



## Walton F. Mitchell, Jr.

August 11, 1931 - January 8, 2013

Walton F. Mitchell, Jr. went to be with his Lord on January 8, 2013. He was born on August 11, 1931 and spent his lifetime in Craig County – the community that he loved and cherished.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Walton F. Mitchell and Lucille S. Mitchell and sister, Martha McCaleb. Surviving to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 60 years, Evelyn Farrier Mitchell; daughter, Dr. Vicky Mitchell Fisher; son Walton F. Mitchell, III and wife Kate; granddaughter, Lee Anne Carroll and husband, Andy; grandson, Andrew Mitchell, and great grandsons; Canyon, Grayson, and Ashton Carroll; sisters, Betty Mitchell and Patricia Duncan and husband, Calvin; brother-in-law, Leon McCaleb; sisters-in-law, Mary Lee Farrier and Virginia Barger and husband, C.D. Barger, Jr. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, countless friends, and special friend, Tim Miller.

He was a teacher, coach and administrator in the Craig County School system from 1956 until 1980. During his tenure, he developed the plans for and led the development of Camp Mitchell, a community center in Craig County. He was also one of the principals in developing and maintaining the football program at New Castle and Craig County High Schools. In 2005, the football field at Craig County High School was named Walton F. Mitchell, Jr. Field in his honor. Following his career in education, he was elected to the position of Clerk of Circuit Court for Craig County in 1980 and served until his retirement in 1993. He was a lifelong member of the New Castle Christian Church and served as a teacher, superintendent of Sunday School, deacon, elder and trustee until the time of his death.

He received his BS in Agricultural Economics from Virginia Tech in 1954 and his MS in Education from Virginia Tech in 1962. While at Virginia Tech, he was a member of the 1954 Southern Conference Championship baseball team and he is a lifetime member of the Virginia Tech Monogram and Golden Hokie Clubs.

Funeral Services will be officiated by Dr. Ernie Johnson on Friday, January 11, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the New Castle Christian Church. Interment will follow at Huffman Memorial Park. Visitation will be at Paitzel Funeral Home on Thursday, January 10, 2013 from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to New Castle Christian Church, 282 Salem Avenue, New Castle, VA 24127 or Craig County High School Athletic Department, 25239 Craigs Creek Road, New Castle, VA 24127. [www.paitselfh.com](http://www.paitselfh.com)

# Comments

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“ Hello Vicky and Walt,  
We just wanted to tell you how sorry we were to read about your dad in the paper. Of course we read it after visitation was over. The few times we were around your dad he was a fun guy and we enjoyed our visits.  
We hope that you guys are doing ok. Where are you both living now?  
Hugs to you both and your mom.  
Peace,  
Laura and Joe

**Laura and Joe Harden** - January 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Evelyn and Family, We have such fond memories of Walton as a teacher and friend; he will certainly be missed! Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. With deepest sympathy, Wayne and Billie Wright Roanoke, VA

**Wayne and Billie Wright** - January 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Evelyn, Mitch, Vicki and family: Thinking of you all during this difficult time. Walton was a true southern gentleman with loads of love for his community, family and friends. He always had a big smile on his face and was always first to speak anytime he saw you. A legacy in Craig Co and he will be greatly missed.  
Love to you all,  
Karen & Family

**Karen** - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dearest Evelyn, Vicky, and LeAnn,

I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Mitchell's passing. To this day, among all the people I've ever met, I hold his memory in highest regard. Walton was to me a leader, a mentor, and above all, an honorable man.

When I think of you all, I treasure the memories of our friendship. When I remember our years living in New Castle, I think of you all and it brings a smile to my heart.

My husband Jeff departed on 14 October 2010, so our family both knows and understands the grief you must feel. Our prayers and hearts are with you all in deep sympathy and love.

Blessings,  
Linda Lawson Miller

P.S. So now it's "Dr". Vicky Mitchell? Congratulations, my dear friend!

**Linda Lawson Miller** - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Expressing my deepest sympathy to each of you. Keeping you in my prayers.

**Barbara Williams** - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. May God keep each of you in his grace and peace be with you.

**Shelby Marshall** - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Mitchell & Family  
With deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences, Peace, Prayers and Blessings.

**Gena Hoke** - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry for your lost. He was an awesome gentleman. He will be sadly missed.

**pat all** - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ To all the Mitchell family-May you take comfort in the memories you have of Walton's life with you and his legacy in the community. Our heartfelt sympathies to all of you.  
Bobby and Janice Webb

**Bobby G** - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rarely in life does one person touch so many lives in such a wonderful, memorable way. Walton was that "one person". I recall the many stories my dad, David, tells of the support and kindness Walton showed him as a student & athlete of New Castle High School. Walton realized the challenges a poor boy from Paint Bank faced and encouraged him to pursue sports and an education.

