



## Mr. Arthur Lyn Mitchell

July 5, 1953 - May 20, 2024

### In Loving Memory Of

Arthur Lyn Mitchell was born on July 5, 1953, to parents Austin G. Mitchell Sr. and Dorothy Mitchell. A lifelong lover of sports, Art attended McKenzie High School where he excelled in football as an elite wide receiver, earning numerous accolades and scholarship offers. His talent for football continued into his college years at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), where he earned Freshman All-American Honors among others. He later returned home to Michigan and attended Grand Rapids Community College with his older brother Austin and a group of his closest friends.

In the halls of McKenzie High School, Art met Jackie, the love of his life. At the onset Jackie wasn't Art's biggest fan to say the least, but in only the brash and bold fashion that Art knew he said to Jackie "I'm gone marry you." Contrary to Jackie's belief, as Art predicted they joined in marriage in August of 1975.

Early in their marriage the loving couple worked at Rigley's Supermarket and GM together. From there they welcomed their first child, Avante, in 1979, and their daughter, Ahvon, in 1983.

Art had a diverse career, working for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy Sherriff, Cleveland RTA as a Transit Operator, Oakland County Road Commission, and the Big 3 (retiring from Chrysler). He also had a knack for entrepreneurship. In his early years, he co-founded the Led Chicken Feathers band, The Showbiz Kidz - promoting parties and concerts for acts such as The Dramatics. In addition to his diverse career, Art had an

entrepreneurial spirit. His ventures spanned a variety of industries, including restaurants, catering, beauty salons, apparel, and real estate investments. Faith, Family, and Football were central to Art's life. He initially accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at New Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church and his faith grew as he later stood alongside his brother Austin G. Mitchell Jr. during the founding of Via Dolorosa Gospel Tabernacle, now known as ARMI Ministries and was a faithful member for over three decades. Lyn (as he was known by his close family and friends) loved spending time with his family and mentoring young people. He was blessed to serve as a football coach at various levels for over 40 years. His last coaching stop was at Lawrence Technological University.

Lyn also co-founded multiple football and mentoring programs, the Detroit Wolverines and Detroit Panthers (PAL), touching the lives of thousands of kids. He had a unique ability to detect talent early on and encouraged young people to pursue their dreams. He also played semi-pro football for the Detroit Buccaneers with both his brothers, Austin and Ollie, establishing himself as a legend in the local sports community.

Known by various nicknames, including Art, Spider, Mr. Profile, Showbiz Kid, Coach, Ricky Ricardo, and Frank Nitti. Lyn was known for his wit and humor. He loved spending time in his backyard, dubbed "Cedar Point" by his family and friends for the fun-filled BBQs and gatherings he would host there. He also enjoyed music and ballroom dancing with Jackie.

Through his leadership in football, Lyn leaves behind a legacy of countless young people who have gone on to achieve great things, from playing pro ball to becoming industry leaders, husbands, fathers, community leaders, and men of God.

Lyn departed this life on May 20, 2024. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife Jackie, son Avante (Ebony), daughter Ahvon, brothers Austin (Cindy), Ollie (Cynthia), two grandchildren Ahlon and Ahvon (Cameron), and a host of nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

Tuesday, May **28**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Wednesday, May **29**. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

A.R.M.I Ministries  
4351 Marseilles St.  
Detroit , MI 48224

## Celebration of Life

Wednesday, May **29**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

ME

“ *My Condolences to you Jackie and the Lynn Mitchell Family I'm going to miss my Brother and Friend. May he have a great, Wonderful Journey in Heaven. From Your Neighbor & Friend Michael A Elder!!*

Michael A Elder - May 29, 2024 at 10:01 AM

CL

“ *The 2021 LTU Football season is one of the most memorable times of my life, largely due to "Senior." While the success on the field was great, nothing beat laughing and learning alongside father-son duo Senior and Avante. My family and I still use quotables from them regularly. Senior instilled toughness, discipline and hard work into the kids while finding a way to make it fun every day. He knew how to light a fire under your butt, but make you laugh at the same time. The Holy Spirit shined so bright in him. My wife and I loved him and he changed our lives for the better. Thank you to the entire Mitchell family for sharing Senior with us.*

Cheyne Lacanaria - May 29, 2024 at 09:42 AM

RJ

“ *Rhonda, Mattie & Wen Green Jr. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Arthur Lyn Mitchell.*



Rhonda, Mattie & Wen Green Jr. - May 28, 2024 at 08:03 AM

MS

“ Michael, Jeanne and Marcus Sheppard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Arthur Lyn Mitchell.

