



## John Mitchell

October 3, 1942 - March 16, 2022

March 10, 1961 I met the love of my life! I was 15, John was 17. It was a blind date arranged by our close friends. John was wearing white shirt, blue jeans, had a perfect blond crew cut, & the most beautiful blue eyes I had ever seen. He was the coolest guy I had ever met! It was instant attraction for both of us & by the first kiss he had my heart & I had his for evermore. We dated steadily over the next 2 years. May 1963, John picked me up for my high school graduation and he gave me an engagement ring. As Mr. Mack Chandler presented my diploma he announced our engagement. September 28, 1963, we were married. John was a wonderful loving husband, showering me with love, affection, gifts & wanting me to have everything my heart desired. On January 17, 1965 he gave me the most precious gift of all, a baby daughter. She was perfect in every way, she had her daddy's beautiful blue eyes. We were a happy family, we did everything together. We played, camped, danced, traveled, made wonderful friends everywhere we went, & we made a lifetime of memories. Fast forward March 10, 2022, 61 years from the day we met John was diagnosed with Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease this is a very rare disease only 1 case in a million diagnosed in the US. Vanderbilt told us the disease is very aggressive, it is fatal with no cure & no treatment available. My story book life was coming to an end. March 16, 2022 John moved to his eternal home to wait for me. My heart is breaking, I don't know how I can go on but I know with God's help along with the love, prayers & support of my precious family & all my many precious friends I will survive. John graduated from

Parsons High School in 1963. He was a retired industrial electrician. He enjoyed music, dancing, traveling, antique cars, and cruising around in their 1957 Thunderbird.

He leaves behind his wife of 58 years, Patricia R. Smith Mitchell; a daughter Cindy (Dan) Eason of Lexington; two grandsons, Dustin Coyne of Pinson, and Drake Eason of Lexington; two brothers, Richard T. (Carolyn) Mitchell of Somerville, and Larry T. Mitchell of Perryville, several nieces and nephews, and many close friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Richard E. and Helen Long Mitchell, a brother, Howard C. Mitchell. We will have a celebration of John's amazing life Friday night March 18th from 5:00-9:00 at First United Methodist Church, Lexington in LEC (fellowship hall) entrance at back of church. Saturday March 19 visitation will be from 12:00-2:00 with service at 2:00 in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church. Graveside service will follow at Sardis Cemetery with Reed's Chapel in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

AL

“ *Ann Lee lit a candle in memory of John Mitchell*



Ann Lee - March 20, 2022 at 09:55 AM

CS

“ *Carol & John Smith lit a candle in memory of John Mitchell*



Carol & John Smith - March 19, 2022 at 01:10 PM

CS

*Our sympathy and love to Pat & all the family. GOD BLESS*

Carol & John Smith - March 19, 2022 at 01:11 PM

PM

*Thank you Carol & John*

Pat Mitchell - March 31, 2022 at 08:08 AM



“ I see--the picture of John--we called him "Johnny" when we were kids--and I see how much he resembled his dad. The days when we lived in rural Decaturville, not too far from each other, come to mind, the days when he, my brother Bill, Larry, and I would get together and play, and his mom--my aunt Helen--would often make tasty fried pies. Bill is gone and now Johnny. The world is diminished greatly in my heart. God bless all his family and friends.

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**Ted Mitchell** - March 18, 2022 at 05:14 PM

PM

*Thank you Ted! Yes John was called Johnny as a child to distinguish him from uncle John. He told me many stories about living in Decaturville & playing with his cousins. He had a lot of good memories from those days.*

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**Pat Mitchell** - March 31, 2022 at 08:25 AM

JT

*You and Johnny were a very special couple. I loved keeping up with your dancing and musical adventures. You were a very gracious, loving and sharing couple. May those memories comfort you in the coming days.*

*Joe T.*

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**Joe Trevathan** - March 31, 2022 at 08:39 AM

PM

*Thanks Joe, you are a great friend, we always enjoyed your visits & getting to spend time with you. Yes I have 61 years of wonderful memories to hold onto!*

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**Pat Mitchell** - April 06, 2022 at 05:06 AM

RH

“ Robert Horn lit a candle in memory of John Mitchell



Robert Horn - March 18, 2022 at 02:55 PM

NM

So sorry to hear of Johns passing! I can't imagine the difficulty you will face, knowing how close you were. We didn't see you often but you were always together when we did. Will keep you and and both families in my prayers!! God Bless

Neal and Luculle Mitchell - March 19, 2022 at 09:01 PM

PM

Thank you Neal & Lucille! It is an extremely difficult time, I am grateful for your prayers, love & support.