Here's to remembering a man who touched so many lives.

Patty Humphreys Taylor

**Patty Humphreys Taylor** - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Evelyn, Vicki, Mitch & other family members: Steve and I are very sorry for your loss. We thought a lot of Walton. He was a wonderful man and a great friend. He will be greatly missed. Our prayer for you is that our loving God will give you peace and help you go through these tough times ahead. May your many memories ease your pain. We are thinking of you all and send you our deepest sympathy. With love,  
Steve & Paula

**Steve** - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our family sends blessings and prayers to the Mitchell family on the loss of a great man, Walton F. Mitchell, Jr. Walton was larger than life, humble to a fault and always a joy to meet out in the Craig County community. It was a privilege to know him and call him friend. Special thoughts and prayers of support to Evelyn, even though Walton is still watching over her, waiting to see her again...

Walton will not be forgotten!

The Cranmer Family  
Michael, Bonnie, Charley (Ben) and Josh

The Cranmer Family - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Evelyn,  
We cant make the viewing but wanted to let you know we are thinking of you and and your family and will visit in a few days when things have calmed down some.

jim - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Mitchell's passing. I attended NCHS while he was teaching there. One big thing, you could never walk on the gym floor with street shoes (his rules)

JoAnn Arthur Atkins - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Truly one of the Finest Christian Gentlemen I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. I feel a personal loss with his passing . His love and compassion for both Family and Community are Unsurpassed.

Eddie Lee - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mitch, my deepest sympathies to you and your family. I am not sure I know of any one individual who touched so many lives in and out of our community. Your dad was the most respected teacher, coach, mentor and friend to so many people. Walton and Patsy were my first real bosses when they gave me the honor and responsibility of sitting with "Doc" after school and on weekends. Having their trust meant a lot. So many people's lives are different in some way because of your dad and his love of his students and the community. Know that he will always be remembered by those of us blessed enough to have known him and were touched by his life.

**Robert Franklin JR** - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Craig County has lost a great man! Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

**Deven** - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayer go out to the entire Mitchell family. Walton was one the the most upstanding, truly sincere and caring persons this earth has ever seen.

**Gary Jones** - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers surround the Mitchell family. Mr. Mitchell lived his faith daily and touched lives for eternity. May God give you comfort, peace, hope and strength. ~Tim, Terri, Rachel and Micah Lorenz

**Terri Huffman Lorenz Jan** - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ My condolences to the Mitchell family. They were neighbors to my family in New Castle. Walton was one of my school principals and a good friend.

**Brian D** - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Auto correct makes such silly mistakes...I meant the "GYM" floor!

**Charlene** - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ "Do NOT walk on the gum floor in street shoes!" How many times we all heard that while attending NCHS in the late 50s and early 60s. I never see that building that I don't hear those words. Sorry to hear he has left us.

**Charlene** - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ A wonderful man, a tremendous asset to our community, and such a genuinely good person who will be greatly missed by many. I'm so very glad that we got to visit during the holidays, even if it was just a short time. I will cherish my memories of Walton. We are so sorry for your family's loss. We will pray for peace for you!

**Lisa Campbell** - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I'm sorry to he about Walton's passing. He was a wonderful person. I heart and prayers go you to you.

**Selena Strickler** - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ A great man who will be greatly missed by many, including this ole' boy. I have more then one memory with Walt..all of which will always bring a smile to my face.. R.I.P my old friend..

**Mike Rieley** - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ You will never be forgotten. I always remember how you were always sitting in the bleachers watching our basketball games. Never seemed to miss one game. You made an impact on lots of people's lives. Sending my sincere regards and prayers to all of your family. Your smile will be greatly missed on Sunday mornings.

**Gina and Jason Smith** - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to the family

**Barbara Looney Reynolds** - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ It has been a great pleasure and honor knowing and spending time with Mr. Walton Mitchell. He was a huge part of my life growing up. There are not enough words to express what he has meant to me. I spent many days with the Mitchell family growing up. I went to many Tech games and watched many games on TV with him and Lee Anne. I remember many stories he told us through the years. He also taught me a lot about playing basketball and softball, having good sportsmanship and what dedication really meant. I can remember him and Evelyn at all of our ballgames cheering us on. Walt has been a huge part of our community and our school system. His presence will be greatly missed.

He has been such an inspiration in my life. I will always cherish my memories of him.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I love you all.

Love always and forever. Walt, you will never be forgotten!

Stephanie Snider Looney and Family  
~Scrooney, Joshua and Savannah~

**The Looney Family** - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayer are with you. May God bless you and comfort you in your time of sorrow. Walton will be missed dearly by my family, church family and school family. What a blessing I received in having the honor of knowing Mr. Mitchell.

**Diana Bayne** - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ We, the staff at Paitzel Funeral Home are deeply sorry for your loss.

**Paitzel Funeral Home Jan** - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM