



Edward Duncan Mitchell

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Edward Duncan Mitchell, retired Middletown, NJ Industrial Arts Teacher, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in his home at Lake Anna (Mineral), Virginia on Tuesday morning, August 17, 2021.

Born in Lincoln Hospital, Bronx, NY, February 22, 1943, to the late Edward and Maude Duncan Mitchell, he grew up in Bordentown, NJ and lived in Fair Haven during his teaching career. He graduated from NC A&T in 1966. He began his career in Danville, VA and also taught in Ohio.

He was a beloved, respected teacher at Middletown's Thompson Jr. High (where he met his future wife in 1975) and Middletown HS South. He retired in 2000. During the '60s he was very involved in the Civil Rights Movement and during his teaching career was an effective union representative. In retirement he could be counted on as "the-go-to-guy."

He will be sadly and eternally missed by his wife of 31 years, Pat (Mary Bakutes-Mitchell); sister, Myra; brother, David and his wife, Diane; several nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews; multitudes of friends everywhere; and finally his beloved dogs, Lucy and Hercules!

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a memorial fund in Ed's name, in care of Kirk O'Cliff Presbyterian Church (PO Box 414, Mineral, VA 23117) or to Spotsylvania Fire Co./Rescue Station #9 (Belmont) (7100 Belmont Road, Mineral, VA 23117) to honor their always valiant efforts to save lives.

The family will hold a memorial service Wednesday, September, 29, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Kirk O'Cliff Presbyterian Church, 16420 Monrovia Road, Mineral, VA with Pastor John Grotz officiating.

Inurnment will follow immediately at Kirk O'Cliff Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

An online guestbook and tribute wall are available at www.foundandsons.com



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Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family.



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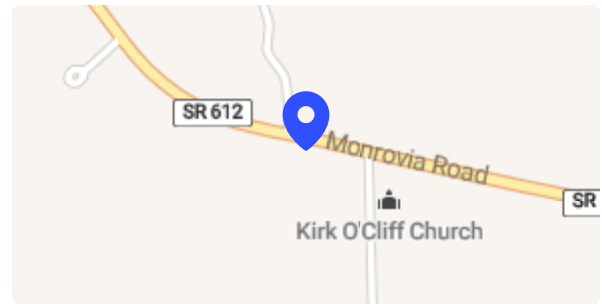
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Memorial Service

 **Wednesday**, September 29, 2021

 2:00 PM ET

 **Kirk O'Cliff Presbyterian Church**
16420 Monrovia Road, Mineral VA 23117





Tribute Wall

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Ilene Terrell posted:

How lucky was I to have had the privilege of knowing Ed. We shared a passion for fishing. Ed always had a smile for everyone and was one of the most intellectually engaging people I have ever met. He was always on the right side of human rights and the voice of the people. You will be sadly missed, my friend. Dr. "T"

September 20 at 10:59 AM



Susan Vandervliet posted:

We lived in the same community of Kelly's Landing @ lake Anna with Ed & Pat. Always enjoyed seeing them both & their dogs Lucy & Hercules. When we would walk past Ed's house you could see he took pride in his home & cars & boat. Ed was like a big Teddy Bear to talk with. Loved reading the stories from his former students. I can imagine he was a great teacher to have & remember. Rest in peace Ed. The heavens just gained a beautiful person. Susan & Bob Vandervliet

September 13 at 12:34 PM



Dawn Reyes Moreno posted:

Mr. Mitchell was my Graphic Arts I & II teacher at Middletown South, 1987-89. He was one of my very favorite teachers, for his kind nature and fun personality. I always remembered him fondly, and I'm sorry to hear of his passing. My deepest condolences to his family.

September 12 at 2:47 PM



Mbee shared a photo to the **So many happy memories** album.



September 8 at 7:05 PM



Merrybee shared an album called **So many happy memories**.



August 21 at 3:38 AM



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Anonymous sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Mitchell family.



