



Mr. John Ivor Mitchell

June 14, 1945 - March 1, 2020

In Loving Memory Of;

John Ivor Mitchell was born on June 14, 1945 in Rendville, Ohio to Gilbert and Gertrude Mitchell. He was affectionately known to his family and friends as Johnny, Mitch, Big John, and Uncle Buck. John spent his formative years in Rendville, where his grandmother, Sophia Mitchell served as the first black woman appointed to mayor in the United States. He could be found in the hollows and hills of Rendville playing with his brothers and sisters. John could also be found at church, where he accepted the Lord as his savior at an early age. John was a graduate of Corning High School and continued his education at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio.

In 1965, John enlisted in the U.S. Army and served his country for two years during the Vietnam War, where he was honorably discharged. After returning from the war and staying with his brother, Don in Gary, Indiana he moved to Detroit, Michigan. John worked at the Chrysler McGraw Glass plant for two years before deciding to pursue a life of public service as a Detroit Police Officer. He joined the force on March 2, 1970, where he advanced to the rank of Sergeant. During his time as a police officer, he enjoyed the time he was able to spend with some of his DPD brothers as a member of the Tug of War team. John retired from the police department after 20 years of service. After retirement, he worked as a security officer for 10 years at Providence Hospital in Southfield, Michigan.

During his time as a police officer, he met Bevelyn Terry and married her on

August 16, 1975. Bevelyn was truly the love of his life and they did everything together, including trips to Belle Isle, playing cards, and taking road trips. To their union was born two daughters, Jessica and Sharon. John loved his daughters and was the epitome of a “girl dad”.

At any given time, you could find John doing some of his favorite things. He enjoyed barbequing (his homemade sauce was legendary), bowling, watching his westerns, World War II movies, and all things related to technology. He also enjoyed participating in activities with the International Free and Accepted Modern Masons and Order of the Eastern Star of which he was a member for 50 years and ascended to the level of 33rd degree. He loved music and Gladys Knight and Aretha Franklin were two of his favorite artists. He also enjoyed the holidays, with Christmas being his favorite. John loved sports and Tiger Woods and Serena Williams were some of the people he enjoyed watching compete. The Detroit Lions always brought him a sense of misery. In addition to these things, John was also a good neighbor. He served as the editor for the Oakman Boulevard Community Association newsletter for over 20 years and was a resident of the Strivers' Row block on Oakman Boulevard for over 42 years.

On March 1, 2020, John decided that he was ready to release all of the pain caused by his illnesses and transitioned from this side to the other side. Even during his illnesses, he never lost his positive outlook on life, quick wit, or caring nature. Although his desire to regain the use of his legs on this side was never realized, he is now able to run and jump in the presence of God.

Cemetery Details

Parkview Memorial Cemetery

34205 5mile Rd
Livonia, MI 48154

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, Mar. 7. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

True Gospel Tabernacle Church
20103 Ryan Road
Detroit, MI 48234
(313) 891-6511

Funeral Service

Saturday, Mar. 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

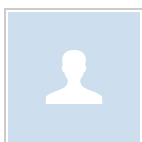
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Ivor Mitchell*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. John Ivor Mitchell.*



March 09, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ *My dearest Bevelyn and family, I pray that God provide you with strength during this difficult time. Keep your strength and know that God is with you. We love you so. John was such a great person with a great smile and personality. We are so sorry. We loved him in that big cowboy hat. We are sure he is walking around heaven with our loved ones, wearing his cowboy hat. Keep your faith, and your St. Louis family loves you. To my brother Nate, We love you and we know you are hurting too. Thank you for keeping us updated. Thank you for keeping our family lifted up. God bless you all. Love Penny and family.*

Penny Watts - March 06, 2020 at 03:28 PM

GK

“ GREGORY KEMP purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. John Ivor Mitchell.



GREGORY KEMP - March 06, 2020 at 03:03 PM

MI

“ Mary, Jeremy, Elijah, and Emily Irwin purchased the *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* for the family of Mr. John Ivor Mitchell.



Mary, Jeremy, Elijah, and Emily Irwin - March 06, 2020 at 01:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. John Ivor Mitchell.



March 06, 2020 at 11:50 AM

AA

“ Sending love and prayers for the family and friends of John Mitchell. Special condolences to Bevelyn, Jessica and Sharon...I love you all dearly!!! To Uncle John...continue to look down on us and especially watch over Aunt Bev, Jessica and Sharon. God has you now and your fight and all the pain is over. I will keep you in my memories, in my heart and will love you forever.
Love always...The Abdullah Family: Sadar, Alexis, Amya, Zariah and Tye

Alexis Abdullah - March 05, 2020 at 09:25 PM

JA

“ Bevelyn,

There are no words to express my deepest sympathy during this very difficult time.
I will continue to pray for you and hold you near in my heart. May God continue to comfort you and your family on this journey.
I will miss our many rendezvous in mall parking lots with you and John, as we traveled to Michigan State. His laugh and kindness will be greatly missed.
Much love,
JoAnn Andrees

JoAnn Andrees - March 05, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. John Ivor Mitchell.



March 05, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Mr. John Ivor Mitchell.*



March 05, 2020 at 04:06 PM



“ *Patt and Doug Smith purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mr. John Ivor Mitchell.*



Patt and Doug Smith - March 05, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. John Ivor Mitchell.*



March 05, 2020 at 09:09 AM



“ *Love, Nicole and Heather LaRocca purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. John Ivor Mitchell.*



Love, Nicole and Heather LaRocca - March 05, 2020 at 07:42 AM

LJ

“ Dear Bevelyn and family my heartfelt condolences to you. A friend owes kindness to one in despair
Job 6:14
Love, Lorraine Jenkins



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Lorraine Jenkins - March 04, 2020 at 10:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. John Ivor Mitchell.



March 04, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. John Ivor Mitchell.



March 04, 2020 at 06:57 PM

SH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Sharon - March 04, 2020 at 06:53 PM

SH

“ 2 files added to the album Pics of John



Sharon - March 04, 2020 at 05:19 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Mr. John Ivor Mitchell.



March 04, 2020 at 02:24 PM

BC

“ Brother James Cooper purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. John Ivor Mitchell.



Brother James Cooper - March 04, 2020 at 10:07 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. John Ivor Mitchell.*



March 03, 2020 at 03:22 PM