



CHARLES MITCHELL SR.

March 2, 1940 - March 12, 2020

Mitchell, Sr., Charles Dale

Dr. Charles Dale Mitchell, Sr. lived a remarkable life that began March 2, 1940, in Bivins, Texas. He was the youngest of 10 children born to Walter S. Mitchell, Sr. and Lugenie Turner Mitchell. His earthly journey ended March 12, 2020, in Dallas, following a sudden illness.

He earned a BA in biology from North Texas State College (now University of North Texas) and was one of the university's first African American graduates.

Charles married Vernil Richard after a short courtship, which launched lifetime of love. Charles attended in Howard University College of Medicine. After completing medical school he was accepted into the orthopedic residency program at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. He was a Major in the U.S. Army, served as a surgeon in Vietnam and earned the Bronze Star. After completing his residency, he and his family, which now included two sons, moved to Dallas, where he began his practice.

Dr. Mitchell was a proud family man. Of his vast interests, Charles loved to travel and was a skillful photography. Following his retirement in 2011, Charles pursued his passion of improving the lives of others. He was instrumental in establishing the Diabetes Health and Wellness Institute, now the Baylor Scott & White Health and Wellness Center at the Juanita J. Craft Recreation Center and served on their board. His board service also included University of North Texas System Board of Regents, the Dallas County Medical Society, Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity Alpha Epsilon Boulé (president and secretary) and C.V. Roman Medical Society (president). He was a member of Howard University Alumni Association, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, National Medical Association, Texas Medical Association, Texas Orthopaedic Association, Lone Star Medical Association and UT Southwestern Medical School Admissions Committee.

Charles received many awards and accolades, most recently the 2018 Dallas County Medical Society Charles Max Cole, M.D., Leadership Award and 2019 C.V. Roman Medical Society Living Legend Award.

He is survived by his soulmate of 58 years, Vernil; son, Charles D. Mitchell, Jr. (Millie) and their children, Tate and Charles; son, Keith Mitchell and his children, Keith Jr. and Bryce;

daughter-in-law, Renée Mornay; brothers, Waylon R. Mitchell (Sedalia) and Huey P. Mitchell (Nelvia) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and close friends. Viewing will be held Friday, March 20, 2020, from 1-5 p.m. at Sandra Clark Funeral Home, Dallas, TX. Due to current CDC restrictions, the funeral will be a private family service. A public celebration will be held at a later date. Interment will be at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, Monday, March 23, 2020, at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Baylor Scott & White Dallas Foundation (3600 Gaston Avenue, Suite 100, Dallas, TX 75246; dallasfoundation.bswhealth.com) to benefit diabetes programs at Baylor Scott & White Health and Wellness Center at the Juanita J. Craft Recreation Center.

Burial Monday 03/23/2020 @ 10:00am @ DFW National Cemetery

THE GOVERNMENT RESTRICTED US FOR DIRECT BURIAL ONIY

" NO EXCEPTIONS "

Cemetery

Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy
Dallas, TX, 75211

Events

MAR 20 Visitation 01:00PM - 05:00PM

Sandra Clark Funeral Home
6029 South R.L. Thornton, Dallas, TX, US,
75232

Comments



“ Ran my first half marathon with Dr. Mitchel over 30 years ago. He was one dedicated steady brother you could go the distance with and know he would never give up and he would pick you up and carry you over the finish line if he had to. RIP My Friend.

Charles Johnson - March 23 at 11:17 AM



“ Dr. Mitchell was a man of outstanding accomplishments, but what I liked about him the most was that unlike so many other people of his stature, he had heart of gold. So, his contributions were well-planned and very deliberate expressions of his passion to do good for others. He ALWAYS meant well!

I thank God for him and for his family's sacrifice and contributions for the greater good! May God be glorified by his life.

Kenneth Martin - March 21 at 02:19 PM



“ Vernil and family, Dr. Mitchell will be missed for he truly was an officer and a gentleman. His contributions to the community are immeasurable. Over 30 years ago he performed knee surgery on my “prized possession”, my then 18-year old son. From then he became my doctor, my fellow DBCC board member, and together with his bride, my friend! He always unselfishly shared valuable guidance with a smile. There are no words that I have to describe my observance of the love and care he had for his bride of 58 years, Vernil. God bless each of you richly - - Rest In Peace Dr. Mitchell, you have left an indelible footprint.

Barbara Hawkins

Barbara Hawkins - March 20 at 09:14 PM



“ Dallas Black Chamber Of Commerce Dinner (BEST DOCTOR EVER)



Patrica Besant - March 20 at 11:35 AM



“ Vernil, my heart goes out to you and your family. Words cannot express how I am feeling, Dr. Mitchell was such an inspiration to many people. He was a mentor, a hero, and certainly a breath of fresh air for many. He was very big on education and he often spoke to all the students that came from Peggy Jones within the DISD work study that he took and his wings. He also told them at the end of the course to always make good choices. He was certainly loved by his family, colleagues, employees and many friends. I had the pleasure to work for him for 14 years best time ever. Dr. Mitchell could turn a bad day into a good day just with his smile along even after he had eaten your lunch.