September 6 at 4:46 PM



Kristen Saacke Blunk posted:

Dear Pat, we have fond memories of our visits with you & Ed through the Litzelman family gatherings in recent years. Know that we are thinking of you during this time of transition - and are incredibly grateful for our awareness of your amazing story together. You are being held in our prayers. Kristen & Joel

September 1 at 10:22 AM



Ken Johnson posted:

I am so thankful to have been one those pulled to the side by Mr. Mitchell and reminded of my worth during my time at South. I remember him asking how I was doing as a new student..and then during my remaining years where he'd offer the open invite to come chat. The last time was when I returned during my college freshman year for Homecoming. I came to let him know how much I was enjoying being a student at his Alma matter, North Carolina A&T. Thank you for your wisdom and patience (especially to those kids who would try to smoke in the film development room) . Peace and Blessings to the Mitchell family..he was there for so many of us. -Ken Johnson, MHS Class of '90

August 28 at 5:56 PM



John Dunphy posted:

In the pre-internet, pre-high tech days, his class was a weird and exciting gold mine of ideas. Those strange Mac computers with the discs you had to put in a plastic shell, the dark room, and that one time I came to class and Mitch was cooking Scrapple on an electric griddle. Huh? He was a great guy.

August 28 at 6:24 AM



Pamela Levay posted:

What a wonderful man, had the pleasure to listen to so many great stories.. Definitely one of a kind.. RIP.. Glad you were their for us at Thompson JR HS. Pamela Levay

August 27 at 4:48 AM



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AS

Alan Speck posted:

I'm sad to here about Mr. Mitchels passing.I had him as a teacher. He always made me feel good about myself. My deepest simpathy.Alan Speck.

August 26 at 4:23 PM

GG

Gaz Gretsky posted:

Mitch taught one of the few classes I didn't hate when I was in high school. He knew his subject matter, but more importantly he was nice and had a sense of humor. A lot of kids that had a hard time would hang out in his class even when maybe they should've been there, it was a safe haven and we all knew it.

August 26 at 10:54 AM

DW

David Warrington posted:

I have great memories of Eddie from 8th grade through High School (class of '61), and as a member of our Boy Scout Troop. We had a lot of fun camping and earning Merit Badges through which we learned how to be self sufficient and to leave a campsite cleaner than we found it. We learned the Scout Oath - "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.". He clearly did all that and I will always remember him as a great friend.David Warrington

August 26 at 5:21 AM

MP

Michael Paleski posted:

I remember Mr Mitchell's first day at Thompson. He was always a very nice guy to the kids! Always smiling and laughing with us. So sorry to hear!

August 25 at 2:52 PM

LB

Lorraine Best posted:

Awesome teacher ! RIP Mr Mitchell , you were loved .

August 25 at 2:22 PM



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JS

Johnny Scognamillo posted:

Mr. Mitchell was a great guy I'm so happy to have known him. He was my auto mechanic teacher from 7th to 9th grade in Thompson junior high school between the years of 78 and 81.. Always had a great disposition smile on his face. Also just learned from reading his obituary that we both hail from Bronx New York originally, So he's a fellow Bronxite.. Home of many great people

August 24 at 7:44 PM

MM

Michael Martin posted:

So sorry to hear this. I had him back in high school. Mechanical drawing and photography. Always caught us smoking in the dark room 😊. He was a great guy. Thoughts and prayers to all 🙏

August 24 at 3:47 PM

JM

John Maguire posted:

Mr. Mitchell was a good man, always shined a light on right. Was lucky enough to have Miss Bakutes also. Rest in peace. John Maguire

August 24 at 9:47 AM

PO

Paul Oster posted:

Never had Mr. Mitchell as a teacher but found myself in his class many times during the day. He had such an easy way about him. Prayers.

