



David Martin Mitchell

May 27, 1956 - April 9, 2026

David Martin Mitchell, 69, passed away on April 9, 2026, leaving behind a legacy defined by service, a masterful culinary hand, and a deep love for his family and the water.

Born on May 27, 1956, David grew up in Huntington, Indiana, and was a graduate of Huntington North High School 1974. Following graduation, he proudly entered the United States Army, serving as a cook during the post-Vietnam era. His service included an overseas tour in Turkey, and he remained a dedicated veteran throughout his life, carrying the values of discipline and service into everything he did.

David was a devoted father who found his greatest joy in his children. He built a respected career as a chef and executive chef throughout the Indianapolis area, culminating in his work at Eli Lilly. For more than 30 years, he used his talents to feed and serve others, both professionally and within his community and church.

Outside of work, David loved the outdoors—especially fishing. Any day spent fishing was a good day. He enjoyed time spent with his children and grandchildren exploring woods, parks, and water, creating memories that will last a lifetime. Along the way, he formed many special, lifelong friendships that meant a great deal to him.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Nancy Mitchell, and his brother, Steve Mitchell.

He is survived by his children: Katherine (Chris) Morgan, Matthew (Marissa) Mitchell, and Andrew (Jessica) Mitchell; his siblings: his twin sister Sharon Mitchell, Debby Stevens, and Terry Mitchell. He will be forever remembered as “Grandpa” and “Pop-Pop” by his eight grandchildren: Cody, Lilith, Charlotte, Cora, Ella, Eli, Zoe, and Sage; and his great-granddaughter, Clover.

Visitation will be held from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm on Monday, April 27, 2026, at Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN.

Memorial services will follow at 2:00 pm at the mortuary, with Pastor Jason Fields officiating.

Dad, you taught us how to work hard, love our families, and find peace in the outdoors. Save us a spot by the water — we’ll fish together again someday.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **27**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CW

“ I met David at St. Luke’s UMC in Indianapolis preparing for Thanksgiving outreach meals. He served many with his time and talent. May he sleep in heavenly peace. My sympathies to his family and friends.

Carol Wendt - April 27 at 09:47 AM

BT

“ Brandon & Sarah Tullos purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Martin Mitchell.



Brandon & Sarah Tullos - April 24 at 08:51 AM

BT

“ Brandon & Sarah Tullos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Martin Mitchell.

Brandon & Sarah Tullos - April 24 at 08:51 AM

PS

“ Pamm (Mitchell) Payne and Diane Salucci purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of David Martin Mitchell.



Pamm (Mitchell) Payne and Diane Salucci - April 23 at 12:14 PM

JW

“ *My condolences to the Mitchell family. There was never a dull moment growing up with Dave. I will always remember the memories, his friendship and his courage.*

Jeff Whitacre - April 18 at 05:27 PM



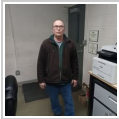
Thank you

Terry Mitchell - April 21 at 12:39 PM

CF

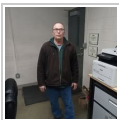
“ *Always had a crush on him growing up. Used to help him fold newspapers. You'll be missed Dave. Until we see you again. ❤️*
Cindy Dinius

Cindy Dinius Farthing - April 17 at 09:36 PM



Thank you

Terry Mitchell - April 20 at 01:21 PM



Thank you

Terry Mitchell - April 21 at 12:39 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Martin Mitchell.*



April 17 at 12:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Martin Mitchell.

April 17 at 12:46 PM



“ David, man of courage and strength, kindness and love, friend and pray warrior together with many. The greatest reward and celebration has been achieved. . .we'll see you later.

Jane - April 16 at 04:39 AM



Thank you

Terry Mitchell - April 16 at 02:47 PM



“ Terry Lee Mitchell purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of David Martin Mitchell.

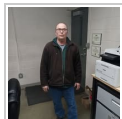


Terry Lee Mitchell - April 15 at 10:38 PM



“ A good friend since Kindergarten 🙏🕊️

Kevin Krieg - April 15 at 07:28 PM



Thank you

Terry Mitchell - April 20 at 01:20 PM

BH

“ *Becky Kemp Holmes lit a candle in memory of David Mitchell*



Becky Kemp Holmes - April 15 at 04:14 PM



Thank you

Terry Mitchell - April 20 at 01:20 PM

KD

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the Mitchell family. I have been blessed to call David a dear friend for many years. He was a servant of the Lord, a warrior, a kind and thoughtful family man who was an inspiration to so many, myself included. He lived his life to the fullest and will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, my friend.*

Kay Dorsett - April 15 at 01:09 PM

TM

Thank you

Terry Mitchell - April 16 at 02:47 PM

RL

“ *I have such warm memories of Dave. Mostly from our time serving in the Class of '74 HNHS Reunion Comm. He brought joy, exhibited great determination and gratitude. He will be missed and remembered, always. Well done, faithful servant. ❤️*



Rebecca Lance - April 15 at 11:29 AM



Thank you

Terry Mitchell - April 20 at 01:19 PM