



## Rodney Mitchell

July 5, 1970 - November 22, 2024

Rodney Denard Mitchell, son of Herbert and Edith Mitchell, was born on July 5, 1970, and raised in Winston-Salem, NC. Rodney was a proud 1988 graduate of East Forsyth High School.

Shortly after graduation, he joined the United States Marine Corps, where he was stationed at

Camp Lejeune and studied communications. Rodney was deeply honored to be a Marine,

proudly carrying the title of veteran throughout his life. His dedication to education continued as

he earned an Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration from Forsyth Technical

Community College. A man of many gifts, Rodney had a passion for books, history, gardening, and fishing.

Professionally, he excelled as an accountant and mental health professional, but his heart was

always with children and education. His career reflected his commitment to shaping young lives,

from serving as Education Coordinator at The Right Choice Inc. to his role as Site Coordinator

with Communities in Schools at Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. He was particularly

beloved for his time at Lift Academy, where he mentored and inspired students, earning their respect and admiration. His impact was so profound that he was awarded Teacher of the Year—a testament to his ability to uplift and encourage troubled youth to strive for better lives. Rodney left an indelible mark with his sharp style, quick wit, captivating storytelling, and timeless life lessons. Affectionately known as & " Hot Rod," he embraced the nickname, reflecting his sharp demeanor and vibrant personality. Above all, Rodney cherished his family and friends, and the love he gave was returned tenfold. Humble and selfless, he called himself & " an old country man" with a big heart, always willing to lend a helping hand. His giving spirit, infectious humor, and profound love for those around him will never be forgotten. Rodney was truly one of a kind, and his absence leaves a void that can never be filled. He will be deeply missed but lovingly remembered by all whose lives he touched. Rodney is preceded in death by his loving parents, Herbert and Edith Mitchell; two brothers, Gatson Canty and Elliott Miller; and special nephew, Antwon Long. Loved ones left to cherish his memory include his three loving daughters: Jamilia Mitchell, Cierra Sutton, and Jaela McCain, all of Winston-Salem, NC; and his stepchildren, Cedrick and Shenika, also of Winston-Salem, NC. Rodney was a proud grandfather to Jah'ki and Mason, as well as step-grandchildren Cedrick Jr., Cairo, Ari, and Issac, all of Winston-Salem, NC. Rodney shared a special and enduring bond with his former spouse, Karen Sutton of Winston-Salem, NC, and her love and support were a cherished part of his life. He is

also survived by his brother, John Canty of Titusville, FL; three sisters, Rosalyn Mitchell of Lane, SC, Sheila Uzzell(Marlos) of Charlotte, NC, and Carolyn Torrence (Ralph) of Winston-Salem, NC; his sister-in-law, Deloris Canty of Lane, SC; and his aunt, Virgiree Wilson of Lane, SC. Rodney was abeloved uncle to a host of nieces and nephews, including his special niece, Kenyatta Miller (Antonio) of Sumter, SC, as well as countless cousins.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Missionary Baptist  
1201 New Hope Ln  
Winston-Salem, NC 27105-6102  
(336) 724-5401

## Celebration of Life

DEC 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church  
1201 New Hope Ln, Winston Salem,  
Winston Salem, NC 27105

# Tribute Wall



“ You will be forever loved and missed Uncle Rodney



Kevan Mitchell - December 05, 2024 at 03:08 PM



“ Loletta Williams lit a candle in memory of Rodney Mitchell



Loletta Williams - December 03, 2024 at 11:06 AM



“ Rodney omg we danced like crazy at our next to last class reunion. I will always cherish those special memories. We laughed and just had fun. Look out for my daughter up there please and take your rest.

Love always

AngelaHood- Lindsay

MYRTLE BEACH, SC.

Committee member EFHS C/O 1988

Angela Lindsay - December 02, 2024 at 10:43 AM



“ Rodney was a kind and friendly neighbor, and we will miss seeing him on Franklin Street. The Chevaliers

Jessica Chevalier - December 02, 2024 at 09:50 AM

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“ On the behalf of the East Forsyth C/O 88 We  
Send Our Condolences To The Family

*Rodney Mitchell Will Truly  
Be Missed*



East Forsyth C/O 88 - December 01, 2024 at 09:32 AM

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“ - L.O.S. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rodney Mitchell.



- L.O.S. - December 01, 2024 at 12:04 AM

RB

“ Renee Brown-Fulton lit a candle in memory of  
Rodney Mitchell



Renee Brown-Fulton - November 30, 2024 at 08:31 PM

RB

*I would like to express my sincere condolences to the family of Rodney. Carolyn, you all are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that God gives you all the strength that you need during this time and in the days to come. May God bless you and wrap His loving arms around you.*

Renee Brown-Fulton - November 30, 2024 at 08:37 PM

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“ *My big brother, I will always love you & miss you.* 💔



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**Sheila Mitchell Uzzell** - November 30, 2024 at 05:04 PM

LH

*My dear and close friend, we had some good times back in the day... You became a handsome man with that same smooth demeanor... My heart is sad, God knew he needed you to come smooth some people out... Until we meet again, rest easy..*

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**Lisa Hughes** - December 02, 2024 at 01:18 PM

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*Our thoughts and prayers are definitely with the Mitchell family at this difficult time. Sending much love to y'all. Rodney was a sweetheart 🙏*  
❤️🙏 *The Jones Family*

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**The Jones Family** - December 03, 2024 at 08:36 PM