

Martha w/c
Mitchell
'Near Death'

New York

Martha Mitchell was admitted to a hospital in critical condition yesterday after suffering heavy internal bleeding stemming from a longtime illness, her doctor said.

"She is very seriously ill," Dr. Klaus Mayer, a hematologist, said last night. "She may make it, she may not."

Mitchell, 57, estranged wife of former U.S. Attorney General John Mitchell, was taken by ambulance to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center at about 10 a.m. She was semi-conscious.

Earlier this year she was released from the hospital after treatment. She reportedly suffers from a form of bone marrow cancer.

"She has been at home for the last couple of weeks and did fairly well until last night when she began having major difficulties," the doctor said.

He said her husband had been notified of the sudden deterioration in her condition but that he had not visited her at the hospital.

Mrs. Mitchell, once a Washington celebrity with outspoken views on politics and personalities, was described two weeks ago in court papers as "desperately ill, without funds and without friends."

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