



## Tommy Mitchell

March 4, 1932 - November 12, 2014

James Richard "Tommy" Mitchell age 82 died November 12, 2014 at NorthCrest Medical Center in Springfield. Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00pm Saturday, November 15, 2014 at the Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield with Bro. Roy McConnell and Bro. Jeff Keyes officiating. Burial will follow in the Adams Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday from 2:00 - 8:00pm and Saturday from 11:00am - 1:00pm at the funeral home.

Tommy was born on March 4, 1932 in Stroudsville, TN to the late John Andy and Molly Adkins Mitchell. He was Manager at Ridgetop Gas for 32 years and also worked in Manufacturing at Peterbuilt. He was a member of the Church of Christ Faith. He was also preceded in death by daughter-in-law, Rebecca Keys. Tommy is survived by his wife of 58 years, Evelyn Mitchell of Greenbrier; son, James David (Joyce) Mitchell of Greenbrier; daughter, Cheri Mitchell (Royce T.) Adkins of Goodlettsville; brothers, John (Linda) Mitchell Jr. of Copper Cove, Texas, Ricky Lee (Teresa) Mitchell of Portland, Tennessee; sister, Kate Nelson of South Haven, Mississippi; grandchildren, Joshua Adkins, Zachary Adkins, Adam Adkins, Molly Mitchell, and Hannah Mitchell; future grandchildren, Emily and Sydney Strawhacker. Pallbearers will be Joshua Adkins, Zachary Adkins, Adam Adkins, Todd Boren, Ryan Dickerson, Mitch Withers, Kenneth Rumph, Kirk Mitchell, William Potts, and Ed Mueller. The family request that donations be made to St Judes. All donations may be sent care of Austin & Bell Funeral Home. AUSTIN & BELL SPRINGFIELD is in charge of arrangements. (615)384-1000



# Cemetery Details

## Adams Cemetery

308 S Church Street  
Adams, TN 37010

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **14**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield  
509 Walnut St.  
Springfield, TN 37172  
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# Tribute Wall

GW

“ *My prayers are with you! Love Gail Wilson*

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**Gail Wilson** - November 15, 2014 at 07:40 AM

MY

“ *I will always love and miss you Uncle Tommy! Save me a seat in Heaven by you and daddy.*

*Love,  
Jody*

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**Mary Jo Yarbrough** - November 14, 2014 at 01:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tommy Mitchell.*



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November 14, 2014 at 08:53 AM

LM

“ I got on the afternoon school bus that day in August of 1971. I was the new girl at school and Cheri invited me to sit next to her. We made friends on the way home. She told me her phone number was in the book and that her daddy's name was James Richard but everybody knows him as "Tommy". The first time I met him, Cheri introduced me as her new friend, "Lori". The next time I visited, he called me, "Lola". Cheri corrected him and we had a good laugh. He called me "Lola" from that day forward and I didn't mind a bit. I found it endearing. All my memories of him as Cheri and I grew up and on into our adulthood are wonderful. So many good times. So close our families became and have remained close throughout the years. I love him and will miss him always.

*Lori Clack Martin*

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**Lori Clack Martin** - November 14, 2014 at 07:41 AM

OH

“ Mr. Mitchell was always a very friendly neighbor. One time he needed help with the goats that he owned, their mothers were no longer able to nurse them so me and him would always go inside the house and warm up some milk to feed the goats. Everyday i would always look out my window waiting for him to go up to the barn to feed the goats and i was always happy to help him and he was always glad to see me. Mr. Mitchell was always wanting to help you with anything you ever needed help with. He was a very nice and loyal man to his friends, family and neighbors. Olivia Herring.

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**Olivia Herring** - November 13, 2014 at 09:49 PM

BH

“ We had not been neighbors of Tommy and Evelyn's very long when I found a lizard in the bedroom. Brad was at work and my 2 oldest were toddlers so I proceeded next door to their house for Mr. Mitchell to help me. He later had to rescue me one day when I found a snake in the house. I am sure he wondered who had moved in next door. Mr. Mitchell was always ready to share in conversation. When I was out in our garden which Mr. Mitchell gave me lots of pointers and help on he would ride over on his 4-wheeler and chat.  
Stephanie Herring

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**Brad and Stephanie Herring** - November 13, 2014 at 08:54 PM

LL

Ms. Evelyn and family. So sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Tommy. I know it is not an easy thing to go through, I pray that you will feel the loving comfort that only our Lord can bring at a time like this. Mr. Tommy will be missed by many, but he is now with our heavenly father and loved ones that have gone before him.

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**Litichia Broadrick Lynch** - November 16, 2014 at 08:56 PM

CA

*Graveside Tribute by William (Bill) Potts, 12/21/14*

*When I was first asked to come I had very mixed emotions. Number one I was honored to honor the memory of Tommy and two I was nervous because I have not done anything like this in the past. I want to thank you, Mrs. Evelyn, Mrs. Cheri and David for allowing me to be apart of your family especially today.*

*My Grandfather reminds me all the time that one of the great blessings God gives us is the ability to remember, and with that we have two types of memories. Good memories intensify with time, they just keep getting better, but sad/ bad memories tend to fade with time, they fizzle out. God did that for a reason.*

*I want to share that some of my greatest moments with Tommy included; fishing early, early in the morning, one time catching a fish barehanded, getting calls in the late night to come help deliver goats most of the time it was a false alarm, but it gave me and Adam & Zach or Ryan an excuse to sit up all night and hang out, but most importantly I remember Tommy going "all in" on what ever his grandchildren were doing at that particular time. Horses, goats, Baseball, law school, and dentistry. He would tell everyone " I'm \_\_\_\_\_ 's Grandfather or father. I saw it first hand, and that right there was how I want to remember him.*

*You guys know as well as I do Tommy had it all figured out. His priorities were his Wife, children, grandchildren, but his most importantly God at the top of the list. So I want to read some things he would want you to hear.*

*These two examples have helped me ease pain so I pass them on to you here today.*

*Revelation 14:13*

*And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"*

*I Thessalonians 4:13-18*

*But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are*

*alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.*

*I promise you if anyone was an example of how a man should be it was Tommy Mitchell. You couldn't get a harder worker anywhere, period. He was tough as nails but the guy had a heart of pure love. I remember just until last few years ago I honestly thought he was Superman. He couldn't be defeated, and in my eyes (and yours too) he still has a perfect record, because he Ultimately WON.*

*I am sad to lose such a great friend and adopted Granddaddy, but I am so very happy to retain ALL the great memories the Lord has let me keep for my own and never have to give them up.*

*I love you Granddaddy Tommy, you loved God with all your heart and soul. You have shown us the right way to live, and I will make you the same promise I last told my mom.*

*I WILL SEE YOU AGAIN.*

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**Cheri Adkins** - January 25, 2015 at 05:16 PM

BH

“*Tommy was always one to lend a helping hand. Whenever we needed help with the garden, help with the mower or tools to repair something, Tommy was always more than willing to help. For that we are forever grateful. My children when they were younger were always excited about going up to see Tommy's large crop of watermelons.*

*Tommy was a true friend and neighbor. Brad and Stephanie Herring*

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**Brad and Stephanie Herring** - November 13, 2014 at 08:41 PM

JB

*Words are inadequate as we must say good by to a precious family member. Tommy was my brother-in-law but in reality he was my brother. When Tommy married Evelyn nearly 60 years ago, he immediately became a part of our family. There is not enough space to tell what Tommy means to our family. Rest in peace until the Lord returns to give you your reward. We love you, Perry, Joyce, Daniel, Todd and Tina*

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**Joyce Boren** - November 14, 2014 at 10:04 AM