



## Bennie Reece Mitchell

June 12, 1934 - September 11, 2022

Bennie Reece Mitchell, 88, of 440 Gilbert Drive, Danville, Virginia, passed away on September 11, 2022.

Bennie was born in Gretna, Virginia on June 12, 1934, a son of the late Clifton Mitchell and Myrtle Mitchell. He lived most of his life in Danville, Virginia where he worked for Danville Lumber Company as a carpenter. He loved mills and his cats.

Bennie married Rachael Ann Pruitt Mitchell on August 21, 1954, who survives of the residence. Bennie is survived by a son, Don Mitchell (Dianne), a granddaughter, Melissa McCormick (Ronald B.), three great-grandchildren, Zachary Crews, Caleb McCormick, and Joshua McCormick, a brother, Edward Mitchell, his cats, Mama and Baby, his great-grand-dogs, Princess and Raiden Boo, and 14 grand-cats.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by a grandson, Jason Mitchell, two sisters, Patsy Yarborough and Gertrude Yates, and two brothers, Warren Mitchell and William Mitchell.

A graveside service for Bennie will be conducted on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Floral Hills Memory Garden. The family will receive friends at the residence after the service.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is respectfully serving the Mitchell family.

# Cemetery Details

## Floral Hills Memory Gardens

1665 South Boston Rd  
Danville, VA 24540

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP **15**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I lived beside the Mitchell’s growing up. We moved there when I was 7 or 8. Anyway I was in the 3rd grade. I remember him always in his Cabinet shop, where he made some of the most beautiful cabinets you’ve ever seen I guess it was his passion his love he was so good at it.

I was always asking Mr. Mitchell to “help” me make or do something for me in his shop. He always stopped what ever he was doing and “helped” me. He made so many many things for me over the yrs. I’ll just name a few of my ideas that he always was some how able to see. He would make exactly what was in my head! I don’t know how he could always do that but he did! It’s like he could see what I was seeing in my head. He made a box, about 18” tall by 12” wide by 12” deep. Which was a “light box” it was a project for art class. I put Christmas lights in it and our teacher got the special glass for the front. It was beautiful and still is beautiful! I still have it. 😊 And it still works!!

Then there was the huge light bulb from the School gym! 😊 The bulb was blown, and some how I gotta hold of it. And of course an idea popped up in my head to make a light out of the “empty” bulb! So I took my idea and went to Mr Mitchell. And just like every time he could see or understand what I was asking and made a base for that bulb and I still that too!!

I did a lots of paint by number pictures and always asked him to make some kind of weird frame for those silly ugly pictures!! He never batted an eye. He always stopped what he was doing and made it exactly like I ask him. How he always could see what I wanted I don’t know. But he did. I still have some of those framed pic too!

Dad worked out of town and my job was to cut the grass when he was gone. Well there again I was ALWAYS asking Mr Mitchell to come “help me” crank the mower when I couldn’t get it cranked! It didn’t happen all the time, I got it cranked most of the time.

But he was always there to help me when I need him.

He was the neighbor that bought those school fund raiser candy bars, boxes of coconut square from every kid in the neighborhood. I don’t care how many went to him, even if he had bought 1 form

*everybody, he'd by one more from the next kid that asked.  
He was always so quiet. Spoke soft.  
Always always a smile when I walked into that cabinet shop. Never  
knowing what I was going to ask him next! Sitting here writing about  
all he did for me has made me realize what a great friend he was to  
me. I may not have really realized it as a kid, but today it has hit me.  
I think he was the kindest man I have ever known ❤️*

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