



Boyd Franklin Mitchell

January 15, 1941 - January 16, 2014

Retired Battalion Chief Boyd Franklin Mitchell (Pop), age 73 of Griffin, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 16, 2014 at his residence surrounded by his family.

Mr. Mitchell was born in Jackson, Georgia on January 15, 1941. He is preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin F. Mitchell, Jr. and Lorine Boyd Mitchell; sisters, Margaret Bass, Jerri Herrick; brothers James Lanier Mitchell and Donnie Mitchell. After graduating high school in Jackson, Georgia, he was employed by John Rogers Motor Co. in Atlanta, then at Ford Motor Co. in Hapeville. He joined the Griffin Fire Department on November 1, 1967 and advanced through the ranks until becoming Battalion Chief in 1990. He earned certifications in many areas, and for several years taught classes for the Georgia State Firefighter's Academy. He retired in 1996 with 28 years perfect attendance, during his tenure with the fire department; he was also the property manager for Searcy-Murray Realty until he retired in 2006. He became a member of the Griffin First Church of Nazarene in 1962. Through the years he has served his church in various positions including greeters, bus driver, Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, church board member as trustee and many other various committees. He enjoyed spending time with his family, grandchildren and all of his friends. He especially loved being on a horse and riding the trails with his buddies until his health prevented it. He was also a huge fan of the Georgia Bulldogs Football.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Rayma Singletary Mitchell; daughters and sons-in-law, Melanie and David Bowen of Griffin, Katherine and Lee Cannon of Griffin; sons and daughters-in-law, Ray Mitchell of Griffin, Brandon and Brandy Mitchell of Oregon, Jonathan and Heather Mitchell of Griffin; granddaughters, Sierra Casey and fiancée Shay Bright, Summer Bowen and fiancée Steven Hubbard, Hannah Mitchell, Karly Williams, Emerson-Kate Mitchell, Megan Cannon; grandsons, Daniel Williams, Jacob Cannon, Tate and Trey Webb-Mitchell, Eric Ransom; one great grandson, Adam Bradley Mitchell; one great granddaughter, Lanier Paige Hubbard; one great grandbaby due in July. His extended family includes, Ken and Mary Fisher, Marisa, Myra, Matthew and Dan Williams. Sisters and brothers-in-law, Debbie Johnson of LaGrange, Teresa Godfrey of Commerce, Mollie and Jim O'Brien of Hartwell, Pam and Keith Martin of Villa Rica; brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert E. Mitchell of Atlanta, Johnny and Anita Mitchell of Griffin, Ben and Janice Mitchell of Carrollton, Ricky and Regina Mitchell of Mississippi, Kenneth and Gail Mitchell of Douglasville, George Riley and Suzanne Mitchell of Tennessee, Ronnie and Sandy Mitchell of Meansville; many nieces, nephews, cousins and many special friends.

A special thank you to Andi Groover, CNA who was Boyd's daily ray of bubbly sunshine; Mason Erikson, RN as well as other employees of the Brightmoor Hospice Unit; previous home healthcare providers, Jennifer Groah, RN and Mildred Harris, CNA. Each of you had a special role with his care and with our family during his illness.

Visitation for Battalion Chief Boyd Franklin Mitchell (Retired) will be on Thursday, January 23, 2014 and Friday, January 24, 2014 from 6:00pm until 8:00 pm at Conner-Westbury Funeral Home. A Homegoing Service will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 2:00 pm in the Chapel of Conner-Westbury Funeral Home. Reverend Gordon Tippins, Reverend Rick Foster

and Reverend David Ash will officiate. Special speakers will include Dr. Roy Rogers, Reverend Howard Porter, Reverend David O'Neal, Eugene Boyett, Brandon Mitchell, Retired GFD Chief Willie Joe Henley and GFD Chief Tommy Jones. Interment will follow in Westwood Gardens. The family will accept flowers, but prefer donations to the Griffin First Church of Nazarene, 1525 Zebulon Road, Griffin, Georgia, 30224 in memory of Boyd Mitchell.

Cemetery Details

Westwood Gardens

1155 Everree Inn Rd.
Griffin, Ga

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Conner-Westbury
1891 West McIntosh Road
Griffin, GA 30223

Visitation

JAN **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Conner-Westbury
1891 West McIntosh Road
Griffin, GA 30223

Service

JAN **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Conner-Westbury Funeral Home
1891 W. McIntosh Rd.
Griffin, Ga

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Boyd Franklin Mitchell.*



January 24, 2014 at 10:11 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. Boyd was a wonderful man and will be missed. Jim, Shirley and Jay Culberson.*



Shirley Culberson - January 22, 2014 at 02:15 PM



“ *Dear sweet Summer, I am so sorry for the loss of your pop. I know how much he meant to you and your family. Praying for peace and comfort. Love ya sweet girl!*
Love Mrs. Karen Gooden



Karen Gooden - January 22, 2014 at 01:16 PM



“ *David & Jean Gibson*



David & Jean Gibson - January 21, 2014 at 06:53 PM

MG

“ *MARGARET'S CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Boyd Franklin Mitchell.*



