



## Richard Ellis Mitchell

January 2, 1945 - July 25, 2020

RICHARD ELLIS MITCHELL, AGE 75

And a resident of the Spring Creek Community died Saturday night July 25, 2020 at St. Tammany Parish Hospital. He was a Junior Warden, 32nd Degree Mason with the Spring Creek Lodge No. 184, F. & A. M., 19th Masonic District and former member of the Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 428 in Arabi, LA and Bowen Lodge Lodge No. 248 in Eight Mile, AL. Richard was a member of Kushla–Bethany Baptist Church, Kushla, AL and a veteran of the United States Army Reserve for 6 years. He worked in the Chemical Division of Kaiser Aluminum from 1965 to 1983, then continued his career with Vinings Industries and Southern Ionics until his retirement in 2010. He could fix just about anything that needed repairing. Richard enjoyed smoking his favorite meats and cheeses. He had a true green thumb and could grow anything. His favorite crops to grow and share were okra, tomatoes, peppers, and blueberries with the help of his dearly loved sidekicks Shadeaux, Missy, and Socko. He could make conversation with anyone, and once a friend, he cherished you as family. Richard liked to check in on people and would give you the shirt off of his back if you asked for it. To know him was to love him.

Survived by:

Wife of 53 years: Ollie Alice Hines Mitchell of Spring Creek

2 Daughters and Sons in law: Chanda Dawn Mitchell Saacks and Derrin Saacks of Folsom, LA, Alisa Michelle Mitchell Russo and Edmond Joseph Russo, Jr. of League City, TX

4 Grandchildren: Dalton Ellis Saacks,  
Lindsey Shay Saacks,  
Brianna Michelle Saacks,  
Emma Jane Russo

1 Sister: Peggy Joyce Mitchell Toney of Harvest, AL

1 Brother: Ronald Mitchell of Bogalusa

Also numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and many friends

He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph Arlon Mitchell and Emma Viola Pounds Mitchell and brothers Joseph Hardy Mitchell, Martin A. Mitchell, David A. "Jug" Mitchell, Leslie L. "PeeWee" Mitchell

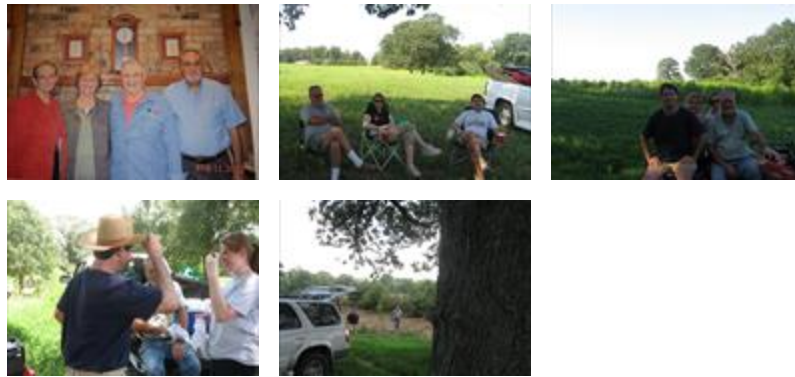
A private graveside funeral service will be held in the Palestine Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Frederick Brumfield officiating. A masonic rites service will also be conducted as part of the ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Spring Creek Masonic Lodge No. 184, F. & A. M., 72909 LA Hwy 1061, Spring Creek, LA 70444.

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ 13 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Alice Mitchell** - August 04, 2020 at 11:17 AM

SJ

*I miss you my friend.*

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**Sandy Jernigan** - October 18, 2024 at 08:43 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album

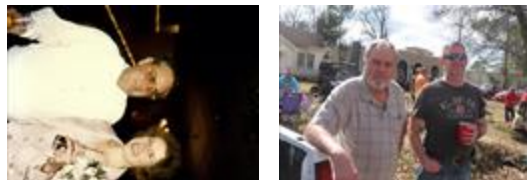


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**Alice Mitchell** - August 02, 2020 at 10:53 PM

AM

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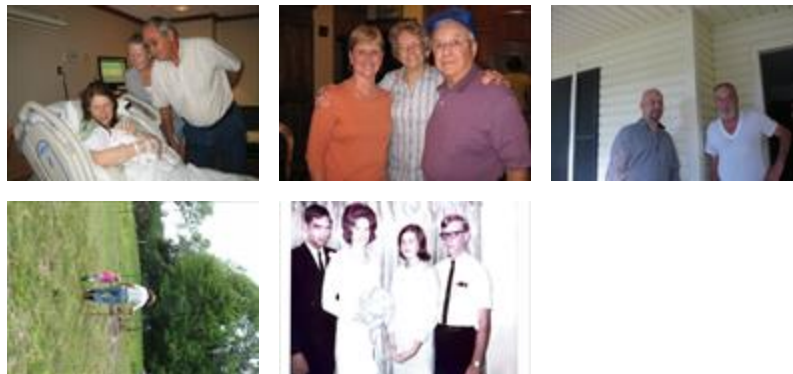


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Alice Mitchell - August 02, 2020 at 09:36 PM

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“ 60 files added to the album Memories Album



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Alice Mitchell - August 02, 2020 at 01:02 AM

CC

“ I have been trying to find the words to tell the best man at my wedding and my brother in law, Richard Mitchell " Good Bye", but I have not found the words so 'see ya later" Richard.

