



## Eugene "Gene" Willard Mitchell Jr.

February 21, 1943 - March 25, 2022

Saluda, SC

Mr. Eugene Willard Mitchell, Jr.

Mr. Eugene "Gene" Willard Mitchell, Jr., 79, of Saluda, South Carolina, passed away on March 25, 2022.

Born on February 21, 1943, in Saluda, South Carolina to Eugene Willard Mitchell, Sr. and Mildred B. Mitchell, Mr. Mitchell graduated from Saluda High School in 1961. He also graduated from the University of South Carolina, College of Business with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration-Management. He had a successful career in Senior management with Bell South and retired in 1995. He served on the Carolina Telco Federal Credit Union Board for many years and also chaired the Board of Directors from 1996-2002.

After moving back to Saluda, he was an active and dedicated member of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.

Once he retired, he continued to live a vibrant and full life. He had many passions that kept him active, including running, golfing, reading, traveling, maintaining his farm, and loving and serving in his community.

He will be remembered as a strong, courageous, loving and compassionate man whose zest for life and living it well inspired those who knew him. He lived life with great strength and independence and refused to be limited or defined by an age. He faced life's challenges head-on with faith and no fear.

Mr. Mitchell is survived by his daughters, Maren Hill (Robert) of Gallatin, Tennessee; Alicia Fabian (Dean) of Naperville, Illinois; his son, Travis Wood (Sabrina) of Columbia; and two grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife of twenty-five years, Patti Mitchell of Saluda; his daughter, Julie Honeycutt of Myrtle Beach; his son, James Mitchell of Columbia; and his sister, Barbara Mitchell Palmer of Saluda.

Funeral services will be held at 11A.M, Friday, April 1st at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church with Rev. Emily Mooneyhan officiating. Interment will follow in the Sardis Baptist Church cemetery. The family will receive friends before the service at 10 A.M.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, 101 N. Calhoun St., Saluda, South Carolina 29138 or to the charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Sardis Baptist Church Cemetery

204 Sardis Road  
Saluda, SC 29138

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church  
101 N. Calhoun Street  
Saluda, SC

## Funeral

APR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church  
101 N. Calhoun Street  
Saluda, SC

# Tribute Wall

EW

“ God bless Gene's soul, his children and grandchildren and friends. God wrap you all in His love, comfort and grant the peace that passes all understanding. Amen Gene was a wonderful person and friend and will be missed by our Saluda Class of 1961. Many of us had the pleasure of seeing Gene at our 60th Saluda High Class Reunion. It was nice reminiscing and sharing conversations, hugs, barbecue with him and all our friends. My heart goes out to his family. John:3:16-17 and prayers for all family. Love in Christ, Elsie Quattlebaum Switzer.

Elsie Quattlebaum Welling-Switzer - March 30, 2022 at 08:42 PM

JG

“ I always appreciated Gene's strong handshake and his focused attention when he greeted me. Our granddaughters loved riding one of his horses when they visited with us one summer. Pastor Jim

Jim Glander - March 30, 2022 at 02:20 PM

DG

“ I'll always remember his huge hug and kiss on my cheek when he saw me at church. He loved to tell stories and share his beautiful smile.  
Dee Glander

Dee Glander - March 30, 2022 at 02:16 PM

RB

“ I wish to send my sympathy to the family of Gene Mitchell in their time of loss. I got to know Gene for the last 2 plus years when he joined our senior group of golfers, called the Puppy Fighters at Pine Ridge Country Club. It was always a pleasure playing with Gene, he was such a gentleman and never got upset whether he played good or bad. He will be missed by all of the Puppy Fighters at Pine Ridge. May God give you comfort during this time.

Bobby Bowers

Robert K Bowers - March 29, 2022 at 07:14 PM

JD

I can never get used to saying "Gene", he was always Williard to me! We finished SHS in class of '61. He was an outstanding student and athlete and a great classmate. He was at our last reunion in October, full of laughter and always considerate and appreciative of others! We will miss our dear friend !!! Joyce Dennis

joyce Dennis - March 30, 2022 at 08:43 AM

BR

“ *Billie Richard lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Gene" Willard Mitchell Jr.*



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**Billie Richard** - March 29, 2022 at 12:11 PM

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“ *Gene attended church with us very faithful. I just saw him at Shealy s St Patrick day and of course he had a green jacket on he looked very handsome he will be missed. Lots of love*

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**Billie Richard** - March 29, 2022 at 12:10 PM