He often felt the need to give his staff motivational speeches to encourage us to always try to reach our goals. (Vernil falling to sleep) Dr. Mitchell you can rest now we are okay.

Vernil we Love you.

Dr. Mitchell Rest In Peace from your last 3 employees at 3500 I 30@Motley Bldg C #101

Pat, Lavatrice, and Maria
We Love You

Patrica Besant - March 20 at 10:52 AM



“ To the Mrs Mitchell and family, I had the pleasure of working with Dr Mitchell for many years he was an excellent orthopedic surgeon rest gentle giant you will be missed.

Miss Demetria D. Broadnax

Dianne - March 20 at 09:21 PM



“ In life there are many unchangeables parents,siblings,birth order,etc but ther are many more changeables, friends,jobs,weight,locations. I would count Charles Mitchell MD as one of my unchangeables. I am thankful for his advice,as medical student in the early 1970's. There were not many African-American physician in Dallas in the early 1970's. but he was among those that were here. I am thankful for his wisdom and the support he provide along with all the other African-American physicians. May his family be comforted. God Bless.
Calvin Dixon MD.

calvin dixon - March 19 at 07:38 PM



“ WOW, Just saw this in the paper. Dr. Mitchell did both my foot surgeries in the 80s when I was in high school at the old Business and Management Center high school when it was still down town. I saw him a few months back at Fiesta Mart. As usual he asked about my feet and my mom. Thank you for sharing Dr. Mitchell with us. Sending love and prayers to the Mitchell family.

Carolyn D. Brown - March 19 at 01:56 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Mitchell, Charles, Millie, Keith, Renee, Tate, Chaz and Keith's boys whom I know so well through their wonderful grandparents, who never tired of telling me about "the boys." I know your pain is strong, because Dr. Mitchell's love for you guys and his absolute dedication to his family was like nothing I've ever witnessed.

From the day I first met Dr. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell in 1986, I have felt like family. They both welcomed me into their home and always always made me feel loved and encouraged. Later they welcomed me into the extended family and man oh man have I cherished every minute I have been blessed to spend with all of them. He loved you guys the way God called upon men to love their family. But he went way beyond that. He was truly one of the greatest role models I've ever known.

I will miss his big authentic hugs, his "when are you coming back home?" and the way he Always looked at Mrs. Mitchell, like they were on a first date. God bless you, Mitchell Family and extended family, you have my love and prayers for the days ahead.

Lillian German

Lillian German - March 19 at 12:53 PM



“ Vernil and family,
I am so very sorry for your loss.
Dr. Charles Mitchell was one of the finest men I have ever known and I will forever remember his caring friendship. I so appreciate what he contributed to every endeavour he became involved with.
Bert Brady

Bert Brady - March 19 at 10:49 AM



“ Vernil and family,
Dr Mitchell was our favorite as you know! Perette and I thank you for taking us in as your own and showing us things and taking us places we would have never gone on our own. He is a legend in our eyes, and he did great things for everyone he will be truly missed. May God continue to watch over, bless and comfort you and your family..
SHERRA MORRIS & PERETTE SCALES

Sherra - March 25 at 08:09 AM



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Vernil and Family,

We share in your loss and will continue to lift you up in prayer. Dr. Mitchell was a strong advocate of education. He used his time, talents and financial resources to make a difference in the lives of many students.

For over 25 years, Dr. Mitchell partnered with the Dallas ISD's School of Health Professions Health Science Technology (HST formerly HOCT) program by hiring and training 12th grade students who were exploring a health career. Many of these former students are currently licensed health care professionals and many others are making a difference in their chosen professions throughout this city, state and nation. Dr. Mitchell was a great mentor and will be remembered for his passion for giving back.

Love & Blessings,

Dr. Peggy R. Jones, R.N.

Retired HST Coordinator

Dr. Peggy R. Jones - March 18 at 02:32 PM



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I regret the loss of this good neighbor. He was a fine man.

Virginia Baker - March 18 at 12:30 PM



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MR MITCHELL U WILL TRULY B MISSED EVERY MORNING U WOULD ASK WHAT U GOT FOR ME WORKING AT VENTANNA WHERE U AND MRS MITCHELL RESIDED I LOVED SEEING YOUR SMILING FACE WHICH WILL BE. TRULY MISSED MR MITCHELL PLEASE REST IN HEAVENLY PEACE. MRS MITCHELL STAY STRONG REMEMBER I LOVE U. EDNA WILSON (VENTANA MORNING COOK)

EDNA WILSON - March 17 at 09:24 PM



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My sincere condolences to Vernil and the entire Mitchell family. I'll miss speaking with you both after first service and I sincerely appreciate Dr. Mitchell always asking about how business was at UNT and his guidance over the years. For those of us that believe in our Lord never see each other for the last time and to be absent from us is to be present with the Lord. With Love and Respect Always. Steven A. Hill

Steven A. Hill - March 23 at 06:19 PM