August 24 at 5:03 AM

CS

Craig Stevens posted:

I was lucky enough to have had Mr. Mitchell as a teacher in Thompson in the mid-1970's. Truly a great educator and a heck-of-a nice guy. My condolences to the family on your loss. Craig Stevens

August 23 at 10:55 PM



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MB

Mike Botti posted:

I was fortunate to have Mr. Mitchell as a teacher at Middletown South! He was a great educator-dedicated, caring, positive, easy to talk to and a great listener-true qualities that definitely defined him! But above all, he was a great person!My thoughts and prayers are with his family!Mike Botti
Class of 86

August 23 at 6:30 PM

RA

Robin Ayele posted:

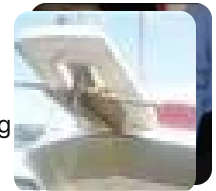
For some reason I always remember that the first time I saw the movie "Jaws" was at Uncle Ed's house. And the one or two times we stayed at the house with he and Aunt Pat were like experiencing a warm blanket on a cold night. Uncle Ed was a cool uncle. He has a way of making you feel that all was right with the world. He loved Aunt Pat. He loved his dogs. And he loved his broader family. We loved him dearly. Heaven has gained an angel. Rest In Peace, and power, UncleEd. Love, your niece
Robin

August 23 at 4:30 PM

DM

David J. Mitchell shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I always carried a bit of Uncle Ed with me. His love of dogs and his love of boats. He would always pick up the phone willing to give me advice when I had the boat buying bug. I remember having a discussion about the boat below. His knowledge and steady advice was uncanny. I found a picture of him on one of the best days of my life when wedding my now wife. God Bless your soul, spirit, and memories. God bless you Aunt Pat and thank you for being a life mate and wife for our dear Uncle.



August 23 at 3:46 PM

SK

Sherri Keene posted:

Pat and Family,I was heart broken to hear about Mr. Mitchell he was the best. I will always remember working summers for MHSS print shop and getting him boneless chickens for lunch. (Hard boiled eggs) Never had a better friend and teacher and I am still printing now thanks to him. He will always hold a special place in my heart.Sherri KeeneMHSS Class of 90

August 23 at 3:15 PM



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PK

Pamela Kellett posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Mitchell is a teacher I remember still (graduated 1982). It was wonderful to read about his involvement in the Civil Rights movement, I think we all knew he was an advocate. May you be blessed and know that he had a lasting impression on many students. Pamela (Pingitore) Kellett

August 23 at 2:22 PM

AH

Andy Hernandez lit a candle in honor of Edward.

We will cherish all the fun memories we spent with all of you. You and all your loved ones will be in our prayers! Andy and Jenny Hernandez San Antonio, TX

August 22 at 1:05 AM



PM

Pat Bakutes-Mitchell posted:

My beloved husband...I miss you so already. Just know our Kirk friends and Kelly's Landing friends (really, everyone is family) are taking great care of me. Always- Pat

August 21 at 3:38 AM

KF

Karen Flowers September 4 at 4:50 PM

Unlike so many of his young students, I met Ed in retirement celebrating our democracy by helping out at the polls. I was my first experience, but Ed was a veteran and quickly set me at ease. I was amazed that as a relatively recent import to VA like myself, he seemed to know and be loved by everyone. Thankful to have shared this time with you Ed! Looking forward to much more time listening to your stories in the earth made new! Heartfelt sympathies to your dear wife Pat and your family during this time of great loss! Karen Flowers

RW

Ron Webb August 25 at 12:06 PM

Ed was a GREAT friend that kept me on an even keel for many years. I am extremely saddened by his passing

RM

Renee Mengistab August 21 at 5:52 AM

Extending my sincerest condolences to Myra Mitchell and the family of Mr. Mitchell. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Yours in Christ Renee Mengistab



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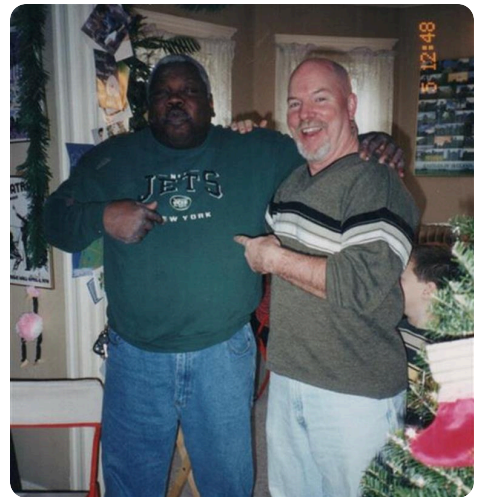


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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Edward by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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