

“ I met Aunt Mitzi through her niece, Linda Furey, because Aunt Mitzi encouraged family to come and get in the pool. That was the beginning of a friendship that lasted 15yrs. I would visit many summers and had pool parties with her daughter, Robyn, Hope, Lorraine and their hubbies. It was a warm, welcoming, fun time. I began to make many trips on my own. Aunt Mitzi and I would sit and talk for hours about our lives. We'd do lunch at the Gallyhatch, come back, and take a nap by the pool or in the living room. In winter, we loved to sit in the white room with the baby grand piano and watch the snow fall. I have nothing but great memories including witnessing Robyn take excellent care of her mom. Aunt Mitzi will be missed. Although she is gone, I now I have the next best person in her life to call my friend. Thanks Robyn you are a class act, just like your mom.

Laverne - February 07 at 02:16 PM

ET

“ Remembering our beach walks and how you always kept me conscious of my physical condition. Our laughs over the silliest things. Walking for miles on the Vinyard beaches just to get a hot dog. You were a great sis in law. Simply Elegant. Love you always.
Emily

Emily Thomas - February 07 at 01:41 PM

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My deepest condolences to you Robyn and your family!! I'm not far away!! ❤️

Emily Thomas - February 07 at 02:18 PM

SN

“ In 1993, a young black man from Jamaica, by way of Brooklyn, came to join our family. He was a senior at WInnacunnet. We have always been quite white and needed to have someone take care of Jason’s hair. I had been to My Stylist and had the feeling that Mitzi would be the right person for him. Her patience with me and graciousness with Jason helped us all to adjust and grow together. It was the beginning of a casual, but constant relationship that lasted about 20 years.

From that time on, Mitzi always enquired about Jason. From college, to jobs, to marriage, and children. Her confidence helped him find a sense of home and belonging. We will always be grateful and hold her memory dear. May she rest in Mercy’s arms.

Sheila Nudd - February 07 at 01:23 PM

JG

“ A lovely kind and beautiful lady.... So sorry to read of her passing...
Joyce Grandmaison

Joyce Grandmaison - February 07 at 08:48 AM