Michael, Jeanne and Marcus Sheppard - May 27, 2024 at 01:53 PM

MS

“ Michael, Jeanne and Marcus Sheppard purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Mr. Arthur Lyn Mitchell.



Michael, Jeanne and Marcus Sheppard - May 27, 2024 at 01:53 PM

PF

“ Pastor Cindy Mitchell & A.R.M.I Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Arthur Lyn Mitchell.



Pastor Cindy Mitchell & A.R.M.I Family - May 25, 2024 at 03:16 PM

CM

“ Art this is Cat-Cathy Mitchell. Hopefully you and my big brother Al can reconnect in the arms of the Lord. I will Never forget how you treated me like your little sis when I was a little girl. When you see my big brother tell him I love him and miss him!

Cathy Mitchell - May 25, 2024 at 12:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Arthur Lyn Mitchell.*



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May 24, 2024 at 02:25 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Arthur Lyn Mitchell.*



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May 24, 2024 at 02:07 PM



“ *ONU Athletics Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Arthur Lyn Mitchell.*

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**ONU Athletics Family** - May 24, 2024 at 02:07 PM



“ *Lyn had a great smile and great sense of humor. He was also very caring. He will be missed.*



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**Sharita** - May 24, 2024 at 09:40 AM

JE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jeerna - May 24, 2024 at 08:07 AM

JE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jeerna - May 24, 2024 at 08:01 AM

AW

“ Coach Mitchell was a great guy, he allowed me to be a assistant Coach, with my primary responsibility as Defensive and Offensive Line Coach! I fell in love with that Coaching Position and he always encouraged me to keep up the good work! Lynn was a great Family man and Husband! I will truly miss him! RIP Brother! Thanks for Everything!! ☐💙💜

Andrew White - May 24, 2024 at 12:54 AM

Salaam



“ Although it has been many years since we have seen each other our beginning started as children. Our parents were best friends and we grew up like brothers and sisters. May your family and friends have the Peace from The Most High God during this time of bereavement

Marcia Scott - May 23, 2024 at 02:20 PM

TS

“ Arthur recognized that I did great honest work as a physical therapist and supported and encouraged me in starting my own practice at 180 degree Rehab in Novi. He always told me after I started to hire someone to help me which I finally did recently and that has been the biggest help to me recently . I always hear his encouragement in my heart. Coach Arthur I am forever grateful for all the support and encouragement you have given to me over the past 15 years . I wish you peace and thank the Lord for bringing you into my life . Big hugs to Jackie and Avhon.

Thomas Syriac - May 23, 2024 at 10:19 AM

BT

Sending love, thoughts and prayers on behalf of my family, the Mackenzie Class of 1972 and the MHSAA. ❤️💖💗💕💞

Bever Tinsley - May 24, 2024 at 01:36 PM

DW

“ So often we walk alone in life, very busy from day to day. Never stopping to smell the roses yet, least of all stopping to say, "I appreciate all that we've been through. The friendship and all that we feel. The things that we talked about, laughed about, cried about. All of these things to help make this life real. Let someone know that they are needed. Let someone know that you care. But by all means what'ever you do in this life. Let them know that you are glad they were there.

A friend, a brother, a husband, a father. I love you Profile. You are the ONLY MAN my cousin Jackie ever loved ❤️. I promise you we will take care of her. Have fun shooting pool with Greg. Love Denise Willingham.

Denise L Willingham - May 23, 2024 at 08:51 AM

BA

“ Arthur was my friend for nearly 60 years. We lived on the same street, a block apart.

Bobby Allman - May 22, 2024 at 10:49 PM

B'

“ Beverly Tinsley '72 lit a candle in memory of Arthur Mitchell



Beverly Tinsley '72 - May 22, 2024 at 10:32 PM



“ To the Mitchell Family, I am sharing on behalf of the Harper Family with our tribute. To a Man of God who was one of the sharpest Brothers we've known! Brother Lyn was an USHER'S Usher! We have been HONORED to have him as a role model in Elijah's life and his smile will be sorely missed!!! Our BLESSINGS & CONDOLENCES to you all!!! Much Love from TEAM HARPER!!!

William Harper - May 22, 2024 at 09:20 PM

MH

I remember the brother very well. We played football together. Rest in peace! M. Harris

M harris - September 27, 2025 at 08:56 PM