



Lawrence Mitchum

October 23, 1935 - April 7, 2025

Lawrence Edward Mitchum, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2025, at the age of 89.

He was born on October 23, 1935, in Hickman, Kentucky, to Ruth and Bill Mitchum. Lawrence was a quiet, kind, and gentle man with a strong and unwavering faith in the Lord.

He is survived by his loving wife, Virginia; his children, Laura Mitchum and Larry (Tracey) Mitchum; his grandchildren, Kristin (Kyle) Daubenmeyer, Jake Mitchum, and Josh Zimmerman; and his great-grandchildren, Ella Daubenmeyer, Knightly Daubenmeyer, and Phoenix Mitchum. He is also survived by his brothers, John (Kaye) Mitchum and Morris Mitchum; his sisters, Kitty Mitchum and Martha Loschiavo; along with many cherished nieces, nephews, and friends.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents, Ruth and Bill Mitchum; his first wife, Nancy Mitchum; his children, Melinda Zimmerman and Mark Parker; his sisters, Marion Moffitt, Angie Mitchum, and Betty (Bobby) Reeves; and his brother-in-law, Gene (Marie) Wilcox.

Depending on when and where you met him along his journey, you may have

known him as Lawrence, Larry, or simply Mitch.

Lawrence grew up in a farming community in Hickman, Kentucky, as the second oldest of eight children. In his early years, he worked the farmland, growing corn and soybeans and picking cotton alongside his family. After graduating high school, Lawrence proudly served his country in the United States Air Force, traveling the world and spending memorable time in Germany and France — experiences he fondly reflected on throughout his life.

Being the son of a pastor, Lawrence was raised in the Christian faith, and it was there that he developed a deep and abiding love for the Lord. His faith was the cornerstone of his life, and he lovingly passed it on to his children and all who knew him. He and his wife, Virginia, found great joy serving their congregation at Christ Community Church in Sterling Heights, and he treasured his Sunday morning worship time.

Lawrence loved his work as a barber, serving his community for over 60 years. Over the decades, he built friendships and touched countless lives through his time at Sam's Barber Shop in Clawson, Clarence's Barber Shop in Clawson, and most recently, Chet's Barber Shop in Royal Oak. He had a true gift for conversation and valued the connections he made with his customers.

Lawrence will be deeply missed by many, but especially by his family. Though he may no longer be with us in body, his spirit, kindness, and faith will continue to inspire and uplift us all.

May his legacy of faith live on in all of us, and may he now rest in the eternal peace and joy of the Lord.

Visitation for Lawrence will be held on Friday, April 11, from 2 - 8 p.m. at Wm.

Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (four blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. The funeral service for Lawrence will be held on Saturday, April 12 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. A funeral procession will follow to White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery in Troy for the committal prayers and presentation of military honors. An off-site luncheon will follow the cemetery services.

Memorial contributions in honor of Lawrence can be directed to Christ Community Church (www.christcommchurch.org).

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Funeral Service

APR 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Lawrences passing he lived a full life and devoted much to his family and friends! Lawrence will be looking down on us from heaven!

Dale Spann - May 08, 2025 at 10:55 PM

TF

“ The McLeish Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Lawrence Mitchum.



The McLeish Family - April 11, 2025 at 02:57 PM

TF

“ Larry and Virginia were the first members of Christ Community Church to greet Tim and I on a Sunday morning. The hugs and smiles were always there for us. We planted a tree to have his memory live on.

Tim and Tammy Ford - April 11, 2025 at 09:00 AM

TL

“ Tammy L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Mitchum.

Tammy L. - April 11, 2025 at 08:49 AM

DT

“ We opted to plant a tree as a living memorial to honor and celebrate the life of Lawrence Mitchum.

Donna McCreery Spann, Dale Spann & Tom - April 10, 2025 at 10:48 PM

DT

“ Donna McCreery Spann And Tom sent a virtual gift in memory of Lawrence Mitchum



Donna McCreery Spann and Tom - April 10, 2025 at 10:36 PM

DT

Our prayers are with the family. Lawrence had a good heart, a sweet soul, and an abiding faith in our Lord. I'm sure he's at peace surrounded by loved ones and basking in the love of our Lord.

Donna McCreery Spann, Dale Spann & Tom - April 10, 2025 at 10:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lawrence Mitchum.

April 10, 2025 at 10:32 PM

CC

“ Christ Community Church purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lawrence Mitchum.



Christ Community Church - April 10, 2025 at 09:35 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence Mitchum.*



April 10, 2025 at 09:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lawrence Mitchum.

April 10, 2025 at 09:31 AM



“ *The Karolak & Sherman Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lawrence Mitchum.*



The Karolak & Sherman Families - April 09, 2025 at 06:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lawrence Mitchum.*



April 09, 2025 at 05:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lawrence Mitchum.

April 09, 2025 at 05:03 PM

PD

“ Pat, Susie, Kim, Pat, Diane purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Lawrence Mitchum.



Pat, Susie, Kim, Pat, Diane - April 09, 2025 at 11:12 AM

PD

“ Pat, Susie, Kim, Pat, Diane planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Mitchum.

Pat, Susie, Kim, Pat, Diane - April 09, 2025 at 11:12 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence Mitchum.



April 09, 2025 at 07:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lawrence Mitchum.

April 09, 2025 at 07:49 AM

JN

“ *Jim and Nancy Nocera purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Lawrence Mitchum.*



Jim and Nancy Nocera - April 08, 2025 at 08:36 PM

SA

“ *Sue & Mike. Ruth. Lindsey. Jason. Ayla purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Lawrence Mitchum.*



Sue & Mike. Ruth. Lindsey. Jason. Ayla - April 08, 2025 at 07:59 PM