



# John R. Mitchell

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**J**ohn Robert Mitchell sailed to a distant shore on Friday, March 27, 2009. John was born April 15, 1926, in Mishawaka, Indiana.

He lived in Covington for the past 36 years. John loved hunting, fishing, a good cigar, cold beer and cold champagne. He knew when it was a good day for sailing. He loved life and a little black dog.

Son of the late John W. and Dorothy Daly Mitchell, he is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Carola Dupont Mitchell, his brown eyed sweetheart, and his loving children and grandchildren, Catherine Gordon and her daughter Cassandra Costley, of Albuquerque, New Mexico; M.G. Finch and her husband, Jim Finch and their sons, Mitchell and Jack Finch of Atlanta, GA; Lynne Ring and her husband, Steven Ring, of Houston, Texas and her son, Jeremiah E. Woolsey, IV of Baton Rouge; William J. Mitchell, II and his wife Lisa Jetty Mitchell and their children, John A., Maggie E., and Adam J. Mitchell of Baton Rouge; Shawn Mitchell Andrus and her husband, Stuart Andrus, and their children, Ian, Reid, and Amelia Daly Andrus of Covington; Mimi Mitchell Williams and her husband, Tim Williams, and their children, Bobby and Hallie Dupont Williams, of Daytona Beach, Florida.

John retired from Bellsouth after 36 years and went on to teach Marketing for 15 years at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond. He served our country in the United States Army Air Corps. He was a charter member of the Riverwood Men's Club and served as Vice Commodore of the Pontchartrain Yacht Club. He was crowned King Juno XXVI.

The Mitchell family invites our friends to attend the Funeral Mass on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at 1:00 PM at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W. 21st. Ave., Covington, LA 70433 with a visitation on Wednesday from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

A reception at the Pontchartrain Yacht Club, 140 Jackson St., Mandeville will follow the Mass.



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In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's name to Manresa on the Mississippi, P.O. Box 89, Convent, LA 70723-0089.



## Tribute Wall

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**E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services** shared a **Tribute Video**.



June 4 at 9:13 AM



**Leslie Colglazier** posted:

it has been a very long time but you are all thought of often. many blessings and loving thoughts.  
leslie

May 2 at 7:00 PM



**Judy Galloway** posted:

John was always a friendly face to some very slow days at PYC. He always had some good jokes and wit to share. He would always tell me his beautiful sailing experience of that day over a fabulous cocktail I made him. Good shop talk. I am blessed to have known him. What a devoted husband, father and friend he was to so many...now that is a legacy! Carola May God comfort you and your family during this difficult time. God bless Jude

April 6 at 7:00 PM



**William B. (Billy) Jackson, li** posted:

To say that I've got "many great childhood memories" spending time together with Bill and his dad, Mr. John, would be only a glimpse of the gift the Mitchell "family" has been to me and to the Jackson family in Mobile. For me, his legacy will always be his love and deep respect of the outdoors, wildlife and fishing. He, and my own dad, Bubba Jackson, taught me to appreciate and truly love the gift of nature that God has given us. I recall learning to "skeet-shoot" with Bill and his Dad, and how much fun it was to hunt and fish with them. Mr. John was unique in his "passion" for what he liked to do. And it makes me smile to think of him, his love for Ms. Carola, and all of his kids. The Mitchell family is his legacy, and they are a real gift to the rest of us who had the joy of sharing some time together on this earth. I believe that this world of ours is a much better place because of John Mitchell, and his spirit will live through his wonderful family. God bless you as you deal with his passing. et

March 31 at 7:00 PM



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NR

**Norman Roche** posted:

I'm a BellSouth Retiree. So sorry to hear about John.

March 31 at 7:00 PM

RS

**Rosa L. Schoolmeyer** posted:

You are in my thoughts and prayers.

March 31 at 7:00 PM

RW

**Rick Wheelahan** posted:

To the entire Mitchell family - and the extended family of John Mitchell: I understand your loss, whether family or friend of Mr Mitchell. He was a wonderful man, a great leader, and a role model to many of today's business people and citizens. I can only hope that in his "new position" I will have him watching over me like he did so many years ago.

March 31 at 7:00 PM

MM

**Margo Mcloone** posted:

I was saddened by the news of John's death but pleased to have contact with your family again. In deepest sympathy, Margo McLoone ( daughter of Dorothy's sister Kay)

March 31 at 7:00 PM

CG

**Chris Garcia** posted:

Mrs. Mitchell and Bill and all the family, My prayers and thoughts are with you during this sorrowful time. Mr. Mitchell was a gracious, witty man who always made me feel at home on Belle Terre.

March 30 at 7:00 PM

SP

**Skip, Tracy And Reese Plauche** posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

March 30 at 7:00 PM



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JA

**Jerry Andrews** posted:

Carola- It was my pleasure to work with John, although we were never in the same department. He was a strong, but pleasant personality. Carolyn and I enjoyed our trips with both of you to the holiday season functions. Jerry

March 30 at 7:00 PM

LM

**Linda Mannie** posted:

Katherine and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. There are no words at a time like this to lessen the pain of losing someone you loved, but I pray God will bring you Peace, and Joy for the time you had with this wonderful person in your lives. Sincerely Linda Mannie-coworker of Katherine Gordon.

March 30 at 7:00 PM

VW

**Vanessa Watson** posted:

I worked with Catherine Gordon for a number of years in Albuquerque and I would like to send my condolences and my love and prayers for the family. Catherine, I love you. Sorry for your loss. Love you, Vanessa

March 30 at 7:00 PM

MR

**Mary Elizabeth Randall** posted:

Dear Catherine and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. God Bless you and keep you under his protection during this most difficult time.

March 30 at 7:00 PM

SL

**Susie Lehrmann** posted:

Mrs. Mitchell and family, 30 years ago, I had the pleasure of working as a clerk on Mr. Mitchell's staff. Mr. Mitchell was such a nice man. I will always cherish those 6 years. God Bless Mr. Mitchell and his family

March 30 at 7:00 PM



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HH

**Harry & Djuina Hammett** posted:

You have our deepest sympathy. Please take care of each other.

March 29 at 7:00 PM

MF

**Murray Fincher** posted:

My dear Carola: I was distressed to learn of Johnny's passing. I was told he had had a rough go of it and that saddens me even more. Johnny was a real contributor in the community and deserved the fine reputation he held. Few could tell a Cajun story as well. My prayers go out to you and your family. Murray

March 29 at 7:00 PM

BH

**Bob & Missy Hecker** posted:

We will miss him terribly. John filled in as my surrogate father and we enjoyed WWII flight stories, an occasional trip to the airfield and a daily political debate. Any man that can learn how to use Windows XP and start banking on-line has a zest for learning, for it never ends. So long old pal, we won't cry that you are gone, we will celebrate your move to the holy father's house. Enjoy the sailing without a squall. and Cuban cigars are legal!

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RH

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March 29 at 7:00 PM

PA

**Phil And Mary E. Ashton** posted:

Lynne, Steven, our condolences to you and Lynne's family. We will keep you in our prayers.

March 28 at 7:00 PM



# Media

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TRIBUTE VIDEO

A JOURNEY  
*of*  
REMEMBRANCE

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The video thumbnail features a bright blue sky with white, fluffy clouds. The title 'A JOURNEY of REMEMBRANCE' is centered in a red serif font, with 'of' in a smaller, cursive script. A white play button icon is overlaid on the text. In the bottom right corner, there is a QR code and a black button with the text 'SCAN TO WATCH' in white.



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