MARGARET'S CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN - January 21, 2014 at 03:44 PM

DA

“ *I wanted to express my most sincere and deepest sympathy for your loss. I've lost many whom I love and I've found much comfort in the Bible. Second Corinthians 1:3,4 tells us that God is the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort who comforts us in all our tribulation. He promises us that there will soon come a time when "He will wipe out every tear from our eyes, and death will be no more!" - Revelation 21:4. When you feel up to it maybe you can read these passages in your Bible: John 5:28,29, Acts 24:15, and Psalm 37:9-11. They truly helped me to cope during this most difficult time, and I hope they will comfort you also!*

Danielle - January 21, 2014 at 01:23 PM

DF

“ *Boyd and I shared a great love of horses and he always wanted me to let him find just the right horse for me--even though I am long past the "horseriding years"! He was positive he could still find one that I would feel comfortable on! I won't be surprised when I get to heaven to find that he has one waiting for me and we'll ride over the streets of gold together! Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Rayma, and also with the rest of the family during this time of loss!*



Dorothy & Kyle Fuller - January 20, 2014 at 11:18 AM

WZ

“*Melanie, I am so sorry about the passing of your father. I knew how much he loved you and how much you loved him. God bless your family and you.*”

Wanda (Daniel) Zellars

Wanda Daniel Zellars - January 19, 2014 at 04:39 PM

JM

“*Jim, Maxine and Michelle purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Boyd Franklin Mitchell.*”



Jim, Maxine and Michelle - January 19, 2014 at 09:20 AM

TA

“*Tammy lit a candle in memory of Boyd Franklin Mitchell*”



Tammy - January 18, 2014 at 10:49 PM



“*Sayng prayers for the whole family! Boyd was a great man of God who loved his church famiky and adored his family! Thank you for your years of service to our county and our church!! Rayma we love you and are saying prayers for comfort and peace!*”

Amanda Terry Hayes - January 18, 2014 at 09:30 PM

NC

“ *Norma Crapo lit a candle in memory of Boyd Franklin Mitchell*



Norma Crapo - January 18, 2014 at 08:07 PM



“ *I remember going to Uncle Boyd's house for the huge Easter Egg Hunt's. Grandma's 70th Birthday Day Party was a great day! Thanks for all you did. I love you very much and I will miss you.*

Karen Sandow - January 18, 2014 at 06:48 PM



“ *Tina Weaver purchased the I Have You in My Heart Memorial Throw for the family of Boyd Franklin Mitchell.*



Tina Weaver - January 18, 2014 at 05:19 PM



“ *Tina Weaver sent a virtual gift in memory of Boyd Franklin Mitchell*



Tina Weaver - January 18, 2014 at 04:32 PM



“ *Tina Weaver lit a candle in memory of Boyd Franklin Mitchell*



Tina Weaver - January 18, 2014 at 04:20 PM



Dear aunt Rayma and family, I am so sorry for your loss but you will always have your memories of a great man who made a big difference in his time here with his bravery as a fire fighter, For always being there for his kids, raising them to be wonderful caring adults. For putting his one true love on a pedestal and treating her like the Queen she really is. The world is a better place for having him here all those years. Now heaven just got another angel to help with gods work from above. He will live forever in out hearts.

Tina Weaver - January 18, 2014 at 04:30 PM

KD

“ *Dear Rayma& family , I think of all the times we were able to get together at camp meeting . I know what you're going thru .*

karwn Davidson - January 18, 2014 at 03:36 PM

TC

“ *A true hero to the city of Griffin and his family. You will be truely missed.*

tony chambers - January 18, 2014 at 01:54 PM

EW

“ *Eleanor Wilson lit a candle in memory of Boyd Franklin Mitchell*



Eleanor Wilson - January 18, 2014 at 12:52 PM

KM

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. The family will be in my prayers.*



kathy mclendon - January 18, 2014 at 12:07 PM

MO

“ *Mollie lit a candle in memory of Boyd Franklin Mitchell*



mollie - January 18, 2014 at 10:32 AM

DE

“ *Debbie sent a virtual gift in memory of Boyd Franklin Mitchell*



debbie - January 18, 2014 at 10:31 AM

TE

“ Teresa sent a virtual gift in memory of Boyd Franklin Mitchell



teresa - January 18, 2014 at 10:28 AM

TE

with love

teresa - January 18, 2014 at 10:29 AM

PM

“ Pam Martin lit a candle in memory of Boyd Franklin Mitchell



pam martin - January 18, 2014 at 10:27 AM

CA

“ Cassie sent a virtual gift in memory of Boyd Franklin Mitchell



Cassie - January 18, 2014 at 09:55 AM

CA

He was a great man and will be miss terribly.

Cassie - January 18, 2014 at 09:56 AM

ST

“ *Susan & Mike Thompson lit a candle in memory of Boyd Franklin Mitchell*



Susan & Mike Thompson - January 17, 2014 at 09:32 PM



“ *Bonnie Griffin lit a candle in memory of Boyd Franklin Mitchell*



Bonnie Griffin - January 17, 2014 at 09:27 PM