*When we do get to visit Alice, I will truly miss the rocking chair talks we had on that back porch. I really cherish the ones we had. But I still think you made a mistake by not having your generator automatic start when the power goes out!*

*Charles Cadenhead*

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Charles Cadenhead - July 30, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Ellis Mitchell.*



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July 29, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ *Alice and family,*

*Our deepest condolences and prayers for comfort. "Mitch" was good man and missed by everyone here at Southern Ionics Chickasaw.*

*Michael*

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**Michael Chambless** - July 29, 2020 at 10:13 AM



“ *Will always cherish my coworker and friend. Many memories of your thoughtfulness & our phone calls filled with laughter even after you retired. So glad Randy & I got to visit last year. You will be missed. Love Randy & Karen*

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**Karen Griffis** - July 29, 2020 at 10:08 AM

JC

“ Alice & family,  
My deepest condolences on the loss of your precious Richard. He was a special human being & he will be missed by so many. You are in my thoughts & prayers at this time of sorrow & pain.

Josephine Cassou  
cajunowomen2@hotmail.com



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Josephine Cassou - July 29, 2020 at 12:12 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Ellis Mitchell.



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July 28, 2020 at 10:56 AM

KM

“ Our deepest sympathy to your family. Mr. Richard was such a good man, always a funny story, always a helping hand. Mrs. Alice, we are here if you need us. Our prayers for all of you.

Sincerely,  
Marlon and Kim Milton

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Kim Milton - July 27, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Ellis Mitchell.*



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July 27, 2020 at 09:45 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Alisa Russo** - July 27, 2020 at 06:19 PM

AR

“ *My Friend*

*Well, I was trying to buy a house. I was wondering if the back yard would hold water and since it had been raining for 2 days, I decided on my way to work one morning I'd stop by and check it out. As I was leaving, this older man pulled up in his truck (I thought, "Great, here's a nosy neighbor). Little did I know, that nosy neighbor would become one of my best friends I would ever have. We had a lot in common. First example, of course, was drinking beer. Everyone can tell a story, but not everyone can tell a story no matter how long it is and keep you on your toes the whole time. My friend could tell stories and keep you hanging on nonetheless. He helped me work on things throughout the years or let me borrow tools. He had a wealth of knowledge, and I soaked up what I could. And how he loved my kids, and they loved him like another grandfather. He always had them popsicles in his freezer. The fun and the laughs we had throughout the years puts a smile on my face. Though it has tears running down it on this sad day. I will always love and miss my friend.*

*I pray this makes you smile. I loved my old friend, and I love you too.*

*Sandy Jernigan  
Eight Mile, AL*

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**Alisa Russo** - July 27, 2020 at 06:12 PM

AR

“ We are all going to miss him a great deal, and I know it leaves a hole in everyone's heart. It does for me. He was the friend and dad I didn't have, since my dad passed away when I was young. Mr. Richard had a lot of friends, and he made them easily, joking around, laughing, and having a good time. He used to like to bring his neighbors vegetables that he grew, and anyone was welcome to come pick for themselves. It was his conversation starter. And he'd give you his last dollar if you asked for it.

We very much enjoyed his company, out on the farm, grilling, picking blueberries, and working around the yard. It was amazing, if you needed a tool and couldn't find it, he sure could! And he could fix anything. Folks from around the area would bring him engines to fix, and he did it gladly. I think it may have been you, Uncle Ronnie, when you asked him to take a look at a generator, and he asked you "did you try and put gas in it?!?!". Naturally, that was the problem!

I pray for the strength of our family during these difficult times.

Edmond J. Russo, Jr.  
League City, TX

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**Alisa Russo** - July 27, 2020 at 06:11 PM

TS

“ Aunt Alice , Chanda, and Michelle., I love you all so very much . My heart is hurting for you all. My heart is shattered as well. I know though that we will be reunited with him and all the others we have lost. I know that Uncke Richard is entertaining them all along with my Daddy! Two peas in a pod for sure. I will forever cherish my memories of such a sweet and great man who I called a Uncle Rich. I love you! You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Tammy Mitchell Stockdale** - July 27, 2020 at 05:40 PM