



James T Mitchell

October 7, 1942 - August 16, 2020

James Trice Mitchell – 10/7/1942 ~ 8/16/2020

Jim Mitchell – devoted husband, father and friend – died Sunday, August 16 in Memphis, TN. He was 77 years old.

Jim is survived by his wife, Phyllis, daughter, Mary Beth Mitchell, son, Christopher Lee Mitchell, two grandchildren, Mitchell (Mitch) Trice Austin and AnnaGrace Mitchell. He is also survived by brother, Bill Mitchell and wife, Sue Gretchen, by his sister, Mary Scott Gyory and husband Chuck. He also loved his niece Kristen and nephews, Scott, Wood, and Steven – as well as his great nieces and nephews.

Born... October 7, 1942 in Charlottesville, VA, to George William and Mary Lou Mitchell, Jim spent most of his life on the family farm and eventually enrolled in the University of Virginia, where he would graduate with a degree in Banking and Finance.

It was during his time at the University of Virginia that Jim would meet his future wife, Phyllis, marking the beginning of a journey together that lasted over five decades. Jim and Phyllis just celebrated 55 years of marriage on August 14.

Jim was a true patriot and loved his country. After participating in the ROTC for four years at the University of Virginia, Jim served 2 years in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War – stationed in the Dominican Republic. He then remained in the U.S. Army reserve for several years before being honorably discharged. Jim will receive official military honors during his burial at the West Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery.

Jim and Phyllis eventually put down family roots in Memphis, the place they call home and where they raised their children, Mary Beth and Chris. Jim was a good family provider and a loving and faithful husband and father.

Starting his career as a pharmaceutical sales manager, Jim took great pride in his work and was known for his work ethic, reliability and integrity. Perhaps Jim's greatest strength, however, was his ability to connect with people and invest in relationships, which became the bedrock of his business.

After "retirement" Jim entered another career in the senior Lifecare industry as a salesman and client consultant. He loved helping his clients and considered his role as a ministry to the very end.

Jim and Phyllis both have served faithfully at Christ Church in Bartlett, TN, for over 30

years. A long-standing elder at Christ Church, Jim lived a life of devotion and service to the Lord Jesus Christ – his greatest gifts being encouragement and wisdom. His love for Christ was demonstrated through his love for others, his love for his church, and his love for the word of God.

Jim blessed so many with his life and will be deeply missed.

Funeral Services will be at Christ Church Bartlett, TN – 5955 Yale Road –

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that all gifts and donations be made to Christ Church and designated in memory of Jim Mitchell.

Cemetery

West Tennessee Veteran's Cemetery

4000 Forest Hill Irene Rd.

Memphis, TN, 38125

Events

AUG **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Christ Church Bartlett

5955 Yale Rd., Bartlett, TN, US, 38134

AUG **Funeral Service** 07:00PM

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Comments



“ Janice Allen lit a candle in memory of James T Mitchell



Janice Allen - August 21 at 10:42 PM



“ The proper words won't come.....my thoughts are scrambled.....there's so much sadness in my heart. We will all miss Jim. He was a strong, faithful "icon" in our Culpeper Class of '61. We always knew we could rely on him for anything needed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Barbara Foan Jacobsen

Barbara Foan Jacobsen - August 21 at 09:49 PM



“ Joanne H Woody lit a candle in memory of James T Mitchell



Joanne H Woody - August 20 at 10:57 PM



“ Mr. Mitchell taught the new members class at Christ Church and I was privileged to take that class. He never failed to speak to me and ask me how I was doing. He will truly be missed but, I know great is his reward now. I will always remember him as a very Godly and caring man. Meichelle Gregory

Meichelle Gregory - August 20 at 03:49 PM



“ Debbie Hilton lit a candle in memory of James T Mitchell



Debbie Hilton - August 20 at 02:43 PM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of James T Mitchell.



August 20 at 11:20 AM



“ Jimmy invited me to his dad's farm many times. We'd go out to the barn and play with the corn shelling machine. He was a wonderful friend and great leader for Culpeper High School. Condolences to the family. Dickie Jones

Dickie Jones - August 19 at 07:39 PM



“ Phyllis, you probably didn't know Jim in High School, but he was as extraordinary then as he was in later life.... a friend to all. My sincere condolences to you and your family.

Vaughan Driskill

Vaughan Driskill - August 19 at 12:05 PM



“ So sorry for your sudden loss. Jim will be missed by his many friends in the 1961 Culpeper High School class. He was a leader even then.

Louise Stevend Robbins

Louise Robbins - August 18 at 11:22 AM



“ I went to school in Culpeper with Jim. He was without doubt always a “cut above.” I was deeply saddened to hear about his death. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers at this time of such great loss.

Glenda Farrar McCann - August 18 at 10:05 AM