Pat Mitchell - April 06, 2022 at 05:26 AM

TD

“ The Entire Crew at Git'er Done purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of John Mitchell.



The Entire Crew at Git'er Done - March 18, 2022 at 10:44 AM

MR

“ My prayers for comfort and strength are with your family. Rev Michael Roach, Chaplain/Pastoral Counselor, Unity Hospice Care.



Michael Roach - March 18, 2022 at 09:54 AM

PM

*Thank you Rev. Roach for being here to help us through this extremely difficult time. It meant more to us than you will ever know.*

**Pat Mitchell** - April 06, 2022 at 05:39 AM

BM

“ *Pat so sorry may the Lord be with you and help you thru the days ahead. You have been a blessing to be since Dickey passed. Love you!!!*



**Brenda Marr** - March 18, 2022 at 05:59 AM

PM

*Thank you Brenda, you are a dear friend & Dickey was a dear friend & classmate. It is so hard to lose our loved ones. Love you!*

**Pat Mitchell** - April 06, 2022 at 05:45 AM

BS

“ *Extending our sympathy and sending up prayers for this family. ✨🙏🏻✨*



**Beth Schneider** - March 17, 2022 at 08:00 PM

PM

*Thank you Beth!*

**Pat Mitchell** - April 06, 2022 at 05:46 AM

RF

“ *Richard Mitchell family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of John Mitchell.*



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**Richard Mitchell family** - March 17, 2022 at 09:11 AM

AL

“ *Agnes Lemley lit a candle in memory of John Mitchell*



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**Agnes Lemley** - March 17, 2022 at 08:48 AM

AL

*I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. I always enjoyed talking with him. Always a kind and gentle man.*

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**Agnes Lemley** - March 17, 2022 at 08:51 AM

PM

*Thank you Agness for everything you have done to help during this difficult time. Cindy & I really appreciated the prayer shawls you presented us from the Knitwits. Your group shares so much love with so many people!*

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**Pat Mitchell** - April 06, 2022 at 05:57 AM

LS

“ *Lawanda Stewart lit a candle in memory of John Mitchell*



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**Lawanda Stewart** - March 16, 2022 at 11:58 PM

AH

“ *Patsy I am so sorry to hear of the passing of John. May his memory be eternal and God bless you and your family. Love Ann and Paul Halkiades Knoxville, TN*

Ann Halkiades - March 16, 2022 at 09:32 PM

TP

*I'm so sorry to hear this prayers for the family he will be sadly missed !*

terry parish - March 17, 2022 at 12:16 AM

DB

“ *Deon And Eric Baker lit a candle in memory of John Mitchell*



Deon and Eric Baker - March 16, 2022 at 07:55 PM

WJ

“ *Deepest prayers and condolences to you Pat and to your family. John and his calming smile will be so missed. Love you dearly!*



William and Christy Jones - March 16, 2022 at 07:36 PM

DD

“ *Donna Darrough lit a candle in memory of John Mitchell*



Donna Darrough - March 16, 2022 at 07:28 PM

DB

*So sorry to hear about John . I am sure he will be deeply missed by all his friends and family. We will be praying for you and your family.*

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**Deon and Eric Baker** - March 16, 2022 at 07:54 PM

KE

*We are so sorry for you (Cindy, Pat, Dustin, Drake, Dan). We know how much you will miss John as we all will. Praying for you. Kenneth and Carol Eason*

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**Kenneth and Carol Eason eason** - March 16, 2022 at 09:34 PM

JM

*Pat, I just now saw this on FB and am so shocked. My thoughts love and prayers are for you and your family. You and John always looked so happy together. May God give you strength and the kind of peace that only He can give. Love you. Joyce*

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**Joyce Mitchell** - March 19, 2022 at 12:36 AM